



OUTTURN

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THINK FLAVOUR: SMWS.CA



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

SPICY & DRY

HAZELNUT BUBBLE GUM

**DISTILLERY 19
RARE RELEASE**

\$234.99



LIMIT ONE PER MEMBER

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrels
AGE	18 Years
DATE	17 February 2003
OUTTURN	1128 Bottles
ABV	55.6%

The complex nose immediately evoked a generous helping of hazelnut spread. There were bars of nougat, flaked almonds, and sweet peanuts. "This is nuts!" exclaimed one humorous panellist. In time, it became more oily, chamois leather, over-ripe peaches, and nectarines as well as a leafy note, with eucalyptus and tea tree oil. To taste, we found salted caramel and white chocolate mice. Still oily, peppery nasturtium leaves, Sichuan pepper, citrus peels, and assorted gin botanicals.

With water, "that's a fat distillate!" we all agreed. Sweet and creamy, a burlap sack full of barley, rum fudge, boiled toffee sweets and apple and peach Tart Tatin. The amateur baker among us picked up notes of wholemeal bread drizzled with honey and buttery brioche. The taste was full of expressive esters; pink bubble gum, red apple skins, pear drops and raspberry sherbet. We walked through an old candy shop, then kicked through autumn leaves before polishing antique furniture in a country manor. Bottled for the Highland Whisky Festival 2022.

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

PRETTY WACKY!

CASK NO. 128.19

\$219.99



REGION	<i>Wales</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>2nd Fill Custom Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>25 September 2010</i>
OUTTURN	<i>186 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.8%</i>

Wow, amazing, exotic fruits from a different planet, had the Brecon Beacons National Park got a tropical climate for maturation – all these exclamations from the panel captured the aroma coming from this glass very well indeed. Silky, smooth, and sweet on the palate like a juicy piece of mango filled bubble gum – wacky but it works.

Water caused an explosion of those tropical fruity flavours as we now chewed skittles, those colourful crispy shell yet chewy in the middle candies – ‘we tasted the rainbow of fruit flavours.’ Following eight years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this whisky into a 2nd fill barrel with a #4 char, 24 months air seasoned oak and toasted heads.

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

SANDALWOOD OLIVE PRESS

CASK NO. 150.4

\$181.99



LIMIT ONE PER MEMBER

REGION	<i>Ireland</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Ex-Rye Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>7 Years</i>
DATE	<i>12 December 2013</i>
OUTTURN	<i>222 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.7%</i>

Fresh aromas of green apples, green mango and banana skin fused with allspice and hot cross buns before sandalwood joined toasted oak against a backdrop of biscuits and beer. The palate landed on the tongue with olive oil, syrup and chocolate digestive biscuits. Complex spices emerged with star anise, cinnamon and cloves while green notes combined gooseberries and quince jelly with perfumed tobacco leaves.

With water came butter on a charred oak stave topped with honey, peanuts and orange skin. Floral and oily notes of Gewürztraminer wine merged with juniper berries, cereals and marmalade before finishing with menthol and dry vermouth. After spending three years in a 1st fill ex-bourbon barrel this was transferred to a 1st fill ex-rye barrel.

LIGHTLY PEATED

OLD-SCHOOL WITH A TWIST

CASK NO. 4.312

\$189.99



REGION	Highland Island
INITIAL CASKS	Ex-Bourbon Hogsheads
FINAL CASK	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	13 Years
DATE	28 January 2008
OUTTURN	245 Bottles
ABV	61.2%

One of the oldest classic cocktails moved up a notch or two by flaming an orange peel and rubbing it around the rim of the glass to create a smoked orange Old Fashioned. On the palate we brought a Spanish touch to scallops using smoky chorizo and a picada made with hazelnuts, sherry and rustic bread.

Water added a fresh spearmint aroma next to sweet, smoky mild piquant peppers while to taste now silky smooth like a sweet and salty miso soup. At nine years of age, we combined selected hogsheads from the same distillery into a variety of different casks to develop further. This is one of those casks.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

MARMALADE MATURED COGNAC

CASK NO. 35.310

\$271.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Oloroso Butt</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Heavy Char #4+ Puncheon</i>
AGE	<i>20 Years</i>
DATE	<i>17 May 2001</i>
OUTTURN	<i>489 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>57.8%</i>

Complex aromas merged marmalade, tinned fruit salad and fruit loaf with black tea, aged cognac and beeswax on toasted oak. The palate was rich and complex with sherry notes mixing with cranberries, almonds, hazelnuts while hints of matchbox joined sticky caramel. Water accentuated the cognac aromas but now with figs, walnuts and Christmas pudding. Then layers of herbs and chocolate-covered ripe banana, melon and oak tannins with a hint of wood polish.

Tannins continued onto the palate to be joined by orange peel, cranberry sauce and cola before warming spices and espresso coffee combined with cask char, roast venison and matchsticks. After spending 17 years in an ex-oloroso butt this was transferred to a heavily charred 1st fill puncheon for the remainder of its maturation.

PEATED

'FOR PETE'S SAKE'

CASK NO. G15.14

\$139.99



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	2nd Fill Bourbon Barrel
AGE	8 Years
DATE	13 May 2013
OUTTURN	222 Bottles
ABV	62%

We found ourselves in a public laundry, or possibly even in a Scottish steamie with clean, wet woolly jumpers and woolly socks being dried over an open fire but then sparks flew and the chimney was on fire. An intensely sweet smokiness on the palate was joined by a burst of bright citrus and crisp pine flavours found in a hoppy IPA.

When we added water it was even more perplexing and fascinating as we found ourselves on an emotional high, magically transported back in time to the Woodstock musical festival of August 1969 as we listened to the band Sweetwater performing 'For Pete's Sake'.

PEATED

FORTUNE FAVOURS THE BRAVE!

CASK NO. 93.174

\$149.99



REGION	<i>Campbeltown</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DATE	<i>7 March 2013</i>
OUTTURN	<i>202 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>57.8%</i>

Imagine standing at the old harbour wall watching a puffer boat arrive and the wind carrying the aromas from the nearby petrol station, cheese and fishmonger. A lot smokier on the palate neat, like a steaming hot smoked haddock and cockle soup, peppered smoked mackerel filets and a traditional Greek cheese smoked for 12 days using grass, leaves and herbs.

After the addition of water, we fed a furnace in a foundry with heather, tarragon, lavender and rosemary before we were back at the fishmonger for smoked eel, smoked cockles in brine and to finish it all how about spicy, smoky, sweet and sour dill pickles.



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