



# Outturn

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## CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Bring happiness, joy and good cheer to the season with this collection of perfectly paired presents and stocking filler single casks.



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## HOW TO USE OUTTURN

*out-turn* n. **1** The number of Society bottles produced from a single cask. Varies from cask to cask. A finite number that will, sooner or later, run out. **2** The name given to Society bottling lists, containing Tasting Notes for each recently released Society bottling of which only a limited number are ever available (see above).

Each Society bottling is unique. And each can be identified by its markings. The tasting notes give you an insight into the characteristics of each whisky, and are the best place to start.

You may find yourself drawn to a “Cowboy’s delight” or have a preference for “Big and tingly.” Maybe your instincts lead you to a dram that’s “Like a hug from your Mom” or perhaps to “BBQ smoke by a rolling sea.”

These curious descriptors are your best clue to what you’ll find within each bottle, and are at the heart of The Society’s *raison d’être*.

With The Society’s monthly selection of single cask malts it’s not surprising that some members find it hard to focus on their perfect bottlings. Thankfully it’s not cheating to ask for help. Just call Kensington Wine Market in Calgary at 403-283-8000 (email: [scotchguy@kensingtonwinemarket.com](mailto:scotchguy@kensingtonwinemarket.com)) or Keg n Cork in Edmonton at 780-461-0191 (email: [dave@kegncork.com](mailto:dave@kegncork.com)) or email us at [curious@smws.ca](mailto:curious@smws.ca) for advice of an expert nature.

**PLEASE ENJOY OUR PRODUCTS RESPONSIBLY**

## **ARE YOU ACQUAINTED WITH OUR FLAVOUR PROFILES?**

Exploration is the greatest joy of Society membership, roaming the broad vistas of flavour and aroma represented in our single cask whiskies. But exploration without a map can be frustrating.

So we have created 12 distinct flavour categories, each represented by its own colour, from Young & Spritely to Old & Dignified; Light & Delicate to Heavily Peated. These 12 categories offer an alternative to the more traditional method of categorizing whiskies by their region of origin (Islay, Speyside, etc).

Our flavour map gives whisky lovers a far better way to navigate our vast and ever-changing selection of single cask bottlings, many of which are not typical of their region.

**YOUNG & SPRITELY**

**SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW**

**SWEET & SPICY**

**SPICY & DRY**

**DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS**

**OLD & DIGNIFIED**

**LIGHT & DELICATE**

**JUICY, OAK & VANILLA**

**OILY & COASTAL**

**LIGHTLY PEATED**

**PEATED**

**HEAVILY PEATED**

## JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

### SASSY LASSIE IN A LEATHER SKIRT

CASK NO. 7.200

**\$294.99**



## MILESTONE CASK

REGION *Speyside*

CASK TYPE *Refill Hogshead*

AGE *25 Years*

DATE *6 May 1992*

OUTTURN *222 Bottles*

ABV *54.8%*

The nose is just typical – a leather handbag containing sherbet straws, floral and sandalwood perfumes and a cigarette packet – found in a French Polisher’s workshop. Lots of delicious stuff on the palate – choux pastry, plum jam, rhubarb and custard, vanilla sponge and rum-soaked fruits; crystallized ginger, tobacco leaf and chili jam to finish.

The reduced nose suggests a sassy lassie in a leather skirt entering an aromatherapy parlour – cigarette in one hand and a honey-guzzling Winnie the Pooh in the other. The palate becomes sweeter but with an acidic edge – orange and ginger marmalade, Moffat toffees\*, marshmallows, clean oak and blackcurrant. (\*acidic toffees from a southern Scottish town)

## SWEET & SPICY

### 00:30:SPEYSIDE- PEKING DIRECT

CASK NO. 108.12

**\$149.99**



*First release from  
distillery 108 for the  
Canadian branch*

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Barrel
AGE	10 Years
DATE	16 January 2007
OUTTURN	222 Bottles
ABV	62.7%

The panel were intrigued to try this lesser seen distillery. On the nose we found vanilla cream, soil, wood spices, flaked almonds and dried apricots. With water this developed into pumpkin flesh, sesame oil, rosewater, perfumed custard, vanilla marshmallows and rhubarb sours.

The palate was syrupy in texture with an unexpected richness. It showed notes of cough mixtures, caraway, pine resin, sweetened ointments, spices, chili pepper, roasted nuts, melon and juicy fruit bubble gum. Water worked a treat and brought forth notes of violets, gomme syrup, damson jam, plum sauce, five spice and crispy duck.

## JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

### A REAL PICK-ME-UP

CASK NO. 26.121

**\$194.99**



REGION *Highland Northern*

CASK TYPE *1st Fill Barrel*

AGE *13 Years*

DATE *27 February 2004*

OUTTURN *214 Bottles*

ABV *53.3%*

A potpourri of dried petals and leaves from a variety of flowers infused with tangerine oil combined with a new Barbour jacket, a hint of stem ginger spice and a spritz of sea salt spray made this an invigorating zesty, oily, waxy fragrant experience.

Mouth-filling sweet poached pears in honey, ginger and cinnamon syrup before a gentle spiced apple cake with a salty sweet lemon drizzle topping took over in the long finish. Diluted, like a snuffed out vanilla-scented candle next to a plate of gravlax (cured salmon served in a honey mustard sauce) and on the palate salted caramel sauce and a tangy vanilla lime smoothie.

## YOUNG & SPRITELY

### CHEERFUL SOUL

CASK NO. 72.57

\$126.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DATE	<i>14 February 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>210 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.6%</i>

A sweet citric aroma of freshly squeezed lemon sprinkled on pancakes covered in sugar and cinnamon was followed by rhubarb and ginger syllabub and the fresh scent of slices of juicy pear.

The taste neat had plenty of chili heat at the beginning but then offered a balance of zesty orange marzipan and juicy fruit-flavoured wine gums. With the addition of water Limoncello-mint sorbet and fresh blackberries on the nose whilst the palate certainly benefited from the dilution with a sweet creamy, now slightly spicy, mouthfeel of coconut rice pudding with cardamom spiced honey pears.

# **KNOCK THEIR SOCKS OFF WITH GIFT MEMBERSHIP**



Christmas is coming and it's time to start thinking about what gifts to buy for the important people in your life. Toiletries? Socks? *Another* pair of slippers?

They deserve better than that so why not treat your nearest and dearest to the Society experience by giving them the gift of membership?

It's bound to be the most heart-warming and lip-smacking gift under their tree this year - and one that keeps on giving. Rest assured, the SMWS Santa has got you covered (and it's good for you too - for every membership you give you get \$20 off your next renewal fee)!

For more details and to buy, visit [www.smws.ca](http://www.smws.ca) or talk to the lovely whisky experts at Kensington Wine Market or Keg n Cork.





## OILY & COASTAL

### GREASY MARGARITAS

CASK NO. 31.36

**\$371.99**



REGION *Highland Island*

CASK TYPE *2nd Fill Hogshead*

AGE *29 Years*

DATE *27 September 1988*

OUTTURN *240 Bottles*

ABV *52.6%*

A fresh tartness greeted us with the invigorating waft of damp pine forest and lime juice with balsamic vinegar over red onions. Lime juice moved towards frozen margaritas ahead of red apples that ventured into more musty terrain with noble rot dessert wine and leather. Water released pear drops and toasted pine nuts with stuffed vine leaves.

Greasy notes appeared with a mouth-coating viscosity like old engine oil mixed with orange zest. Black cherry pie and apple turnovers made way for a balanced finish of dry oak with mint yogurt and Moroccan spices. After spending 27 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead this was transferred to a 2nd fill toasted hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

## OILY & COASTAL

### DRIFTING INTO A STORM

CASK NO. 4.240

**\$194.99**



REGION	<i>Highland Island</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>14 Years</i>
DATE	<i>5 September 2002</i>
OUTTURN	<i>259 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>54.3%</i>

The initial nose instilled an atmosphere of serenity as we gently bobbed along the coastline in our oak canoe, which had been freshly waterproofed with tar. The sun was beating down and we could smell the flowering gorse bushes high on the chalk cliffs beside us. Tucking into our smoked Bavarian cheese sandwiches with plenty of spiced fruit chutney we enjoyed the sounds and smells of the sea, with clean salty air and nearby rock pools.

No sooner had we taken a sip when a storm arrived and the waves became mammoth breakers as we found ourselves being rocked side to side. Chunks of driftwood banged against the sides of the boat and with a mighty crash lightning struck, charring the apple crumble and scattering ash around us as plumes of thick wood smoke swirled in the wind.

## PEATED

### OYSTERS AND MANZANILLA

CASK NO. 10.144

**\$157.99**



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DATE	<i>10 December 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>264 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.1%</i>

Time had slowed to an undemanding meander as we relaxed outside the seaside cafe with the autumn sun gently warming our souls. The clean and salty air carried with it the evocative aromas of ship's rope and fishing nets as small boats passed before us.

From the kitchen came the tummy rumbling smells of smoked prawns, roasted parsnips and grilled portobello mushrooms drizzled with walnut oil and a sprinkling of rosemary and thyme. Finally our lunch arrived... a platter of scallops and barnacles cooked in caramelized butter and fresh oysters served with a generous glass of chilled manzanilla sherry.



# WHERE TO BUY

*The exclusive retail stores of The Society in Canada:*

## **KENSINGTON WINE MARKET**

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