

WHISKY – SCOTLAND



**Douglas Laing Timorous Beastie
Highlands Blended Malt
Scotch Whisky**
(Scotland; Vision Wine & Spirits,
Lyndhurst, NJ)
46.8% abv

This blended malt includes single malts from Blair Atholl, The Dalmore, Glengoyne, and Glen Garioch. Color is strikingly pale and flaxen; perfect clarity. First aromatic impressions are of fresh fruit (apple, pear, apricot), baking spices (clove, cinnamon), and flowers (honeysuckle, orange blossom) that all merge nicely; secondary whiffs encounter slightly sweeter, rounder, a bit more dried out scents of raisins, figs that add complexity to the bouquet. Entry is stunningly sweet and biscuity, as flavors of honey, Madeira cake, sugar cookie, and spice cake vie for dominance; midpalate features more of the spice cake as a slight bitterness begins to prevail. Aftertaste is medium long, medium oily texture, drier than the entry.

Spirit Journal December 2016:
★★★/Recommended