



# Outturn

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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](mailto:scotchguy@kensingtonwinemarket.com)) in Calgary or Keg n Cork at 780-461-0191 in Edmonton (email: [ordering@kegcork.com](mailto:ordering@kegcork.com)) or email us at [curious@smws.ca](mailto: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**

## JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

### VELVET UNDERGROUND

CASK NO. 1.228

\$151.99



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	8 Years
DATE	6 April 2011
OUTTURN	223 Bottles
ABV	57.7%

A super sexy nose! Full of fruity bubble-gum, chalk, powdery fruit pastilles, pineapple cubes and many other tropical confections. Superb maturity for the age and dazzling fruit concentration. Reduction brings touches of juniper, sandalwood, scrunched newspaper and white jellybeans. Also, fruit salad juices, sweetened olive oil and passion flower.

The mouth is rich with lime leaf, freshly chopped herbs, cocktail bitter, touches of cough medicine, plain cornflakes and buttery, textural weight. Water brought out fruit teas, lemon balm, sweet fruit cordials, mixed herbs, brown toast and wintergreen. Superb!

## SPICY & SWEET

### IMPRESSIONIST OIL PAINTING

CASK NO. 64.50

**\$213.99**



**EXCLUSIVE TO CALGARY'S  
KENSINGTON WINE MARKET**

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>23 Years</i>
DATE	<i>14 February 1990</i>
OUTTURN	<i>178 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.4%</i>

The nose neat greeted us with fresh, floral and fruity aromas in the air. Warming sunshine, turquoise sky, fluffy white clouds, lots of birds tweeting in an orchard of flowering apple and peach trees with countless daffodils blossoming in the meadow. All very delicate with a vibrant mix of colours like an impressionist painting – you get the picture.

The taste, much more intense, best described as a mixture of various Indian spices together with the fragrant, sweet and warm flavour of ground cinnamon like the German ginger cake Lebkuchen. With water sweeter aromas appear, bourbon vanilla, pancakes with melted butter and maple syrup and the taste is fresh and sweet like a mango lassi with ginger nut biscuits.

## SPICY & DRY

### PINK WAFERS IN A LADIES' HAT SHOP

CASK NO. 48.41

**\$219.96**



**EXCLUSIVE TO KEG N CORK  
IN EDMONTON**

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>25 Years</i>
DATE	<i>30 March 1988</i>
OUTTURN	<i>239 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>48.3%</i>

On the nose, pencil shavings, linoleum and sawmills underlaid sweet pastry, Black Forest gateau and some more perfumed aromas (cigarette packets, geranium, purple Starburst candies, apples, make-up). To taste, light perfume, leather and pepper could not intimidate the sweetness of Terry's chocolate orange, Turkish Delight, toffee, sultana cake, and raspberry sauce on ice-cream.

Even better with water, the nose gave us Fry's Chocolate Cream candy bars, pink wafers and marshmallows in a ladies' hat shop; the palate ran light leather tingles over sweet delicacies (chocolate cake, candy floss, heather honey) along with spice, fruit and flowers.

## SPICY & SWEET

### CINNAMON FLAVOURED BLACK TEA LEAVES

CASK NO. 112.65

\$173.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Limousin Oak Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>15 Years</i>
DATE	<i>19 October 2004</i>
OUTTURN	<i>358 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.4%</i>

An intense dark sweetness emerged from the glass like chocolate fudge with hints of chipotle chili, cinnamon and red pepper, a freshly varnished ebony cabinet or a chest of finest black loose tea. The taste neat stayed dark – cloves, peppercorns, cinnamon and plum black tea possibly served with a Sachertorte (dense chocolate cake with a layer of apricot jam and coated in chocolate icing).

Diluted it turned into a deep, dark caramel sauce with raisins and on the palate a sweet coffee liqueur over Morello cherries. After twelve years in an ex-bourbon hogshead we transferred this whisky into a 1st fill Limousin oak hogshead.

## SPICY & SWEET

### SPICE CANNON

CASK NO. N/A

**\$129.99**



**REGION** *Blended Malt*

**CASK TYPE** *Oloroso and PX Sherry Casks*

**AGE** *10 Years*

**DATE** *17 June 2009*

**OUTTURN** *1496 Bottles*

**ABV** *50%*

*This latest small batch expression draws from a complex selection of casks. It includes whiskies from Speyside & the Highlands, matured in Oloroso & Pedro Ximenez sherry casks coopered from both Spanish & American oak. There is an element of bourbon cask maturation too, but this component was extra-matured in sherry casks prior to blending. The combination reveals a rich dram, with sweet, nutty & spicy qualities. Bottled at 50% ABV for optimal balance.*

Freshly baked apple pie arrived with a heavy dusting of cinnamon and nutmeg, while the dark intentions of demerara-coated walnuts and macadamias bathed in a spicy fruitcake mix. Then a burst of oils from singed orange skin introduced marmalade and black cherries as we ventured into a palate of rich spice. Marzipan and almonds now merged with dark chocolate as raisins and liquorice complemented hazelnut liqueur in hot cocoa.

A dash of water opened a big butt of sherry infused fruit that combined oxidized apples and pears with rhubarb crumble and sultanas. Chocolate truffles and praline gathered around ginger bread on the finish before leaving us with pink grapefruit and cloves.



## DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

### RAIDERS OF THE LOST FRIDGE

CASK NO. 36.176

**\$141.99**



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>2nd Fill Barrique</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>12 September 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>210 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>57.2%</i>

An intriguing aroma of cobalt, Madeira cake, roasted almonds and blue raspberry popsicles. Undulating notes of dark fruit chutneys, plum wine, five-spice, hoisin sauce, coffee and chocolate liqueur and then beef stock cut with jasmine tea. Water lightens the meaty tones and ups the warmth with horseradish, mixed spice, ginger, nutmeat and rice pudding thickness.

In the mouth we noted plum sauce, cloves, blood orange, game meats and Cointreau. Cherry cough medicine mixed with chocolate orange. With a little dilution we found pickled raisins, lemon cough drops, chili-infused dark chocolate, marsala custard and lychee syrup. Matured for ten years in a bourbon hogshead before being transferred to a 2nd fill charred red wine barrique.

## PEATED

### THE GARDEN SHED OF ENGLAND

CASK NO. 137.6

**\$209.99**



REGION	<i>England</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DATE	<i>10 March 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>230 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>66%</i>

A very lean, smoky and crisp nose at first. Things like hot Bakelite, bacon fries, smouldering garden bonfires, match boxes and old tool boxes. Hints of sheep wool, cured meats, salt and pepper chips and - unusually, Haggis pakora! The peat is sinewy, pure and powerful but arrives in a velvet glove.

Water unveils preserved lemons in brine, antiseptic and disinfected hospital corridors. The sharpness of citrus and salinity tango perfectly. The mouth is restrained at first - simmering almost. But then bursts open with a white hot blade of peat, buckets of smouldering leaves, ashes, soot and peppered mackerel. A big mix of tar, brine and burlap. With water there's now hints of iodine, brake fluid, WD40 and marmite spread generously on brown toast.



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