



# Outturn

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## BRAW BEASTIES

New Year, new adventure: excite the senses with our fresh batch of beautifully bold bottlings.



## 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](mailto:scotchguy@kensingtonwinemarket.com)) or Keg n Cork in Edmonton at 780-461-0191 (email: [dave@kegncork.com](mailto:dave@kegncork.com)) or email us at [curious@smws.ca](mailto: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**

## LIGHT & DELICATE

### SOUL O' PLAYS AND PRANKS

CASK NO. 58.29

**\$141.99**



|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| REGION    | <i>Speyside</i>          |
| CASK TYPE | <i>Refill Hogshead</i>   |
| AGE       | <i>10 Years</i>          |
| DATE      | <i>13 September 2007</i> |
| OUTTURN   | <i>267 Bottles</i>       |
| ABV       | <i>59.3%</i>             |

As spiky as a passionate poet, prickling with assorted citrus, fresh pineapple, cheese curds, lemon bonbons, icing sugar, chamomile and a maple syrup drizzled cheesecake. Water throws up apple turnover cake with a hefty slathering of vanilla custard.

The palate has a fine texture, more maple syrup but also a bittersweet quality as well. Some chewy toffee and a guilty note of chocolate eclairs. Even with water the texture is still luxurious and mouth-coating. Notes of gooseberry jam, stem ginger in syrup and rhubarb and custard sweeties. Barley water washed everything down nicely in the finish.

## SPICY & DRY

### NUTS, SPICE AND INTRIGUE

CASK NO. 13.70

**\$148.99**



REGION *Highland*

CASK TYPE *Refill Barrel*

AGE *10 Years*

DATE *29 May 2008*

OUTTURN *172 Bottles*

ABV *61.1%*

The nose began with fresh waves of cut grass and pine forests whilst a curious overlying character initiated thoughts of 'what is that aroma'? Perfumed notes formulated into lilac and lavender before brazil nuts and toasted pine nuts presented oily textures. Oils turned to cream - strawberries and cream to be precise which quickly became accompanied by peaches, apricots and brandy butter.

Curious aromas turned into warming spice as cloves and nutmeg joined allspice and star anise. Without water the palate was sweet and rich yet feisty like fresh ginger. However, with just a drop added it revealed herbal tones with butter on crumpets and puff pastry wrapped around blackberry jam. The dried fruits of malt loaf appeared at the end with brioche bread and a glass of dry white wine.

## JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

### WALKING INTO A FRUIT PUNCH

CASK NO. 35.220

**\$499.99**



|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| REGION    | <i>Speyside</i>          |
| CASK TYPE | <i>1st Fill Barrel</i>   |
| AGE       | <i>28 Years</i>          |
| DATE      | <i>25 September 1989</i> |
| OUTTURN   | <i>187 Bottles</i>       |
| ABV       | <i>56.9%</i>             |

Vibrant fruit came out swinging as banana and tinned peaches traded blows with apricot and coconut before getting caught by a tropical rum punch. Apple and rhubarb crumble waited in the corner with a bucket of vanilla custard and dusty oak sawdust.

Soft marshmallow cushioned blows as boozy baked plums entered the ring with frangipane cakes and stone fruits in a dunnage warehouse. Honey sweetness transpired into chewing on warm fudge and fondant icing before the final round presented pink wafer biscuits and Turkish Delight with banana fritters on an oak platter.

## OILY & COASTAL

### SEA, SAND AND SOOT

CASK NO. 10.165

**\$177.99**



|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| REGION    | <i>Islay</i>          |
| CASK TYPE | <i>Refill Barrel</i>  |
| AGE       | <i>11 Years</i>       |
| DATE      | <i>6 October 2006</i> |
| OUTTURN   | <i>181 Bottles</i>    |
| ABV       | <i>62.4%</i>          |

Mineralic sea air came laden with the sweet smell of vanilla ice cream cones and cinnamon on seaweed. Coal dust and soot sprinkled down onto a sandy beach as driftwood and the frayed remnants of ship's rope washed up on the shore. The sweet fragrance of hibiscus flowers drifted into Earl Grey tea and spicy sandalwood like a lucid dream whilst a whiff of the medicinal delivered tea tree oil and salted blackcurrants.

Sticky cherry cola and pink wafer biscuits became balanced by the tartness of kumquats and lime relish with a suggestion of turmeric and lemongrass. A combination of salty rocks and gravlax returned us to a maritime mood as the finish wrapped our senses with warm butter and pepper.



## LIGHTLY PEATED

### DYSTOPIAN CYBERMAN LUBRICANT

**CASK NO. 93.116**

**\$213.99**



|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>REGION</b>    | <i>Campbeltown</i>      |
| <b>CASK TYPE</b> | <i>Refill Hogshead</i>  |
| <b>AGE</b>       | <i>18 Years</i>         |
| <b>DATE</b>      | <i>16 February 2001</i> |
| <b>OUTTURN</b>   | <i>171 Bottles</i>      |
| <b>ABV</b>       | <i>50.4%</i>            |

Fish and chips with lashings of malt vinegar, smoked marzipan, heather doused in TCP, salted grist, Parahandy puffer smoke and grilled whelks bobbing in petrol diluted with barnacle foam. Delicious madness! With water it moves more towards the farmyard with notes of iodine, ink, mutton fat, antiseptic, disinfectant and mixtures of brine, engine oil and medical tinctures. Smoked black peppercorns pulverized in a pestle and mortar.

The palate opens with smoked porridge, nettle cordial, soft tar notes, citronella candles, kippers in kedgeree, smoked almonds, aged Loire chenin and dried kelp. Water unveils notes of salt baked cod, Austrian potato salad, peppered mackerel, coal dust, miso seaweed broth, meat stock, beach sand and salty blue cheese sprinkled with crushed aspirin.



## PEATED

### ACME GHOST REPELLENT

CASK NO. 16.38

**\$136.99**



|           |                            |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| REGION    | <i>Highland</i>            |
| CASK TYPE | <i>Re-charred Hogshead</i> |
| AGE       | <i>8 Years</i>             |
| DATE      | <i>25 November 2010</i>    |
| OUTTURN   | <i>315 Bottles</i>         |
| ABV       | <i>59.3%</i>               |

Pure farmyard! All smouldering wood ash, strap leather, old hay loft, tractor engines and mutton heavy stovies. Some burnt orange peel, burning newspaper and flint smoke. Water brings out coal tar soap, brake fluid, mead and burlap. Hints of antiseptic, chicken soup, mustard oil and burnt toast.

The arrival in the mouth is all on earthy peat oils, lemon jam, biltong, game meats, pine cones, dried banana chips, camphor and lanolin. A splash of water gives jasmine tea, caraway, incense, ginger beer, heavy eucalyptus oils, smoky bacon, salted liquorice, butterscotch and paraffin wax. A wee beast!

## SINGLE CASK SPIRIT

### A CUP O' KINDNESS

CASK NO. A4.5

\$172.99



|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| REGION    | <i>Bas Armagnac</i>    |
| CASK TYPE | <i>Armagnac Barrel</i> |
| AGE       | <i>14 Years</i>        |
| DATE      | <i>2005 Vintage</i>    |
| OUTTURN   | <i>488 Bottles</i>     |
| ABV       | <i>47.9%</i>           |

The nose gives a warm embrace like an old acquaintance. There are blood orange madeleines covered with desiccated coconut and freshly cut figs on the side. Then a fizzy quality reminiscent of citrus sherbet and Love Hearts candy, with cherry liqueur and chocolate bitters. One panellist was reminded of fine antiques and silverware (Brasso, beeswax). The taste brings rich vanilla pods, Madeira cake, Jamaica ginger cake spread with marmalade. The antique furniture theme continues with hazelnut oil, chocolatey tobacco and nutmeg.

Water sees us taking a walk in Edinburgh's Botanic Gardens. A farmhouse table offers banana bread, satsumas, rice pudding with strawberry jam and lime marmalade on buttered toast. There is also a waxy note as fragrant candles flicker. The taste is now refreshing, with peach and apricot yogurt, watermelon and honey, and a mouthful of lemon sponge cake. Burns himself might have called this Armagnac a 'right gude-willie waught' – or a hearty drink taken in goodwill.



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