



FGB ORLEANS BURNS DINNER

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Every year on 25 January, Scotland raises a glass in patriotic celebration of national bard, Robert Burns.

It commemorates the life of the poet) Robert Burns, who was born on January 25, 1759. The day also celebrates Burns' contribution to Scottish culture. His best known work is Auld Lang Syne.

In addition to poetry readings, dancing and piped music, central to the revelry is a hearty supper.

FGB Orléans could not miss the event and celebrated Burns Dinner with Auld Alliance at Le Cabinet Vert.

What do we do?

Burns Dinner typically include haggis (a traditional Scottish dish celebrated by Burns in Address to a Haggis) and we drink Scotch whisky. To get things off to a good start Patrick Gilles, president of Auld Alliance invites the participants to a whisky tasting and reminds us of the different types of Scotch whisky.

Robert Burns was born in Alloway, Scotland, on January 25, 1759. He died in Dumfries, Scotland, on July 21, 1796. He was a poet and wrote many poems, lyrics and other pieces that addressed political and civil issues. Perhaps his best known work is "Auld Lang Syne", which is sung at New Year's Eve celebrations.

Burns is one of Scotland's important cultural icons. He is also known as: "Rabbie Burns"; the "Bard of Ayrshire"; "Scotland's favorite son"; and in Scotland "The Bard".

In 2009, Robert Burns was voted, 'The Greatest Scot,' against other important Scots such as Robert the Bruce and William Wallace.



First of all, in order to qualify as a "Scotch Whisky", the spirit must be produced and stored in Scotland. It must also have an alcohol content of more than 40° and be matured for a minimum of three years.

There are three different types of Scotch whisky: malt whisky (also called single malt), grain whisky and blended whisky.

MALT WHISKY

Malt whisky is made from malted barley, water and yeast and then matured in for at least three years. Single malt whisky is produced in one distillery.

GRAIN WHISKY

The production of grain whisky is a bit different. Malted barley is mixed with unmalted barley and other cereals such as corn and wheat before the whole mixture is mixed with water and then with yeast.

BLENDED WHISKY

Blended whisky is a complex process of combining several single malts, between 15 and 50, with grain whisky. It is a complex process of several whiskies from different distilleries which have their own character and do not always blend harmoniously with some other whiskies



Address to a Haggis

This poem was written by Burns to celebrate his appreciation of the Haggis. As a result Burns and Haggis have been forever linked.

This particular poem is always the first item on the programme of Burns' suppers. The haggis is generally carried in on a silver salver at the start of the proceedings.

As it is brought to the table a piper plays a suitable, rousing accompaniment.

One of the invited artistes then recites the poem before the theatrical cutting of the haggis with the ceremonial knife.

Mickaël recites the poem.