



Outturn

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TAK AFF YOUR DRAM

Celebrate the best of Scotland: taste and explore the soul of its spirit with this evocative diversity of new 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) or Keg n Cork in Edmonton at 780-461-0191 (email: dave@kegncork.com) or email us at curious@smws.ca for advice of an expert nature.

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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

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

LIP-SMACKING SEDUCTION

CASK NO. 135.4

\$191.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>17 Years</i>
DATE	<i>28 July 2000</i>
OUTTURN	<i>248 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.2%</i>

On the nose we got sweet, aromatic fruits (pear, passion fruit) some grassy notes (making jam in a meadow) and confectionery (Haribo jelly snakes, Jelly Babies) – all in all, very attractive. The palate was lip-smacking and seductive, with a combination of sweetness and zing, like apricot jam and candied citrus peel.

With water, we agreed it was complex and delightful – now discovering vanilla sponge and hints of linseed oil and putty. The reduced palate found perfumed pear, waxed fruity sweets and sweetie necklaces – very comforting and enjoyable – and one or two of us had to revise previous prejudices.

YOUNG & SPRITELY

COOL AS A CUCUMBER

CASK NO. 70.26

\$146.99



REGION *Highland*

CASK TYPE *Refill Barrel*

AGE *9 Years*

DATE *23 October 2008*

OUTTURN *204 Bottles*

ABV *60.1%*

A powdery musky floral note with orange blossom combined with crisp green apples and honey lemonade with fresh mint made this an uplifting experience on the nose neat. To taste, like a crunchy cucumber iceberg salad tossed in a dressing of mustard, honey, lime, freshly grated gingerroot and a splash of cilantro - a truly refreshing experience, with a zesty twist.

When adding water a walnut whip (whirl-shaped cone of milk chocolate with a whipped vanilla fondant filling topped with a half-walnut) appeared and on the palate, a chocolate, hazelnut and crushed meringue ice cream.

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

MAKING A HAZEL BOW

CASK NO. 9.134

\$139.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>15 September 2005</i>
OUTTURN	<i>168 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>57.1%</i>

A picture of a sunny summer’s day, sitting in the garden having just cut the grass and hung out the laundry to dry, we were now enjoying the heady scent of the rose bush whilst eating a buttered scone with strawberry jam.

On the taste neat a balance between a sweet honey softness and ground white pepper spiciness combined with a slight tannic finish, like that of strong black tea. With a drop of water fresh woody aromas were released like making a bow out of a hazelnut stave, whilst on the palate now as creamy and juicy as a peach melba with sugar roasted doughnuts and vanilla ice cream.

SPICY & DRY

RELAXING IN A SAUNA

CASK NO. 46.57

\$279.99



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	Refill Hogshead
AGE	24 Years
DATE	17 November 1992
OUTTURN	214 Bottles
ABV	53.6%

An interesting nose! Sweet, fruity and floral, with custard creams and lemon sponge-cake, but also something almost earthy, like greenhouses, vanilla pipe tobacco or woollen socks drying by the fire. The palate combined separate strands – sweetness (tinned peaches, wine gums), wood (balsa, cedar, wood sap, eucalyptus) and spice (cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, peppercorns).

The reduced nose evoked warm sauna wood, a model-maker's work-bench and a pine forest floor – all very relaxing and easy going. The palate still had the wood and the spice, but it seemed sweeter (honey, vanilla ice cream, blueberry muffins); altogether more enjoyable.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

BEESWAX ON A CELLO

CASK NO. 68.12

\$140.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Re-charred Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DATE	<i>19 October 2009</i>
OUTTURN	<i>240 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58.1%</i>

A complex, layered nose of marzipan and plum jam, apple, cinnamon, apricot and lime – followed by a definite floral aspect of roses, violets and elderflower, finishing up with oak, beeswax on a cello and tobacco strands.

The palate was both sweet and tart with damson jam and cherries in dark chocolate, then a curlicue flourish of Fisherman's Friends sweet teasing spice. The reduced nose found figs, dates, maple syrup, dark toffee and polished red apples in a basket. The palate still displayed that sweet heat – nut brittle, Bakewell tart, sweet cinnamon and liquorice root – interesting, unusual and enjoyable.

LIGHTLY PEATED

A MASCULINE ENIGMA

CASK NO. 93.90

\$207.99



REGION *Campbeltown*

CASK TYPE *Refill Hogshead*

AGE *16 Years*

DATE *16 February 2001*

OUTTURN *175 Bottles*

ABV *53.1%*

On the nose, we found nougat dipped in white chocolate and Tunnocks Snowballs (coconut, chocolate, soft marshmallow). Easier to identify were rusting shipwrecks and rock-pools, West Coast disused slate quarries, peppery Scotch pies and honey-roast ham (with cloves); burnt jam tarts, vanilla pods, ash and smoke from burning cardboard.

The palate also had its grubby side – charred twigs, charred lime, oiled wood, licking envelopes, watches with leather straps, smoke and ash – but we found enough positive sweetness to excuse it – nut brittle, sugar buns, honey, biscuit tin crumbs, cheap chocolate and pickled ginger. An enigma, but with a certain masculine charm.

LIGHTLY PEATED

SMOKED SALT ORANGE PEEL

CASK NO. 53.250

\$191.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>18 July 2006</i>
OUTTURN	<i>292 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58.4%</i>

Introduced by a salty twang the nose discovered rich oils from sardines and mackerel as they sizzled in a pan of melted salted butter until it smoked and blackened in the heat. Burning heather produced a perfumed smog that echoed shades of oily orange skin and the sticky gloss of glacé cherries.

The palate evolved this sweeter strategy into honey and currants, perhaps taking in a barbecued glaze before diving head-first into a tin of smoked fruit salad. Ever-present waves of delicate floral perfume weaved around fresh fennel and sticky liquorice that merged into tar covered ropes on a finish that returned to salt and sweet smoke.



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