



Outturn

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FLAVOUR ESCAPISM

Spark your imagination and let our new summer cask collection prepare your senses for take-off on a thrilling flavour adventure.



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HOW TO USE OUTTURN

out-turn n. **1** The number of Society bottles produced from a 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 flavour profiles give you an insight into what you might expect from each whisky (or other spirit), and are the best place to start.

You may find yourself drawn to “Sweet, Fruity & Mellow” or have a preference for “Juicy, Oak & Vanilla.” Maybe your instincts lead you to a dram that’s “Oily & Coastal” or perhaps to “Peated.”

These descriptors are your best clue to what you’ll find within each bottle, and are expanded upon in greater detail in the Society’s fun and quirky tasting notes.

With a varied selection of whiskies (and other spirits) coming every month, 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 in Edmonton (email: ordering@kegncork.com) or email us at curious@smws.ca for advice of an expert nature.

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GET 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 bottlings, many of which are not typical of their region.

YOUNG & SPRITELY

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

SPICY & SWEET

SPICY & DRY

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

OLD & DIGNIFIED

LIGHT & DELICATE

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

OILY & COASTAL

LIGHTLY PEATED

PEATED

HEAVILY PEATED

SPICY & SWEET

REFILL THRILL

CASK NO. 91.32

\$154.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>12 Years</i>
DATE	<i>2 April 2009</i>
OUTTURN	<i>183 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.4%</i>

Classic refill wood profile we thought. Straight away we noted charming aromas of canvas satchel, pencil cases, bergamot, lanolin and plain buttered toast. Water brought out pressed flowers, samphire, young calvados and sandalwood with a kiss of pear cider.

The palate opened with a deft lightness at first but gradually became warmer, spicier and showing notes of white pepper, stone fruits, cooking oils and soft dessert wines. With water we got a soft waxiness, snapped twigs, turmeric, light fudge and vanilla tablet notes then a left field hit of Bombay mix.

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

HITS THE SWEET SPOT

CASK NO. 9.229

\$216.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>17 Years</i>
DATE	<i>11 September 2003</i>
OUTTURN	<i>166 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>55%</i>

The sweet scent of fresh grass and flowers in a summer meadow as we spread out our picnic blanket enjoying coconut lime shortbread cookies and butterscotch ice cream in a cone. On the palate we detected salted caramel, Belgian waffles and carrot cake before sipping a Moscato sangria, a deliciously sweet and refreshing mixture of Moscato wine, fresh berries, oranges, raspberry liqueur topped with sparkling water.

Water added a floral dimension, fresh cut, pressed but also flowering houseplants while to taste sweet and mellow hibiscus iced tea, rosewater as well as maple syrup on pancakes and dusted lemon bonbons.

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

CANDY FLOSS ON A PINE TWIG

CASK NO. G15.13

\$146.99



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	11 Years
DATE	20 April 2010
OUTTURN	190 Bottles
ABV	58.5%

Malted grain and cereal notes joined green apples, peaches and apricots while pineapple and coconut arrived with custard and linseed oil. Plenty of ginger and cayenne pepper introduced the palate before caramel sauce, pink candy floss and lavender softened the way for charred wood and coconut.

When adding water it was easy to over-dilute but with just the right amount we discovered nut butter on toasted rye bread, vanilla ice cream in a cone and green wood with hints of rhubarb. Well managed heat on the palate allowed tinned fruit salad and soft fudge to join pink wafer biscuits and liquorice on a bed of leafy herbs and pine bark.

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

HAZELNUT CHOCOLATE DUNDEE CAKE

CASK NO. 51.16

\$239.99



REGION	Northern Ireland
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CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
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AGE	16 Years
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DATE	22 May 2002
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OUTTURN	166 Bottles
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ABV	56.6%
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The nose opened with lemon bonbons and soon deepened to rich marmalade and vanilla custard tart. There was a tantalizing chocolate fondant note lurking the background asking us to take a bite. A varied assortment of dried fruits (currants, sultanas, orange peel, papaya) had just been mixed into some Dundee cake batter with some flaked almonds. Once baked, it was slathered in butter, still warm from the oven.

To taste, the orange peel was up front with a marvellously complex bittersweet oiliness, followed by almond oil and poached pears. In time the nuttiness turned to hazelnut chocolate spread, perhaps even on the cake?! A feel-good dram of epic proportions.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CONFESSIONS OF A SHERRY CASK

CASK NO. 24.154

\$199.99



AVAILABLE ONLY BY LOTTERY

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASKS	<i>Ex-Oloroso Butts</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Spanish Oak Oloroso Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>12 Years</i>
DATE	<i>13 October 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>313 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>63.3%</i>

Sticky treacle and molasses oozed over Christmas pudding packed with prunes, dates and figs before a generous soaking of navy rum was lit by a single match. An abundance of cinnamon, nuts and dark chocolate caramelized with muscovado sugar while on the palate came star anise, cloves and brandy butter. Rich flavours of coffee, liquorice and plum chutney then merged with cigar boxes and burnt cereals. With water heavy fruitcake was served with rosemary dressed roast lamb and a side of singed blackcurrants, maple syrup and porridge.

The palate had now expanded into almond oil and Brazil nut butter while thick custard arrived with rye bread, burnt ham and grilled black pudding. At 10 years of age we combined selected casks from the same distillery. We then returned the single malt into a variety of different casks to develop further. This is one of those casks.

PEATED

THE GLOW OF A BEACH BONFIRE

CASK NO. 53-359

\$163.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DATE	<i>16 November 2010</i>
OUTTURN	<i>259 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.4%</i>

Dry roasted peanuts and chargrilled pineapple joined seaweed and iodine before sweeter notes of vanilla slices and heather arrived. An underlying dark fruitiness expanded on the palate into prune juice and bramble jam that perfectly blended with liquorice and lavender. Appropriate amounts of ash and char then led us to barbecues with scorched scallops and banana.

Water released more oily maritime character with lobster and seaweed on a seafood platter. Then charred lemons and crushed raspberries brought a fruity sweetness with vanilla and marshmallows in a pina colada. Delightfully oily textures coated the mouth as ash-infused orange syrup comforted the soul like eating chewy flapjacks in the warming glow of a beach bonfire.

SOMETHING SPECIAL IS ON THE SHELF

CASK NO. 12.63 OPULENT FRUIT SALAD

\$951.99



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	31 Years
DATE	7 May 1990
OUTTURN	115 Bottles
ABV	44.8%

Released in June, this bottling is from the Vaults Collection - the very finest and rarest single casks from the Scotch Malt Whisky Society.

A glorious and opulent initial aroma of Juicy Fruit chewing gum, residual fruit salad juices, mandarin liqueur and banana ice cream. The lemon curd drizzled over quivering tropical fruits, pineapple jelly and olive oil mixed with sugar syrup. Bountiful, generous and oozing fruity class! Reduction brought us a more fragrant and floral edge with dried exotic fruit chunks, mixed fruit teas, matcha, lemon peel, dried papaya and marmalade with coriander seed.

The neat palate was initially rich with vanilla custard and strawberry coulis, then raspberry cordial, lime syrup, gooseberry jam, burlap, heather honey, soft waxes and lightly hoppy IPA. Water added a streak of beeswax, herbal cough syrup, custard creams, white stout beer and green pepper. **Magnifique!**



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