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Tasting Notes


JJ Corry - The Gael


 **History/Background:** JJ Corry was originally an Irish Whiskey Bonder in the late 1800's in Kiltrush, Co. Clare. The old Irish art of craft of "bonding" has been revived by Louise Mc Guane who in 2015 restarted JJ Corry at Cooraclare, Co. Clare. Bonding means that the person buys new-make spirit from a distiller and matures it in their own "bonded" warehouse and is responsible for the maturation of the spirit in barrel and for its barrel finishing.


 **The Story** - The Gael takes its name from a bike that JJ Corry invented back in the 1890's. He was obviously a smart chap getting that done while also bonding great Irish Whiskey!


 **Style** - Blended Whiskey - 5% 26-Year-Old Single Malt - Ex-Sherry Butt 27.5% 11-Year-Old Single Malt 27.5% 15-Year-Old Single Malt 40% 7-Year-Old Single Grain and this was bottled on 14th April 2021


 **The Numbers** - \$75 + Tax | 750ml. | 46% abv/92proof

 **Appearance** - The Gael has a medium golden color, and is "darker" than its companion in this tasting, The Hanson.

 **Nose** - On the nose, it shows wood, smoke, and barrel char character right out of the gate. Just under that, there's a toffee/fudge character that is wrapped into a pepper spice and I pick up a hint of cinnamon. There's a warm malty character that comes through the more I nose. With Water Added - A sweet vanilla note comes to the fore with a light toffee/fudge, or possibly chocolate, character becoming a bit more evident. And right at the end, I pick up some candied orange!

 **Palate** - Warm baking spices of clove, cinnamon, and some pepper are balanced out by a hint of chocolate/ cocoa are wrapped up in a long balanced, and slightly spicy finish. With Water Added - the warm spices still come through and the chocolate/ cocoa is slightly accentuated, and that hint of candied orange is still there!

 **Conclusion** - This is beautiful, a very well-made Irish Whiskey that's in the very good to excellent range for me. It has a warm and deeply flavorsome palate of spice and coca with a candied orange hint. It's a lovely whiskey for serious winter sipping!

 **Rating** - On my not-too-scientific scale of 1 to 5 - with 1=Poor, 2=Okay, 3=Good, 4=Very Good, 5=Excellent/Off The Hook and I give 4.25 whiskey emojis to The Gael Irish Whiskey 🍷🍷🍷🍷1/4

📌 Notes: I use the [Tuath Irish Whiskey Tasting Glass](#) when I taste any spirits but especially when I'm tasting Irish Whiskey. I use it because, in my opinion, the flared wider top at the top of the glass allows the alcohol component of an Irish Whiskey to dissipate somewhat while allowing me to pick up the aromas and notes of the Whiskey from the center of the glass. I also use two glasses when I taste, pouring the Whiskey from one into the other and again this is a personal preference for me as it again allows me to get under the bonnet (hood) so to speak. When I use water in my tasting it is always Distilled Water as I reckon that distilled spirit deserves distilled water!

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