



Outturn

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LET THE ROARING GOOD TIMES BEGIN

Prepare your taste buds for ritzy glitz and glamour as a new cask collection takes to the stage in celebration of the most magical season.

IT'S PARTY TIME AT 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.

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

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

GET LOST...

CASK NO. 59.64

\$135.99



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	Refill Hogshead
AGE	10 Years
DATE	18 February 2010
OUTTURN	300 Bottles
ABV	57.5%

The nose had lemon thyme and elderflower, dried mango and char-grilled pineapple, hand-tooled leather, scorched wood, vanilla and champagne – a complexity to get lost in. The succulent palate boasted toasted coconut, Demerara and barbecued bananas, treacle scones and Lotus Speculoos, with hints of cinnamon and caramelized pork. The reduced nose found more fruit (ripe melon, raisins), honey, beeswax, cinnamon buns and egg custard tarts.

The palate became even juicier – syrupy peaches, blackcurrants, pears and vanilla; ‘iced tea and corn cobs on a beach house deck.’ The finish tantalized with dark chocolate, ground coffee and warm oak. After 8 years in ex-bourbon wood, we moved this into a heavy-toast, medium-char refill hoggie.

SINGLE CASK SPIRIT

FUNKY FUN FLAVOURS

CASK NO. R2.13

\$211.99



REGION	<i>Guyana</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>16 Years</i>
DATE	<i>15 June 2003</i>
OUTTURN	<i>197 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>50.8%</i>

We grilled salmon in a soy sauce and brown sugar marinade, flambéed pineapple chunks and oven-roasted coconut plantains. Funky flavours reigned supreme on this rum's palate neat; super spicy and super sweet like a Caribbean red pepper hot sauce with Scotch bonnet peppers (pour with care!) or pruno: jailhouse hooch originally made with fermenting fruit juice, plenty of sugar and mouldy bread.

We modified to make it with fruit cocktail, oranges, apples, yeast, sugar and raisins. With the addition of water we polished, waxed and painted a wooden boat on the beach and having finished we got a tropical muscle rub cream massaged into our backs – relaxing and rejuvenating!

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

MANGO TECHNOSPHERE

CASK NO. 93.156

\$165.99



LIMIT ONE BOTTLE PER MEMBER

REGION	Campbeltown
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	10 Years
DATE	25 August 2010
OUTTURN	219 Bottles
ABV	58.5%

We could not be anywhere except the funkiest back alleys of C-town! Notes of forcing Turkish Delight through a rubber sieve. Overripe exotic fruit peels stuffed into a neoprene overshoe and dusted with ground-up old cough mixtures. Reduction brings a whole grove of pineapples; it begins raining fruit salad juices and slices of banana flapjack come whizzing overhead.

The mouth opens with the bang of a lobbed pina colada grenade. Fistfuls of fruity pink peppercorns, cherry menthol cough syrup, chili flakes and first aid kit sloshed full of olive oil and coconut water. With dilution we got a robust smack in the chops of butter icing, clotted cream, kirsch-soaked forest gateau and a whole punnet of foam banana candies. **Bottled for the 2021 Campbeltown Malt Festival.**

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

DRAGON'S BLOOD FRAGRANCE OIL

CASK NO. 30.113

\$144.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Oloroso Butt</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>2nd Fill PX Butt</i>
AGE	<i>7 Years</i>
DATE	<i>3 June 2013</i>
OUTTURN	<i>596 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>67.8%</i>

We all agreed in an instant - autumn leaves and bonfire followed by toffee apples and s'mores – such an evocative scent. The palate moved seamlessly on to pumpkin soup with a twist, some chilies to give it a zing as well as spiced rum-soaked grilled pineapple.

Water opened another chapter of this wonderfully complex dram(a) - fresh plums, dried cranberries, honey, burlap sacks and to top it all, dragon's blood fragrance oil. To taste, truly scrumptious, a chocolate yule log sprinkled in 'snowy' coconut. After 5 years in an ex-Oloroso butt, we transferred this whisky into a 2nd fill Pedro Ximenez butt.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

SHAKE YOUR BUTT

CASK NO. 63.73
\$159.99



LIMIT ONE BOTTLE PER MEMBER

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Oloroso Butt</i>
AGE	<i>12 Years</i>
DATE	<i>7 October 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>560 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>62.3%</i>

Intense and captivating aromas led us into a melody of chili chocolate, orange marmalade and butterscotch as brazil nuts and hazelnuts crumbled on top of carrot cake. On the palate we found cloves, ginger and coffee joyfully jiggling with roasted figs and brandy butter as blackcurrants merged with dark chocolate in the corner.

With water a celebration of party sparklers fizzed with cinnamon before orange sponge cake and banana loaf shook their thing with vanilla ice cream and a glass of port. Then stewed apples arrived in a salted caramel jumpsuit to dance alongside roasted bananas, cocoa nibs and pear tarts dressed with star anise and orange peel. **Bottled for the 2021 Speyside Whisky Festival.**

LIGHTLY PEATED

AN ORCADIAN PEATZERIA

CASK NO. 4.271

\$337.99



LIMIT ONE BOTTLE PER MEMBER

REGION	<i>Island</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogsheads</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>20 Years</i>
DATE	<i>19 September 2000</i>
OUTTURN	<i>322 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>55.1%</i>

We imagined, on a cool autumn evening, walking in Hobbister Nature Reserve with that magical mixture of sea cliffs, salt marshes and moorland. Lovely, perfumed smoke from an almost unadulterated clean spirit, surprising given its age, nevertheless stunning! Add a little water and we found ourselves in a 'peatzeria' with the aroma of dough in a wood fired oven.

The two pizzas we ordered were, one with dry cured smoked salmon pieces, peated mussels and Buffalo mozzarella; the other gorgonzola, Parma ham, honey and seaweed. In 2017 we combined selected hogsheads before returning the single malt to a variety of different casks to develop further. This is one of those casks.

PEATED

SMOKEY MACSMOKEFACE

CASK NO. 108.28

\$143.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>18 September 2009</i>
OUTTURN	<i>193 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>64.4%</i>

A typically surreal nose for this crazy make. Peat smoked honey, an old leather armchair, coal scuttles, smoked elderflower cordial and an incrementally increasing medicinal quality. Pencil shavings in a first aid kit! With water we found it shifted more definitively westwards with more pure medical qualities, seashore freshness, clothes worn by a bonfire the night before and raw tar.

The mouth was velvety and smoky at first. Dark chocolate with chili, vanilla panna cotta and campfire embers. Hugely smoky but decadently creamy at the same time. With reduction it became more ashy with some caramel popcorn, wild thyme, sage pork crackling and bursting plumes of wood and peat smoke.

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\$20 - The perfect glass for your SMWS whisky

\$38 - An elegant and weighty water jug when you want to add a few drops to your dram



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