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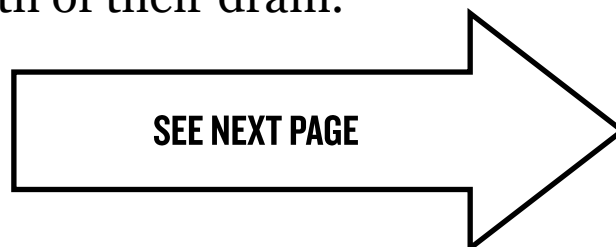


FOR
MEMBERS'
REVIEW

In keeping with our brand philosophy of staying curious and delivering a variety of whisky adventures, *Slippers 'n' chill* is a new whisky that stands apart from our regular offerings of cask strength bottlings.

The SMWS Whisky Team has created and bottled *Slippers 'n' chill* at a slightly reduced strength (48% abv), in order to offer a choice to those who may sometimes prefer a slightly lighter style of whisky, and allowing them to try an alternative to our usual cask strength drams as part of their journey of discovery.

This is not about 'watering down' or diluting our product, but simply about exploring alternative ways to enjoy our whisky and giving members a choice in the strength of their dram.



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

SLIPPERS 'N' CHILL

CASK NO. 8.47

\$116.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Butt</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>16 November 2015</i>
OUTTURN	<i>810 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>48%</i>

Initial nosing revealed bags of dates, dark fruit chutneys, big earthy notes, toasted walnuts and pipe tobaccos. We also detected cocoa nibs and game broth, a superbly umami and rich style of sherry. Letting it breathe, we then found buttered brown toast, dark chocolate sauce with a hint of sea salt and pickled walnuts.

On the palate it was powerful and spicy, with some dense, sticky sherry notes such as old VORS cream sherry. Its earthy and gamey qualities re-emerged, along with clove-studded oranges, leaf mulch and classical, deep rancio notes.

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

EFFORTLESS MINDFULNESS

CASK NO. 19.102

\$354.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>21 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>17 February 2003</i>
OUTTURN	<i>247 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>53.2%</i>

This dram left us feeling calm and collected, meaning free of agitation and able to concentrate the mind on eliminating distractions – carpe diem. We conjured up childhood memories of entering a candy shop with its vintage glass jars in rows on dusty, wooden shelves making it so hard which to choose. We decided on two Scottish classics – caramel log wafers with roasted coconut, and milk chocolate tea cakes. On growing up with them you knew life was good.

With a tiny drop of water we moved into a Victorian greenhouse to admire all the exotic plants and, in particular, the graceful pink waterlilies effortlessly floating on the pond.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

MERRY WITH SHERRY

CASK NO. 35-340

\$229.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>16 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>30 January 2006</i>
OUTTURN	<i>242 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.1%</i>

The sumptuous nose was immediately evocative of shoe leather, brown bread, toasted sunflower seeds, espresso and cocoa powder. In time we also found it revealed mineral oils and pumpernickel bread spiciness. Reduction brought many notes of cured game meats, walnut wine, green muddled herbs with ginger syrup, unctuous earthiness and figs in honey. Just gorgeous!

The palate was leafy and earthy up front, with bitter dark chocolate, treacle, bouillon powder, umami paste and chopped walnuts. A little water made the whole more complex once again; lots of mulchy earthy and tobacco vibes, toasted almonds, paprika, balsamic glaze, marzipan and rancio. Matured for 13 years in a bourbon hogshead, this was then transferred to a 1st fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead.

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

GLAZED MORNING NEWSPAPERS

CASK NO. 105.49

\$149.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>Refill Re-charred Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>10 September 2014</i>
OUTTURN	<i>258 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>63.9%</i>

The morning's newspapers arrived, glazed with toffee sauce and warmed in the oven. A chunk of huckleberry taffy sat atop the radiator, tempting Panellists via sweet nostril incursions. The palate was akin to chardonnay-soaked Madeira cake, California raisins, mace and fennel shavings. Introducing water offered fruity accents, lemons and green apple segments showered with nutmeg shavings and a sea breeze on the nose.

And the palate followed suit, with the emphasis on green apple, limoncello and an underripe melon. After three years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this to a re-charred refill hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

SPICY & SWEET

CROSS-ATLANTIC DESTINATIONS

DISTILLERY 39
RARE RELEASE

\$217.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPES	<i>Refill & 1st Fill Bourbon, Oloroso & PX Hogsheads</i>
AGE	<i>15 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>5 June 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>1460 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58.4%</i>

A new pair of leather sandals baked in the heat of the sand on a sun-drenched beach in the Algarve. The wisp of wild fennel, limestone and thyme drifted in the air. The palate took us to the other side of the Atlantic, slicing into a Jamaican ginger cake topped with candied rose petals and toffee, raspberry jam and browned butter. Water pulled the toffee forward and introduced jasmine alongside dark brown sugar on the nose.

A gentle oak spice underlined the palate now, complemented by blackcurrants and cocoa powder, chewy pretzels and vanilla custard. Bottled for the 2024 Speyside Whisky Festival.

HEAVILY PEATED

GREEN THINGS IN BRINE

CASK NO. 93.221

\$137.99



REGION	Campbeltown
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	8 Years
DISTILLED ON	9 May 2016
OUTTURN	219 Bottles
ABV	58.7%

First nosing suggested such madness as heavily peated swimming pools. Then, a smouldering beach bonfire doused in malt vinegar, tarred rope, crab sticks and rockpools cut with petrol. This was a mighty and potent dram! Water revealed lashings of burlap, old rope, creel nets, pure tar, more vinegar and hints of jalapeno brine and oyster sauce, with a final farmyard twang of funk in the background.

The palate neat was superbly sharp and powerfully briny: loads of seawater, petrol, tar, iodine and pickling juices. We also noted cornichons, capers and anchovies in smoked olive oil. With water it took on serious 'dirty martini' vibes, infused with boiler smoke, green and black olive tapenades, preserved lemons wrapped in bandages, and lashings of mercurochrome antiseptic and pickled onion rings.



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