



Outturn

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SHELTER FROM THE STORM

Discover the art of
“Coorie in” this winter
by cozying up with our
heart-warming selection
of new single casks. The
perfect remedy for
the season.



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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) 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

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

UNDERGROUND BAKERY

CASK NO. 115.26

\$147.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>2 September 2009</i>
OUTTURN	<i>217 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.8%</i>

A rather firm and full-bodied nose, one that suggested waxes, polished copper, nougat, chalky limestone and rice cereals. Also some earthy aspects such as undergrowth and autumn leaves. With water we got marshmallow, vanilla pods, cookie dough, ripe mango and some heady floral aromas such as honeysuckle.

The palate was initially sweet and nutty, with coconut macaroons, Toblerone, overripe orchard fruits and golden syrup. Water brought out Bakewell tart, pistachio ice cream, powdered custard and warm, freshly glazed pastries.

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

A REAL SWEETIE

CASK NO. 5-77

\$226.99



REGION	Lowland
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	18 Years
DATE	16 January 2003
OUTTURN	187 Bottles
ABV	56.5%

A sweet and floral aroma greeted the Panel; rose water cologne, steaming hot hibiscus tea and apricot jam biscuits which were followed by deliciously sweet crispy and chewy coconut macaroons on the palate. We also tasted lemon syrup sponge cake, milk ice lollies and an array of glazed fruits such as strawberries, raspberries, orange slices, grapes and kiwi.

Be careful when adding water. We imagined pouring ourselves a mug of peppermint and jasmine tea before we dunked in a crispy coconut cookie. To finish it all off we had the chocolate bar Baumstamm (German for tree trunk or log), combining a milk chocolate shell with nougat and rich creamy marzipan.

YOUNG & SPRITELY

THE YOUTH OF TODAY

CASK NO. 48.146

\$125.99



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>220 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.4%</i>

Upon first nosing, the panel noted hummus, bakelite, fennel and dried herbs. Then bigger notes of anthracite embers, brittle waxes, white pepper and canvas. We also found inky newspaper, white mushrooms and green apple. A big and rather old-school style whisky. Reduction brought cut grass, undergrowth, sun lotion, marzipan and sheep wool oils. Some vapour rubs and tiger balm as well.

The neat palate opened with ointments, mineral oils, sunflower seeds and cinnamon pastries. Thick, big, weighty and textural fun! Water brought out lanolin, cough drops, pine needles and warming peppery tones.

SPICY & SWEET

EFFORTLESSLY EXOTIC

CASK NO. 112.102

\$259.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Ex-Sauternes Barrique</i>
AGE	<i>21 Years</i>
DATE	<i>25 July 2000</i>
OUTTURN	<i>237 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>54.4%</i>

We found the initial nose offered a wonderful balance of the savoury and the fruity with an impression of honey on freshly baked brown bread, before exotic fruit salad juices and sweetened olive oil. Some water unveiled mineral oils, canvas, exotic hardwood resins and mint leaf. The neat palate was pure tropical juice! Lots of mango puree, exotic citrus fruits, white rum esters and a strong impression of old style Irish whiskey - which we so often find with this make.

Reduction offered us dried mango, coconut shavings, pineapple juice and juicy fruit chewing gum with a drizzle of youthful dessert wines. Totally brilliant! Previously in a bourbon hogshead for 17 years before transfer to a 1st fill ex-Sauternes barrique.

PEATED

'I DREAM OF GENIE...'

CASK NO. 108.47

\$139.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DATE	<i>30 September 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>205 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>62.1%</i>

A genie emerged from the bottle – wafting ethereal, fragrant, heathery smoke everywhere, but with a genie-al smile that showed his sweet, gentle nature – whipped cream and honey, lemon, lime, apple and tonka beans. The palate had a similar duality – sweet melon and pineapple, golden caster sugar, shortbread and cinnamon buns against pencil shavings and medicinal, shamanic smoke.

The reduced nose uncovered ash, antiseptic and herbs tossed in the kiln, with some white wine, tangerine and ice tea acidity. The lip-smacking palate now found wine gums, rhubarb rock, lemongrass, liquorice and eucalyptus – a dram of unusual character, with a charming and disarming side.

PEATED

OYSTER KARATE

CASK NO. 53.401

\$169.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DATE	<i>27 April 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>232 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>57.4%</i>

On first impressions we felt this was a textbook, perfectly chiselled, sharp, citrus-accented example of this make. Pure peat smoke, sea salt crystals and raw lemon juice on an oyster. With water we found dried herbs such as sage, marjoram and oregano, then smoked sea salt, kelp and black olive bread.

The palate was oilier and heavier than anticipated on the nose. Big fat notes of farmyard, medical embrocations, pickling brine, malt vinegar and smoked olive oil. With reduction came smoked limoncello, citronella waxes, petrol, bacon fat and spicy umami broths. We also found boiler fumes, TCP and natural tar extracts. Superb!

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

SMOKING BANANAS IN A FRANKINCENSE DEN

CASK NO. 68.78

\$165.99



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st Fill Custom Barrique
AGE	13 Years
DATE	18 August 2008
OUTTURN	254 Bottles
ABV	60.8%

After nine years in ex-bourbon wood we put this into a customised 1st fill barrique (70/30 split American/European oak with toasted heads). The resulting nose wowed us with kirsch, dried apricots and dates, prune and Armagnac tart, oloroso, marzipan and dark chocolate. The intensely exotic palate gave retro-nasal wafts of smoking bananas in a Frankincense den, cinder toffee, sirop de Liège and Black Forest gâteau.

The reduced nose found pomegranate molasses and PX sherry, gingerbread, eucalyptus and mulling spices, Serrano ham on rye bread, vanilla and cocoa powder. The palate evoked further smoky fruitiness, like brandy butter on Christmas pudding, fig rolls and plum jam; the finish teased us with ginger, tannic oak and camphor.

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