



Outturn

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A TASTE OF SUMMER

Celebrate the season with exotic flavours and colourful characters. We're turning up the heat with our summer solstice selection of new cask bottlings.

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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.

ENJOY OUR PRODUCTS RESPONSIBLY - NO DRINKING AND DRIVING

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.



JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

A MULTIPLEX OF LUSH

CASK NO. 73.125

\$136.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DATE	<i>25 March 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>209 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>62.5%</i>

From an upturned fruit cart tumbled juicy apples, pineapple and pear drops that developed into fragrant sandalwood, marzipan and croissants with a buttery texture. Green notes then emerged of lush ferns, asparagus and pine sap. Bundles of toffee, fudge and ginger syrup engulfed the palate before morphing into cinnamon on hot cross buns, coriander and clotted cream.

Aromas became more floral with water, embracing chamomile, honeysuckle and apple blossom. With time the juicy fruits of melon, guava and ripe banana turned more towards gooseberries and quince jelly. The palate was now slightly fizzy, embracing orange zest in gin and tonic but with the sweetness of vanilla sponge cake and dry wood to finish.

SPICY & SWEET

SUNSHINY SHIMMER OF SATISFACTION

CASK NO. 96.32

\$141.99



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	10 Years
DATE	26 May 2010
OUTTURN	212 Bottles
ABV	60.4%

The power of imagination – one panellist was juggling pineapples and coconuts on a shifting drift of grist; another lounged on a summer hillside, smelling bracken, gorse, rose and sunscreen, a cinnamon raisin bun in one hand and some old bourbon in the other. The palate was mouth-wateringly, lip-smackingly delish – brown sugar, chocolate oranges, Belgian waffles and coffee – all bathed in a sunshiny shimmer of satisfaction.

The reduced nose discovered honey-coated nuts, elderflower, orange cupcakes, rhubarb and creamy vanilla. The palate's yummy scrummy sapidity conveyed juicy, fruity, floral flavours, chamomile tea and lime flowers, milk bottle sweets and barley sugars – 'Excellent!'

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

LIP-SMACKING AND SEDUCTIVELY LUSCIOUS

CASK NO. 5.91

\$227.99



REGION	<i>Lowland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>18 Years</i>
DATE	<i>27 January 2003</i>
OUTTURN	<i>170 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>55.4%</i>

Rosewater, pink wafers and candy floss floated roseate reveries; then we came down to brown with toasted coconut, Danish pastries, ginger, orange boxes and pencil cases. The initial palate had fruit pastilles, bramble jelly, ripe berries and apricot custard Danish – all deepening in time to pencil shavings, jalapeno and ginger pieces in dark chocolate.

The reduced nose found lemon bonbons, honey on straw, floral aromas and suggestions of new leather. The mouth-coating palate gave satisfying swirls of barley sugar, marzipan petits fours and iced ginger biscuits, then a lingering lick of cinnamon and clove – lip-smacking and seductively luscious.

SINGLE CASK SPIRIT

HIBISCUS TEA BY THE RED SEA

CASK NO. GN3.16

\$99.99



REGION	<i>Hawick</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>N/A</i>
DATE	<i>4 June 2019</i>
OUTTURN	<i>261 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>50.4%</i>

We were preparing a citrus avocado salmon ceviche using skinless salmon fillets, diced avocado, lemon, lime and oranges as well as paleo mayonnaise and cayenne pepper – an elegant delicious appetizer. On the palate sweet ripe strawberries combined with juniper-lemon balsamic ripple ice cream and a delicate hint of spice.

With water we moved to the Red Sea and enjoyed the bright-red hibiscus tea, known in Arabic as karkady while to taste we remained with the colour and had honey-roast beetroot and red lavender oil. All washed down with delicious fruit-infused water of apricots, raspberries and fresh mint – soak up the sun!

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

A SHERRY SOUL

CASK NO. 41.144

\$164.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Oloroso Butt</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill PX Butt</i>
AGE	<i>14 Years</i>
DATE	<i>29 May 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>578 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.4%</i>

Imagine a full tabanco (a tavern in Jerez with a sherry soul), authentic flamenco music and tapas as someone glues posters on the wall advertising the next bullfights. We ordered briny olives, Iberico ham and smoked scallops with avocado puree as well as an aged Fino sherry. Briny, lemon rind, almonds and a pleasant petrolic hint.

With water we ordered more food; sliced smoked duck breast on cranberry-buttered toast and smoked strips of sweet red peppers while for dessert we had turrón (almond nougat exclusively made from almonds and honey). After 11 years in an ex-Oloroso American oak butt, we transferred this whisky into a 1st fill Spanish oak Pedro Ximenez sherry butt.

PEATED

PEATY PENINSULA

CASK NO. 149.2

\$166.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Butt</i>
AGE	<i>5 Years</i>
DATE	<i>19 September 2015</i>
OUTTURN	<i>663 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.7%</i>

We were instantly transported to a remote church on the west coast of Scotland as guests at a wedding. The scent of ancient wooden pews, flower arrangements, and perfumes mingled perfectly with sweet peat smoke from the nearby houses and maritime aromas. The initial flavour was a sweet peat explosion soon followed by a creamy chocolatey texture and a never-ending finish of aromatic herbs.

With water the party started - cakes, smoky marmalade, roasted figs, chestnuts and smoked clotted cream over raspberries. To taste, Swiss roll, chocolate mousse, lemon cake and heather honey - all of that with a wonderful, sweet, smoky backbone.



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