



Outturn

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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

SPICY & SWEET

SPICY & DRY

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

OLD & DIGNIFIED

LIGHT & DELICATE

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

OILY & COASTAL

LIGHTLY PEATED

PEATED

HEAVILY PEATED

SPICY & SWEET

KNICKERBOCKERS AT A WEDDING

CASK NO. 6.32

\$141.99



**FIRST RELEASE FROM
DISTILLERY 6 FOR
SMWS CANADA**

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>12 Years</i>
DATE	<i>29 August 2006</i>
OUTTURN	<i>325 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58.6%</i>

The nose had a sophisticated and subtle combination of toffee, honey and cola cubes, lemon tart, rosewater, apricot jam and peach schnapps. The palate was textured and complex – sweet, tangy and bright, but with deeper underlying notes; we got rum and raisin ice-cream and melted dark chocolate, with teasing nips of chili, clove, aniseed and ginger to finish.

We found the reduced nose rewarding and ‘classic’ – dried papaya, pineapple, chocolate orange and a mixture of flowers and fruitcake that evoked weddings. The reduced palate was tasty and sweet – chocolate, fudge, toffee, banana chips and knickerbocker glory, with cinnamon swirls coming later.

YOUNG & SPRITELY

ATTACK OF THE KILLER FLORISTS

CASK NO. 113.24

\$119.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>7 Years</i>
DATE	<i>27 October 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>239 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>63.4%</i>

It opens on candy floss at first, a light and fluffy sweetness that evolves towards geraniums in warm greenhouses and yellow wildflowers. The sweeter aspects continue with hints of pink nougat, American hot dog mustard, cornbread, toasted seeds and mirabelle eau de vie. Water brings softer notes of clove, lemon water, flower vases, cough drops, burlap and roasted potatoes.

The palate begins with cookie dough before unveiling notes of pear drops, lime oil, rosewater, cherry lips candies, fruit loops, juicy fruit chewing gum, dried lavender and Turkish Delight. A little water gives earthy turmeric, lemon thyme, oregano, sourdough starter, potpourri and long aged yellow wine.

SPICY & DRY

THIS AIN'T NO PUSSYCAT

CASK NO. 59.58

\$123.99



REGION *Highland*

CASK TYPE *Refill Hogshead*

AGE *10 Years*

DATE *12 February 2009*

OUTTURN *205 Bottles*

ABV *58.4%*

An unusually superb waxiness at first. Then lots of pear, green apple, mint and sandalwood. Wee coastal inclusions; grass, mineral salts, hedgerow and undergrowth. Cider apples, green malt, lemon juice and hints of spice cake with touches of graphite oil, sunflower seed and pineapple jelly. Water brings soot, putty, camphor and baking parchment.

Underneath there's petrichor, olive oil, dry earth and eucalyptus. The palate opens unusually on hot roast peppers, then waxed canvas, roasted root vegetables, heather honey, dried lavender, 80 shilling ale, cough mixtures, delicate medical notes, straw, hay lofts and gorse. With water it develops towards white mushrooms, damp tobacco leaf, herbal extracts, polished hardwoods, beeswax, pollen, heather ale, miso broth and rosewater. Superb!

SPICY & SWEET

SPELLBINDINGLY SUBLIME

CASK NO. 139.4

\$479.99



**FIRST RELEASE FROM
DISTILLERY 139 FOR
SMWS CANADA**

REGION *Taiwan*

CASK TYPE *1st Fill Barrique*

AGE *NAS*

DATE *N/A*

OUTTURN *181 Bottles*

ABV *58.3%*

The nose is like sinking into a honeypot full of cloves and allspice. Inside there's also freshly eviscerated vanilla pods, quince jelly, plum wine, pear tarte tatin and many tropical fruit syrups. In time it becomes wonderfully mentholated with resinous herbal notes and hints of red kola and lime leaf. Reduction brings out bubble gum, black tea sweetened with brown sugar, dried mango and hints of ivy and chamomile.

The palate immediately displays peppermint, blackcurrant jam, dark chocolate, dandelion & burdock, old tobacco, sarsaparilla root, clover and medicine balls. Quite sublime. With water there's jasmine, juniper, pink peppercorns, grape must, old Calvados, many dried flowers, pot pourri, incense and lapsang souchong tea. Exquisite and beautiful whisky.

OILY & COASTAL

THE BEACHCOMBER

CASK NO. N/A

\$114.99



REGION	<i>Blended Malt</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>7 Years</i>
DATE	<i>17 November 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>1999 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>50%</i>

Looking to our flavour profiles for inspiration, we decided to experiment with malts that displayed classic coastal characteristics. Exploring our warehouse, we identified a selection of 1st fill bourbon barrels from both Campbeltown and Highland regions as our blending ingredients. After creating and assessing a number of different recipes, we settled on the 12th one, which sits at the lighter end of the flavour profile with just the slightest hint of peat behind a boatload of fruit and coastal evocations. The Panel favoured this for its balance and complexity. A blended malt of great intrigue, displaying remarkable texture and vibrancy. We give you The Beachcomber...

A beautiful and evocative nose! Freshness, sunlight, seashore, medical balms, sandalwood, petrichor and wild herb gardens all jostle together for attention. Greenery, waxes, old papers, distant seaweed and complex, fragrant mineral aspects. Dilution offers up bog myrtle, heather flowers, juniper and lemon peel. Superbly fresh! The arrival in the mouth is tart. Raw gooseberry with delicate acidity, cut grass, gorse bush prickle and red apple. Some sea buckthorn, grapefruit pith, Citra hops and buttery cereals. Beguiling stuff! With water there's a kiss of vanilla, some sweet cereals and pink sea salt. Hints of salty liquorice, wild mint leaf, children's medicines, lime zest and brine diluted with extra virgin olive oil. The finish drifts endlessly out to sea. Drink this one with your eyes closed...

LIGHTLY PEATED

B + B = B²

CASK NO. 70.38

\$161.99



REGION *Highland*

CASK TYPE *2nd Fill Barrel*

AGE *13 Years*

DATE *11 May 2005*

OUTTURN *83 Bottles*

ABV *57.3%*

Aromas of a distant wood fire on the beach combined with mellow Virginia tobacco having that typical touch of grassiness and earthiness alongside citrus and a slight floral note. On the palate neat we enjoyed “Bloody Mary oysters” - fresh, salty, spicy with a hint of sweetness.

When we added water, we stepped into the room the morning after - the air filled with the aroma of empty whisky glasses once filled with peaty whisky and sweet cigar smoke. Oh, what a great night it was surrounded by friends! After 11 years in an ex-bourbon barrel we transferred this whisky into a barrel which previously matured whisky from SMWS distillery number 3.



There's nothing like sharing a good whisky with a good friend, so with this in mind we have our Recommend-a-Friend program.

For every new member who signs up on your recommendation or for every gift membership you buy for that like-minded friend (up to a maximum of six referrals/gift memberships per membership year), you'll receive \$20.00 off the cost of your \$125.00 renewal fee.

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