



THE SCOTCH MALT  
WHISKY SOCIETY

# OUTTURN

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**A WELL-WORN  
HIPFLASK**

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## **GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE SMWS FLAVOUR PROFILES**

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**

## SPICY & DRY

### THE UNEXPECTED MEANDER

CASK NO. 121.112

\$148.99



REGION	Highland Island
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	8 Years
DISTILLED ON	2 December 2015
OUTTURN	228 Bottles
ABV	62.8%

Heavily waxed brown paper enveloped a pat of sage butter, while sliced banana mingled in a pool of custard with grapefruit segments. The nose was light, like walking into a new barn storing hay. The taste was sugar-sweet, with a chili, mint and eucalyptus spice. Toasted oats and juicy pears, white pepper and salty mango followed. The Panel noted a thread of unexpected smoke henceforth, meandering throughout the dram.

Water gave us lemon drizzle cake, salted whipping cream and an anise-infused chocolate sauce on the nose. The palate was now noticeably drier, with mint, cumin, bergamot and a smouldering, salty driftwood smoke to taste.

## OILY & COASTAL

### HEATHER, HONEYCOMB AND HUMIDORS

CASK NO. 4-354

\$184.99



REGION	<i>Highland Island</i>
INITIAL CASKS	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogsheads</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>13 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>29 October 2009</i>
OUTTURN	<i>241 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>62.7%</i>

At eight years of age, we combined selected casks from this distillery and then transferred the single malt into a variety of casks; this is one. The complex nose had perfume, petrichor and apricot jam; maritime notes, leather and smoke (riding horses along the shore, burning heather on a distant hill). The palate neat was feisty and "delightfully grubby" – freshly laid tar, sea shells, dandelion and burdock, heather honey and chewing a tobacco pipe.

The reduced nose had potting sheds, seafood smokers, honeycomb and humidors. The palate delivered dark sweetness – honey and lemon lozenges, black bun, figs in brandy and muscovado with vanilla extract.

## SPICY & SWEET

### TUMBLE INTO TOFFEE

CASK NO. 8.49

**\$147.99**



**FIRST APPEARANCE FROM THIS DISTILLERY  
FOR SMWS CANADA**

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Pedro Ximenez Butt</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>16 November 2015</i>
OUTTURN	<i>646 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.2%</i>

Tumbling into a warm sticky toffee pudding, pancetta lardons began to mingle with pine resin and peaches. The nose was rich, and time gave rise to nutmeg, ginger and hot sand at the beach. To taste, the dram emulated the nose: chorizo braised in grenache wine, red apple slices and vanilla custard topped with brown sugar.

Water gave the nose a pancake batter quality, with dried figs, currants and marshmallows. The palate now became a blackberry wine, with black pepper, orange peel and cinnamon.

## DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

### ANDALUSIAN DAYDREAM

CASK NO. 24.175

**\$319.99**



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASKS	<i>Ex-Oloroso Butts</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>15 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>13 October 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>318 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>62.5%</i>

We found ourselves transported into a world of flavours, as dried figs and dates were served alongside serrano ham and toasted almonds. Standing in the shade of the bodega, the heavy smell of oak mingled with maturing sherry boasting wondrous aromas of dried fruit.

With a dash of water we discovered a darker side, however. Now cocoa powder rained down on black forest gateau. The slightest suggestion of coal dust merged into molasses and liquorice, before ginger wine, cinnamon and hot chocolate combined on the finish. At 10 years of age, we combined selected casks from the same distillery. We then returned the single malt into a variety of different casks to develop further. This is one of those casks.

## DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

### CINNAMON CHILLI CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES

CASK NO. 157.2

**\$197.99**



**FIRST APPEARANCE FROM THIS  
DISTILLERY FOR SMWS CANADA**

REGION	<i>France</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Butt</i>
AGE	<i>7 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>23 February 2016</i>
OUTTURN	<i>640 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>61.5%</i>

A bouquet of aromas ranged from pear drops, sour plums and raspberry sherbet to dandelion and burdock, greengage jam and bergamot to, finally, dried lemon peel and sweet tobacco. We found lots of spice on the palate, including cinnamon, chilli and chocolate cupcakes, plus spiced chewy toffee with a resinous peppermint flavour in the finish.

The addition of water added plenty of sweetness, bringing butterscotch, raisins, Sauternes-poached pears, and golden caster sugar. To taste, we drank a hazelnut mocha caffè latte prepared with hazelnut syrup and noisette and herb-flavored liqueur, served with a Swiss roll with plenty of custard and some clotted cream at the side.



## PEATED

### INDUSTRIAL CONFECTIONERY

CASK NO. 66.232

\$154.99



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Barrel
FINAL CASK	Refill Trinidad Rum Barrel
AGE	9 Years
DISTILLED ON	10 September 2012
OUTTURN	221 Bottles
ABV	62.4%

Salty bacon and pork ribs glazed with molasses emerged in a plume of sweet and fragrant smoke from burning wax, flaming sandalwood and roasted pine nuts. Barbecue smoke on the palate combined maple syrup with coal dust and chimney soot against a backdrop of smoked peanuts, brine and industrial confectionery.

With a few drops of water a burning beehive came to the fore with candy floss, pineapple and the dark, rich aromas of burnt sausages. The palate had now thickened to engine grease on leather walking boots and tugboat exhaust fumes concealing burnt chestnuts, burnt butter and beef jerky. Seven years in an ex-bourbon barrel before being transferred to an ex-Trinidad rum refill barrel.





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