Example for Combining Machine Learning and Knowledge

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Which Wine would you choose?



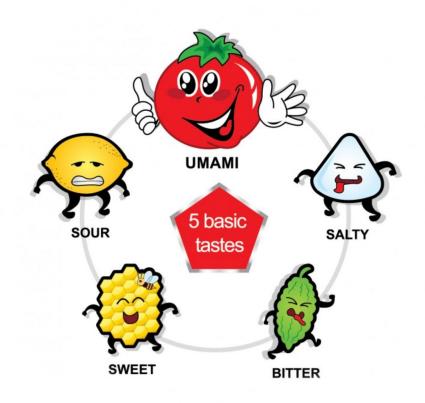


Which Whiskey do you like?





Recommendation Criteria: Taste



Describing Taste - Profiles

Flavour Profiles

Young & Spritely

Sweet, Fruity & Mellow

Spicy & Dry

Deep, Rich & Dried

Fruits

Old & Dignified

Light & Delicate

Juicy, Oak & Vanilla

Oily & Coastal

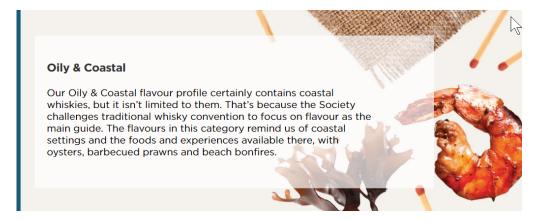
Lightly Peated

Heavily Peated

Peated

Spicy & Sweet





(Source: Website of the Scotch Malt Whisky Society www.smws.com)

Describing Taste – Individual Whiskies

The palate is bathed in a **sunshine glow of tropical fruits (banana, custard apple, monstera)** – intensely sweet, mouthwatering and lip-smacking, but with Victory V's and **salt and pepper crisps** reminding us it has slept long in oak.

The air was filled with cinder toffee, raisins, dates, Brazil nuts, balsamic vinegar and a rich Malmsey Madeira wine. On the palate we nibbled sweet, salty and spicy roasted party nuts whilst we chatted, sharing a laugh and a drink with friends.

We were foraging for **berries in bushes**, drank a **cranberry orange prosecco cocktail** and distilled **sandalwood oil.** On the palate neat it was just like a Caribbean black cake, a boozy **rum-soaked fruit cake** with a good dose of molasses, brown sugar and browning (burnt sugar) sauce. With **water polished mahogany**, sweet myrrh incense and salty liquorice were followed by zesty Indian lime pickle and extra dark honey vanilla cornbread.

(copied from whisky descriptions of the Scotch Malt Whisky Society www.smws.com)

Data Driven Filtering

Customers also bought





Talisker Skye Single Malt Scotch Whisky 70cl mit Etui und 2 Rocking Gläsern

CHF 58.00



The Ultimate Mortlach 2008 Single Malt Scotch Whisky 70cl

CHF 68.00



Talisker Port Ruighe Single Malt Scotch Whisky 70cl mit Etui

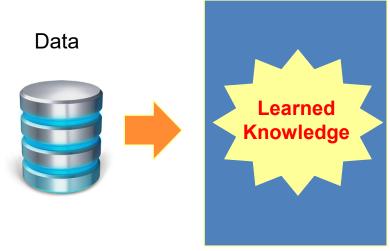
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Data Driven Recommendation

Collaborative Filtering - compare tastes







Challenges for Data Driven Solutions

- Consistency of Past and Future
- New and Rare Products
- Explanations

Consistency between Data and Intent

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Challenge: New and Rare Products

Limited Editions



Single Cask



New Distilleries/Brands



Small Batch



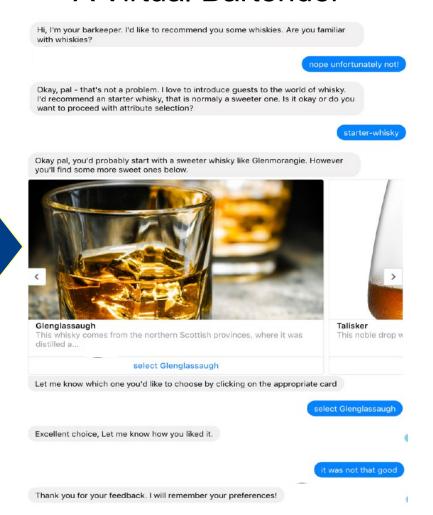


Objective: Chat with an Expert

Whisky Expert



A Virtual Bartender





O. Faust, A. Horst, C. Mehli (2018)

Semantic AI: Expert Knowledge

Ontology:

- Lagavullin and Ardbeg are from Islay
- Whiskies from Islay are typically smoky

■ Rules:

- Whiskies can be finished in other casks: Sherry, Port, ...
- Oak casks give a vanilla flavour

♦ ...





Combining Data-driven and Knowledge-based Recommendation

Collaborative Filtering

compare tastes



Knowledge Base

- explanations

