

# October 2018 Bottling List Issue 84







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#### Welcome to the October 2018 Outturn

It's SMWS Canada's 7th anniversary and we're celebrating with an Outturn that introduces two new distilleries to the Canadian branch, a "milestone" bottling, and some old peat! Buckle up and hold on to your senses!

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).

### How to use Outturn

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 at 403-283-8000 (email: scotchguy@kensingtonwinemarket.com) in Calgary or Keg n Cork at 780-461-0191 (email: dave@kegncork.com) in Edmonton or email us at curious@smws.ca for advice of an expert nature.

#### 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.



#### JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

#### PASTRIES AND SWEET TREATS

CASK NO. 51.12 \$309.99



	REGION	Northern Ireland
	CASK TYPE	1st Fill Barrel
	AGE	15 Years
	DATE	22 May 2002
	OUTTURN	216 Bottles
	ABV	58.9%

A first sniff promises much - milk chocolate caramel shortbread, indulgent apple and apricot pastries, turning malty with dried flowers and gentle herbs (chamomile). Sweet and spicy (ginger and white pepper heat) to taste, then pineapple, vanilla, butterscotch and milk chocolate.

Add a drop of water and the aromas are crème brûlée, icing sugar, vanilla, a hint of lemon and then dried fruits (apricot, mango). It becomes slightly winey, bitter and savoury. The taste is of sweet tea (not tannic), spicy heat, vanilla, caramel, chocolate and fizzy orange drinks. There's a hint of herbs and a waxy mouth coating.

> First release from distillery 51 for the Canadian branch!

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#### SWEET & SPICY

#### **1950s ICE CREAM** PARLOUR **CASK NO. 48.97** \$131.99 REGION Speyside CASK TYPE Refill Barrel AGE 10 Years DATE 28 February 2007 OUTTURN 192 Bottles ABV 58.3%

The nose wafts warm, welcoming vanilla aromas – like a 1950s ice cream parlour, with strawberry milk shake, fudge and chocolate profiteroles – someone is chewing Dentyne (subtle cinnamon) and the bar stools are covered in leather.

The palate has sweetness, depth and good viscosity – toffee, brown sugar and white chocolate, with gentle chili and old-fashioned gobstopper mouth-etching spice. The reduced nose finds biscuit tins and caramel apple granny cake, and then light liquorice and anise make an entrance. The palate has become wonderfully sweet and accessible as that early vanilla returns to vanquish any chili; sweet cinnamon, clove and dry oak leave haunting tingles.

#### SPICY & DRY



Green aromas of ripe melon and freshly cut grass advanced towards the floral feelings of marigold, clover and spiceladen frankincense. Suggestions of cedar beckoned a woody tone that teased with sweet cereals and bread dough to conceal a palate that deployed an altogether darker strategy.

The first sip conveyed fresh ginger and a viscous texture that coated the tongue like thick oil. Citrus skin provided a lift towards ice cream cones dipped in muscovado sugar before we headed into unlit territory. The spiciness of mince pie mix blended with bitter chocolate and thick cut marmalade on rye bread before a woody finish gave way to tobacco in a soft leather pouch.

> First release from distillery 13 for the Canadian branch!

#### SWEET & SPICY



We were taken back to our childhoods with the familiar smell of lunch boxes and new leather satchels containing the crumbled remains of mint chocolate, parma violets and cherry cake. The sweet smell of desserts bellowed from the kitchen, as tins of fruit salad were prized open and mixed with thick cream. Gooseberry tart was fresh from the oven and issued an irresistible aroma of fresh pastry.

The palate carried the spicy kick of horseradish sauce with sultanas and treacle before veering towards rum and raison ice cream sprinkled with chilies. The finish introduced wood and tobacco with sweet plum and marzipan that faded into the floral tones of rose water. After 15 years in ex-bourbon wood, we transferred this whisky to an Oloroso hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

#### **DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS**



A comforting fragrance filled the room as frankincense and cinnamon blended with toasted malt loaf and cherry bakewell tarts to give a heavy sense of sweetness. Then strawberry jelly gave way to grapes and sticky dessert wine accompanied by weighty Madeira cake.

Water encouraged an even darker temperament as prunes, dates and Pedro Ximenez sherry paved the way for fruit cake and mince pies with brandy butter. We finally moved on to the palate, undeniably smooth with a mouthwatering juiciness encased in chewy toffee and caramel with brazil nuts and chocolate nibs. Battenberg cake and butter icing brought more sugary delights before we rounded up with stewed pears and plums covered in dark chocolate sauce.

#### **OILY & COASTAL**

AN ENTIRE MOUTH		
CASK NO. 10.133	REGION	Islay
\$150.99	CASK TYPE	Refill Barrel
	AGE	10 Years
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An entire mouth experience An entire mouth experience	OUTTURN	195 Bottles
	ABV	62.2%
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We found the nose sweetly seductive – toffee apples, gooey caramel, dark clover honey, biscuits and toasted coconut with faint suggestions of beach bonfires and seared scallops. The palate was impressively mouth-filling – chewy textures, good viscosity and lively fizz – 'an entire mouth experience' said one panellist; once again, that sweetness of toffee, butterscotch, dark chocolate and salted caramel.

With water, the nose remained vibrant – ice-cream and raspberry sauce by the seaside. The (slightly) reduced palate still danced on our tongues; sweet and salty popcorn and dark chocolate with caramel and sea salt – hints of sweet cinnamon and tar tingled the finish.

#### SUBLIME SERENITY CASK NO. 29.231 REGION Islay \$291.99 CASK TYPE **Refill Barrel** AGE 20 Years DATE 29 November 1996 OUTTURN 228 Bottles ABV 48.5% And Distance and D --- 01

We were on deck, soaking in the sun while cruising along the south coast of Islay spotting, in the distance, the peat smoke billowing from the pagoda roof all mixing with the salty sea air. Can it get any better than this? Yes, wait until you try it.

A delicate balance of sweetness and smoke enhanced by a mineralic note yet a creamy texture so often found in Pouilly-Fume wines from the Loire Valley. Carefully adding a drop of water we indulged in fragrant ripe strawberries with sugar and fresh mint then covered with Chantilly cream, and on the palate soft sweet smoke.



## Where To Buy

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