



THE SCOTCH MALT
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Exploration is the greatest joy of Society membership, roaming the broad vistas of flavour and aroma represented in our vast selection of whiskies. But exploration without a map can be frustrating.

So we have 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 endless 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

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

MELLOW YELLOW

CASK NO. 39.292

\$169.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>12 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>5 December 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>188 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>61.6%</i>

This was the first comment from the panel – pineapple chunks, peach melba yogurt, yellow jelly tots and grapefruit, as well as dandelion honey. On the palate neat we observed a juicy, sugary, citrus flavour found in traditional lemon and sugar pancakes, vanilla orange custard and key lime coconut doughnuts. In the finish was the Scottish dessert cranachan: raspberries, whisky, toasted oatmeal and cream flavoured with honey.

With a drop of water we imagined walking through the countryside surrounding Grasse, with fields of flowers and the scent of lavender, rose, myrtle, orange blossom and wild mimosa. To taste, we served up a tropical fruit salad with cinnamon ice cream before a pleasant, sweet, oaky dryness arrived in the finish.

OLD & DIGNIFIED

WE'RE ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY

CASK NO. 64.154

\$219.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill HTMC Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>16 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>14 May 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>267 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>55.7%</i>

This was moved from ex-bourbon wood into a 1st fill heavy toast medium char hogshead after 13 years. The nose, bountiful and summery, held cricket pavilions and country houses, golden syrup, peaches and cream, apple tart and orange peelings. The palate was sweetly seductive, with raspberry and chocolate ice cream, raspberry and coconut bars, brandy snaps, fruit cake and mango (although one of us got savoury notes as well).

The reduced nose catapulted us back into summer – elderflowers in June, the perfume of fruit bowls and holiday hotel pools with bougainvillea and sangria. The palate now kept our attention with honeycomb, Danish marzipan chocolates, charentais melon and Turkish Delight.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

A RUMOUR OF SHERRY*

CASK NO. 11.48

\$159.99



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	2nd Fill Oloroso Hogshead
AGE	9 Years
DISTILLED ON	26 September 2014
OUTTURN	309 Bottles
ABV	59.5%

A delightful mix of jellied fruit candies, pineapple and candied hazelnuts greeted the Panel at first nosing. We also got malt loaf, walnuts and hints of old pipe tobacco. The sherry component was clear and generous. With water the nose revealed pickled ginger, bay leaf, burlap and walnut oil. The palate neat displayed a wonderful integration between spirit and sherry influence: soft brown bread spread with molasses, dried exotic fruit chunks and meatier aspects such as serrano ham.

Water brought back the juicier and sweeter qualities, evoking plum wine, raisins, sultanas and dessert wines. In the finish we got a funky tang of salty, bodega earthiness. This was matured in a bourbon hogshead for four years before being transferred to a second fill oloroso sherry hogshead. *Giving Spirit bottle: profits from its sales will go to Pathways to Education

JULY - THE *GIVING SPIRIT* PROGRAM

In January 2021 we introduced our “Giving Spirit” program: each quarter, SMWS Canada donates to charity its profit from the sales of a designated bottle.

Now in the 5th year of our program, to date we’ve donated over \$21,000.00 to various charities thanks to the bottles you’ve purchased! This past April we chose the Canada-Ukraine Foundation, and we have donated \$1035 from the sales of Cask No. 39.265 “Waltzing with a Moscow Mule.”

This quarter our Giving Spirit bottle is Cask No. 11.48 “A rumour of sherry” and we’ll donate profits from its sales to Pathways to Education: *“For youth in low-income communities, Pathways to Education provides the resources and network of support to graduate from high school and build the foundation for a successful future.”*

We hope you’ll continue to support the Giving Spirit program by buying a great bottle and supporting a very worthy cause at the same time!

LIGHTLY PEATED

CRUNCHY MUNCHIES

CASK NO. 53.466

\$254.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill PX Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>15 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>27 May 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>240 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.8%</i>

The first impression was that of salt, sea and light smoke, like opening a jar of olives on a Greek island in summer and adding them to a smoked mackerel and pickled walnut salad. On the palate we returned from Greece to a well-known Scottish whisky island with tarry and meaty flavours as we enjoyed roasted octopus with honeyed soy sauce and seaweed.

After reduction we had a salt beef and mustard mayo rye bread sandwich while we waited for our freshly roasted lamb which was cooking, super slowly, on a spit over charcoals. Following 11 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a first fill American oak Pedro Ximenez hogshead.

GIN

FORAGE FOR SPRUCE TIPS

CASK NO. GN3.23

\$118.99



REGION	<i>Lowland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>6 April 2022</i>
OUTTURN	<i>261 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>50%</i>

The fragrance of this gin was very earthy, spicy and comforting, like primroses at the edge of a pine needle-carpeted woodland floor alongside nutmeg, liquorice and candied almonds. On the palate we initially stayed in the forest, with spruce tips and red berries, before a sweeter flavour of pear mousse with a rosemary chocolate sauce appeared.

After the addition of water, a boost of juniper aromas at first were soon followed by hints of thyme and oregano and, at the same time, citrus peel. To taste, that fresh citric note mingled with woody herbal flavours which were now more like marjoram.



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