



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 any of our partner retail stores listed on the last page, or contact 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.

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

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

QUIET CONFIDENCE

CASK NO. 42.73

\$569.99



REGION	<i>Highland Island</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>25 Years</i>
DATE	<i>22 November 1995</i>
OUTTURN	<i>187 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>49.7%</i>

This dram exuded a quiet confidence which induced a sense of calmness, waited for the right moment with utmost patience and here we are. The aroma was that of sweet tobacco, honey and soft waxy pieces of papaya as a resinous woody leathery scent cast a spell on us. Really gentle, really complex on the palate with salted caramel, coconut oil and pineapple fudge.

We were completely captivated, like listening to a song where the lyrics are almost whispered suggesting that you might hear a secret - delicate yet incisive! A drop of water, if you wish, as we then imagined joining meditating Buddhist monks in their chanting.

SPICY & SWEET

THICK AS MINCE

CASK NO. 48.145

\$124.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DATE	<i>12 November 2012</i>
OUTTURN	<i>221 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.6%</i>

The extremely charming initial nose suggested to us peach fuzz, runny honey, stone fruits, waxed canvas and stem ginger in syrup. A hugely textural and 'thick' nose. Water brought notes of warm soda bread, butter, honey and spearmint. Also lanolin and turmeric adding balance. Still this impression of 'weight' and texture.

The neat palate opened with a big hit of pineapple bubble gum and fruit salad juices. Jackfruit, green pepper, sweet calvados, limoncello and the richness of a dark winter ale. With water it took on a herbal and lightly medicinal edge, with liquorice, dried herbs, menthol tobacco and sweet wines.

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

UNTO THINE OWN CASK BE TRUE

CASK NO. 73.143

\$162.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>25 March 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>215 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>62.7%</i>

The panel found a warm and inviting nose that expressed toasted coconut, cask char and a playful note of pocket-warmed soft mints. We also noted coconut milk, gorse flower and a stodgy lump of oatmeal flapjack. Water brought out freshly varnished oak, satsumas, wintergreen and herbal teas. A kiss of menthol tobacco beneath!

In the mouth we got mini milk ice lollies, dried pineapple slices and a touch of aniseed distillate. Beyond that some custard cream biscuits and a gentler note of chamomile tea. Water revealed cherry lip balm, sour apple liqueur, peppery watercress and things like sandalwood, muddled mint leaves and white pepper.

SPICY & DRY

CHILLI-BAKED CASHEWS

CASK NO. 28.86

\$154.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DATE	<i>21 May 2012</i>
OUTTURN	<i>237 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.6%</i>

We found ourselves outside during autumn picking flowers in a meadow and collecting conkers under a horse chestnut tree while chewing traditional lemon bonbons. A real sugary sweetness on the palate neat to start, interspersed with the dry spiciness of a rye bread to make a Danish open-faced sandwich called smorrebrod.

Once water was added there was the scent of lavender and coriander next to elderflower cordial and a sprig of mint, while to taste dried apricots and a sweet creamy oiliness of hazelnut butter emerged. In the finish still that spicy dryness of baked sweet chilli peanuts and cashews.

SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT

SMOKUS FRUTICOSUS

CASK NO. N/A

\$140.99



REGION	<i>Blended Malt</i>
CASK TYPES	<i>Bourbon, PX & Oloroso Barrels, Butts & Hogsheads</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DATE	<i>27 April 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>2445 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>50%</i>

Our latest blended malt is comprised of malt whiskies from the islands of Islay & Orkney. We made use of bourbon barrels and hogsheads, as well as Spanish and American oak sherry hogsheads, which were seasoned with Oloroso & Pedro Ximenez wines. The resulting whisky is sweet, rich & intensely smoky, as the medicinal character of Islay peat marries with the floral & earthy smoke of the Orkney isles.

We imagined being in the kitchen preparing a blackberry and smoked caramelized red onion chutney while at the same time, sizzling in a wok, a pepper steak stir fry. Sweet and spicy, peppery and smoky on the palate neat, in the wok there were now some garlic shrimps, Spanish chorizo slices all seasoned with the effervescence of a spicy root beer. After the addition of water, we opened a bag of Danish sweet and salty liquorice before biting into a classic Reuben sandwich with smoked pastrami. In the grand finale, the rich cream sherry notes danced the funky chicken with the dark fruity smoky flavours.

LIGHTLY PEATED

FANCY MEATING YOU HERE

CASK NO. 138.10

\$223.99



REGION	Taiwan
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Barrel #3 Char Level
AGE	6 Years
DATE	15 January 2016
OUTTURN	218 Bottles
ABV	54.9%

An unusual mixture of aromas greeted the Panel, we initially felt it resembled some kind of smoked bubble gum with tangy citrus acidity, natural tar, charred exotic fruit chunks, mouthwash and pink peppercorns. Then dried seaweed, wasabi and smoked dark beers. Reduction bought fruity pink pepper, rosewater, smoked teas, bergamot, dried exotic fruits in muesli, grilled shellfish, smoked rapeseed oil and toasted pumpkin seeds.

The palate was initially meaty with lots of smoked and charred red meats. Then cured game salami, beef jerky, burlap, cloves, five-spice and old school herbal cough medicines. Water gave us charred wood spices, hot brisket with chilli pepper, emulsion paint, clay, herbal ointment, menthol tobacco, curry powder and jasmine tea with liquorice.

HEAVILY PEATED

TARRED AND TREALED

CASK NO. 53.422

\$204.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill PX Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>14 Years</i>
DATE	<i>24 September 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>287 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.2%</i>

Barbecued smoked ham with a cinnamon apricot glaze and roast pork with crisp crackling and red currant gravy made this a feast for the nose. On the palate truly a beast – we felt we had been tarred and trealed, or even hauled over coals. Smoky, spicy yet with a sweetness which made it difficult to describe. Diluted we found herbal Cumberland sausages on the barbecue, as well as creamy garlic-baked oysters in the shell.

The taste was that of a sweet smoky beef consommé and sautéed Portobello mushrooms seasoned with thyme and garlic. Following 11 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a 1st fill American oak Pedro Ximenez hogshead.



There's nothing like sharing the discovery of a good whisky with a good friend, so with this in mind we have our **Recommend-a-Friend program**.

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