

# Outturn

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# **HOW TO USE OUTTURN**

*out-turn* n. 1 The number of Society bottles produced from a 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 flavour profiles give you an insight into what you might expect from each whisky (or other spirit), and are the best place to start.

You may find yourself drawn to "Sweet, Fruity & Mellow" or have a preference for "Juicy, Oak & Vanilla." Maybe your instincts lead you to a dram that's "Oily & Coastal" or perhaps to "Peated."

These descriptors are your best clue to what you'll find within each bottle, and are expanded upon in greater detail in the Society's fun and quirky tasting notes.

With a varied selection of whiskies (and other spirits) coming every month, 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 at 403-283-8000 (email: scotchguy@kensingtonwinemarket.com) in Calgary or Keg n Cork at 780-461-0191 in Edmonton (email: ordering@kegncork.com) or email us at curious@smws.ca for advice of an expert nature.

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#### **GET 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 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

### **OLD & DIGNIFIED**



The age on this whisky from a demolished distillery was immediately apparent, fascinatingly multifaceted with aromas of stewed apples, passion fruit, honey, beeswax, earthy and tobacco notes. Yet we were all searching for something - that famous needle in that haystack. With time we found it; that petrol-like character which can be present in well-aged Riesling wines.

To taste, incredibly fruity, almost rum-like; coconut, pineapple and mango – mysterious like a short story from Edgar Allan Poe. A little water and we lit a Tonka bean scented candle in the dungeon of a mansion (maybe we were reading 'The Cask of Amontillado') and an amazing texture on the palate, gracefully understated with very discreet rancio flavours. Single malt from selected hogsheads, married in a bourbon barrel since 2018. 4

#### **SPICY & SWEET**



We encountered initially a rather perfumed nose. All on new leather handbag, potpourri, white balsamic vinegar, chopped pistachios, aged white port, powder puff and rice pudding. Unusual but enthralling. Water brought out pineapple cubes, nutmeg, white jelly beans, red liquorice and freshly laundered linens.

The palate was full of savoury barley broth, cantaloupe melon, lime jelly, camphor, rolling tobacco, menthol cough drops, baking soda and sweet juniper. With water we found more savoury notes such as chicken noodle soup, ham terrine, dry spiced dates, spicy peanuts and then things like muesli with dark fruits, chalk and sponge cake.

#### **DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS**



Afternoon tea – sticky, gooey strawberry jam served with fresh spiced sultana griddle scones as well as super moist, warm, straight-out-of-the-oven gingerbread cake with a cinnamon cream cheese frosting. That was only the nose – on the palate a seriously drunken cherry chocolate cake and dark salted 'roasty-toasty' coconut toffee.

A drop of water and we prepared porcini hot chocolate – may sound odd but the dried porcini powder added an earthiness to the sweetness and when sprinkled with cocoa powder, an absolute delight. We then moved into a coffee house in Austria, enjoying Sacher and Linzer tortes as well as genuine Salzburger Mozartkugeln. Bottled for the 2020 Highland Whisky Festival. Silver medal winner at London's 2021 International Wine & Spirit Competition.

## **SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW**



We imagined standing in front of a breakfast buffet with a fruit basket full of ripe mangoes and papayas next to a tray of chocolate croissants, cinnamon swirls and fruit scones. However, we decided to have a buttered warm crumpet and lemon-thyme shortbread laced with honey.

When we added water, we were making fudge in all sorts of ways adding coconut, mango and toffee as well as traditional butterscotch. The taste was a rich butterscotch flavour with the essence of real vanilla and fudge doughnuts, while in the finish a sweet and spicy maple, pecan and sultana pastry twirl.

## PEATED

ODDLY SATISFYING CASK NO. 16.43

\$132.99

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GIVING SPIRIT BOTTLE ( see p. 10)		
REGION	Highland	
CASK TYPE	Re-charred Hogshead	
AGE	9 Years	
DATE	16 December 2009	
OUTTURN	267 Bottles	
ABV	62.4%	

Imagine a cold evening on the beach, starting a fire with planks from an old shoreline shipwreck and barbecuing honey, mustard and pineapple ham steaks. The wind picks up and crashing waves hit the rugged coastline as a hipflask is handed around containing a smoky rusty nail cocktail to warm us from inside.

Diluted we threw sardines and sage sausages on to the grill and enjoyed them in a tomato sauce spiced with tabasco and/or a hot smoky pepper dressing whilst gazing into the starlit night with the full moon turning more and more into a 'supermoon' reflected in the ocean.

#### **OILY & COASTAL**



The nose struck a balance between sweetly roasted chestnuts with smoked almonds and a filthy maritime manner that fused seaweed and kippers with anchovy butter. Wafts of smoke from burning coconuts combined with freshly baked multigrain bread as nut oils and salted cashews coated the tongue. Sweet flavours of digestive biscuits and dark chocolate faded into cold coffee and peat with time.

A dash of water enhanced salty seaweed and brine aromas, now with aniseed, rock pools and barnacles on muddy welly boots. Barbecued banana skins then arrived with salted vanilla ice cream and crushed Brazil nuts while on the finish, we found toasted cereals and herbal tea.

# JULY - THE GIVING SPIRIT PROGRAM

Despite challenging times last year, we believe in giving back and paying things forward, so in January we introduced our "Giving Spirit" program: each quarter, SMWS Canada will donate to charity 100% of its profit from the sales of a designated bottle.

The Giving Spirit bottle from our April Outturn was 68.41 "Hillwalking happiness" - all but 4 bottles sold which allowed us to donate \$1446.75 to the Canadian Cancer Society. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT A BOTTLE!

This quarter, we've chosen 16.43 "Oddly satisfying" as the Giving Spirit bottle, with 100% of our profits going to Indspire - "a national Indigenous registered charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people for the long term benefits of these individuals, their families and communities in Canada." We hope you'll continue to support the program by buying a great bottle of whisky and helping a worthy cause at the same time.

A new bottling and a new charity will be selected in October so keep an eye on our Outturns to see which delicious bottle is selected as the Giving Spirit bottle, and know that you're contributing to a great cause when you buy one.



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# WHERE TO BUY

The exclusive retail stores of The Society in Canada:

#### **KENSINGTON WINE MARKET**

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