

OUTTURN

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ADVENTURES IN FLAVOUR AWAIT AT SMWS.CA

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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.

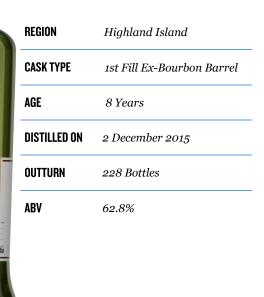
YOUNG & SPRITELY
SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW
SPICY & SWEET
SPICY & DRY
DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS
OLD & DIGNIFIED
LIGHT & DELICATE
JUICY, OAK & VANILLA
OILY & COASTAL
LIGHTLY PEATED
PEATED
HEAVILY PEATED

SPICY & DRY

THE UNEXPECTED MEANDER

CASK NO. 121.112

\$148.99



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 sugarsweet, 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.

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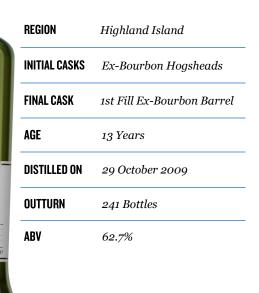
Water gave us lemon drizzle cake, salted whipping cream and an anise-infused chocolate sauce on the nose. The palate was now noticeably drier, with mint, cumin, bergamot and a smouldering, salty driftwood smoke to taste.

OILY & COASTAL

HEATHER, HONEYCOMB AND HUMIDORS

CASK NO. 4.354

\$184.99



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.

HEATHER, HONEYCOMB AND HUMIDORS

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

Speyside
1st Fill Pedro Ximenez Butt
8 Years
16 November 2015
646 Bottles
59.2%

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



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



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

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.

CINNAMON CHILLI CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES

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.

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PEATED

INDUSTRIAL CONFECTIONERY

CASK NO. 66.232

\$154.99



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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