



THE SCOTCH MALT
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OUTTURN

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

So we have 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 endless 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

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

HONEY, I'VE MADE TOAST*

CASK NO. 79.13

\$209.99



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
AGE	15 Years
DISTILLED ON	31 March 2009
OUTTURN	261 Bottles
ABV	62.3%

The Panel, emulsion-loaded paint brush in-hand, ambled along a wet gravel path, past hedgerows laden with exploding berries, pears and red grapes. To taste, this dram gave sandalwood and honey upfront, joined by apricot, thick-cut marmalade and rye bread.

Water reinforced all of the above, and chose to serve the lot to our noses atop a piece of buttered toast with a side of breakfast cereal. The palate was enhanced now with bubble gum, ginger, figs and vanilla toffees. *

In partnership with the South African, Danish, and Swiss SMWS chapters, SMWS Canada has selected this single cask release to be shared exclusively between our four countries, with each nation's flag featured on the label.

SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT

SPANISH SPLENDOUR

CASK NO. N/A

\$131.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPES	<i>Refill Ex-Bourbon & 1st Fill Oloroso Hogsheads</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>10 September 2013</i>
OUTTURN	<i>2277 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>50%</i>

This small batch Highland single malt addition to the Heresy range displays a wonderfully fruity distillate through the lens of oloroso sherry casks, in both Spanish & American oak.

The Tasting Panel were taken to a Spanish bakery, where they enjoyed a wealth of luxurious sweet treats. An abundantly, almost extravagantly, rich aroma filled the room with the scent of chocolate truffles, rum-soaked raisins, butterscotch sauce and prunes stewed in port wine. The taste was just as luxuriant, with flavours of a Seville orange cake prepared with raw forest honey, which is a little less sweet and has a slightly salty note.

With a drop of water we cracked the crunchy, caramelised crust of an authentic crema catalana to release the characteristic citrus and cinnamon aromas. On the palate, we cut slices of a cake from Brittany, a Far Breton – a flan-style egg and milk custard with prunes which reminded one of us of a similar dessert served in the Spanish Cantabria region, quesada pasiega.

SPICY & SWEET

NORWEGIAN WOOD

CASK NO. 122.75

\$168.99



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Barrel
FINAL CASK	2nd Fill Hogshead #4+ Char
AGE	10 Years
DISTILLED ON	24 October 2013
OUTTURN	224 Bottles
ABV	60.8%

Have you ever tried Norwegian heart-shaped waffles with raspberry jam and Norwegian brown cheese served on a freshly varnished wooden board? You have not? Well, one Panellist was reminded of that delicacy, and we took her word for it. On the palate, a rich, creamy, savoury custard with vanilla, cumin and coriander was served with a dark hot chocolate.

Water released the sweeter aroma of a chocolate mousse with mixed berries and pistachio, while to taste we found dark chocolate limes and tiramisu. In the finish, a melange coffee was served with a chocolate cream liqueur. Following seven years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this whisky into a 2nd fill #4+ char hogshead.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

MARMALADE PIE

CASK NO. 11.59

\$158.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Butt</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>18 September 2015</i>
OUTTURN	<i>664 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58.3%</i>

The Panel found this one to be distinctly rich and oily, giving the impression of petrolic young Riesling wines, along with Iberico ham, Spanish brandy, orange blossom honey run through porridge and stewed apples drizzled with old PX sherry. Reduction brought impressions of braised pork cheeks, aged Oloroso sherry, cocoa powder, cinnamon powder and blood orange. The palate suggested big and chunky things such as speck ham, dark-grained rye bread, roasted walnuts, rosemary-infused olive oil, chilli flakes and spicy orange marmalade.

Water brought out slightly more subtle impressions of orange wines, red liquorice, stewed apples once again, raisins, sweet grape must and shilling ales. And we found a single dried fig in the aftertaste!

OILY & COASTAL

TAKE ME TO THE CHIPPY

**DISTILLERY 4
RARE RELEASE**

\$459.99



REGION	<i>Highland Island</i>
CASK TYPES	<i>Refill ex-bourbon, HTMC & Oloroso (ex-Islay) hogsheads</i>
AGE	<i>20 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>26 May 2003</i>
OUTTURN	<i>924 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>54.7%</i>

Secretly what we all yearn for as we dine black tie, the Panel were handed a burgeoning bag of chippy chips with salt and a dash of balsamic, topped with crispy seaweed and chilli jam. It'll be all right on the night, after all. The palate of this paper-wrapped meal was full of seaweed, sunflower oil and salt-encrusted potato chips, with a side of mussels poached in 80 shilling ale and clementine juice.

Water served to add a squeeze of lemon, buttered corn bread and a bowl of crab and wakame salad, leading the Panel to extol its taffy-like texture and full body.

PEATED

ALL THE FEELS

CASK NO. 53.498

\$237.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>15 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>5 March 2009</i>
OUTTURN	<i>268 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>57.2%</i>

We found an immediately classical and comforting profile full of pink antiseptic cream, gelatinous peaty notes and medicinal qualities such as gauze, mercurochrome and bandages. We also found it to be highly coastal and precise, with seawater and pickling brine. Reduction suggested to us aniseed distillate, a very thick peat smoke, cider apple, a hay loft and iodine. We also felt this one displayed a maturity beyond its years.

The palate neat was superbly creamy, thick and peaty, with lovely typical flavours of iodine, phenols, kelp, soy sauce and salt-cured fish. With water it displayed a wonderful roundness in the mouth, with notes of dental mouth gel, tar extracts, pine wood smoke, salty pasta water and umami seasonings. A wonderful example!



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