



Outturn

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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.

ENJOY OUR PRODUCTS RESPONSIBLY - NO DRINKING AND DRIVING

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

EMINENTLY EFFERVESCENT

CASK NO. 28.51

\$131.99



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	8 Years
DATE	21 May 2012
OUTTURN	220 Bottles
ABV	61.5%

A very classical and fulsome aroma greeted the Panel. Honey, vanilla caramel wafers, sugary brandy and liquorice to begin. Then some jumpers full of mothballs, mown grass, pear juice and nectar. Vibrant and vigorous. Reduction brought hints of dried spices from the cupboard, Madagascan vanilla, brown sugar, lemon curd and school pencil case shavings.

The palate opened with a lovely syrupy sweetness. Then bags of banana chips, foam banana sweets, doughnuts, cinnamon buns, pear drops, cloves and gooseberry jam. Water made things more zesty, citric and effervescent. Some rye spice, glacé cherry syrup and fruit salad gunge.

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

A PLEASURE FROM START TO FINISH

CASK NO. 9.199

\$224.99



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>215 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>53.2%</i>

The nose neat had plenty of goodness: Battenberg cake, ripe mangoes, satsumas and peaches, floral orange blossom honey and vanilla poached quince. The taste did not have to hide either; a wonderful viscosity and mellowness, golden syrup infused with vanilla seeds as well as deliciously soft and creamy ‘Cappuccino-Windbeutel’ (cream puffs).

A drop of water and juicy pears and nectarines appeared next to a lit Tonka bean scented beeswax candle on a late warm summery evening. The texture again fantastic, like clotted cream, scones, plum jam with a hint of a zingy Jamaica ginger cake and in the long finish, a hint of sweet tobacco. Bottled for the 2021 Speyside Whisky Festival.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

NAVY STRENGTH SHERRY

CASK NO. 2.128

\$199.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Oloroso Butt</i>
AGE	<i>13 Years</i>
DATE	<i>15 March 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>590 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.2%</i>

Classic aromas of hazelnuts, roasted chestnuts and raisins created a familiar mix with cinnamon, nutmeg and bruised apples. Then tobacco and soft leather merged with dried herbs before the palate brought a rich and spicy sweetness. Flavours took us from almonds, walnuts and coconut husk to dried orange and burnt toffee in a matchbox.

Water accentuated oxidized apple and pear fruit but now with prunes, dates and a puff of incense smoke. Oily textures of jamón now wrapped around rum and raisin fudge while sweet cereals combined with ginger, cloves and a touch of peppermint on a finish of dry stone fruits and firm tannins.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

MEANDERING A MAZE OF SOUKS

CASK NO. 24.151

\$194.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASKS	<i>Ex-Oloroso Butts</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Ex-American Oak Pedro Ximenez Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>12 Years</i>
DATE	<i>13 October 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>287 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>63.1%</i>

We prepared a pitcher of ‘Pomegranate Storm’, using pomegranate molasses, rum, orange liqueur, lemon juice, ginger beer, soda water and a dash of orange bitters. On the palate cinnamon custard, creme caramel, coconut macaroons and sea buckthorn doughnuts.

A drop of water and we walked through a maze of souks with exotic aromas of argan oil, cumin, saffron, turmeric and ras el hanout teasing our senses. We then ate fresh barhi dates, so sweet and creamy – reminding us of fresh sugar cane, coconut and butterscotch. In 2018 we combined selected Oloroso butts before returning the single malt to a variety of different casks to develop further. This is one of those casks.

SINGLE CASK SPIRIT

FULLY LOADED SWEET TROLLEY

CASK NO. A5.3

\$239.99



REGION	<i>Bas Armagnac</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Armagnac Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>21 Years</i>
DATE	<i>1997 Vintage</i>
OUTTURN	<i>562 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>65%</i>

Deep rich and opulent, the very quintessence of a Gentleman's club. You settle comfortably into folds of warm leather armchairs, which mingle with wafts of cedar wood and tobacco, with crème brûlée being served.

The palate has subdued, quiet low tones where barley sugar discusses the baked custard with orange citrus fruit and toasty spice. The conversation fades very slowly as it resonates at length along polished oak corridors of flavour. From the Baco grape.

PEATED

RAIDERS OF THE FLOSSED ARK

CASK NO. 53.320

\$189.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>12 Years</i>
DATE	<i>24 September 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>285 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58.2%</i>

Ashy, pure, extremely briny and with a linear and blade-like peatiness. Lots of green pepper, beach pebbles, brutal minerality and raw seawater, crushed aspirin and sea buckthorn. Wet sand, Atlantic bluster and diesel-splashed rock pools. All muscle and no nonsense! With water there's an immediate whiplash of salted butter, chives, carbolic wash, umami paste and black olives in brine. The heat of mustard powder and the ooze of anchovies in olive oil.

The palate brings pungent smokiness, squid ink, carbon paper and blue peat smoke. There's smoked salmon, juniper, lemon juice and bouillon stock. With reduction comes a thrilling finale of seaweed crackers, hot smoked paprika, chili-infused chocolate, pink sea salt, creel nets and brimming buckets of tar. Lost in a vast earthen floored warehouse. Bottled for the 2020 Islay Festival.

HEAVILY PEATED

A SLICE OF PEAT HEAVEN

CASK NO. 10.213

\$161.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Oloroso Butt</i>
AGE	<i>7 Years</i>
DATE	<i>17 October 2013</i>
OUTTURN	<i>577 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.5%</i>

There was smoke, “one hell of a lot of smoke!” Imagine sitting on a pebble beach near ‘the mouth of the river’ overlooking the Paps of Jura on a full moonlit night with a sailing ship anchored in the bay. The wind suddenly changed direction and a blanket of smoke from the barbecue has engulfed us.

The taste was massive and unapologetic, not sweet, not floral - just peat, well maybe a hint of salty rock pools and ashtrays. With water we gazed into the sky, the moonlight illuminating the lighthouse further along the coast, when we noticed a lightning storm rolling in off the sea.

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