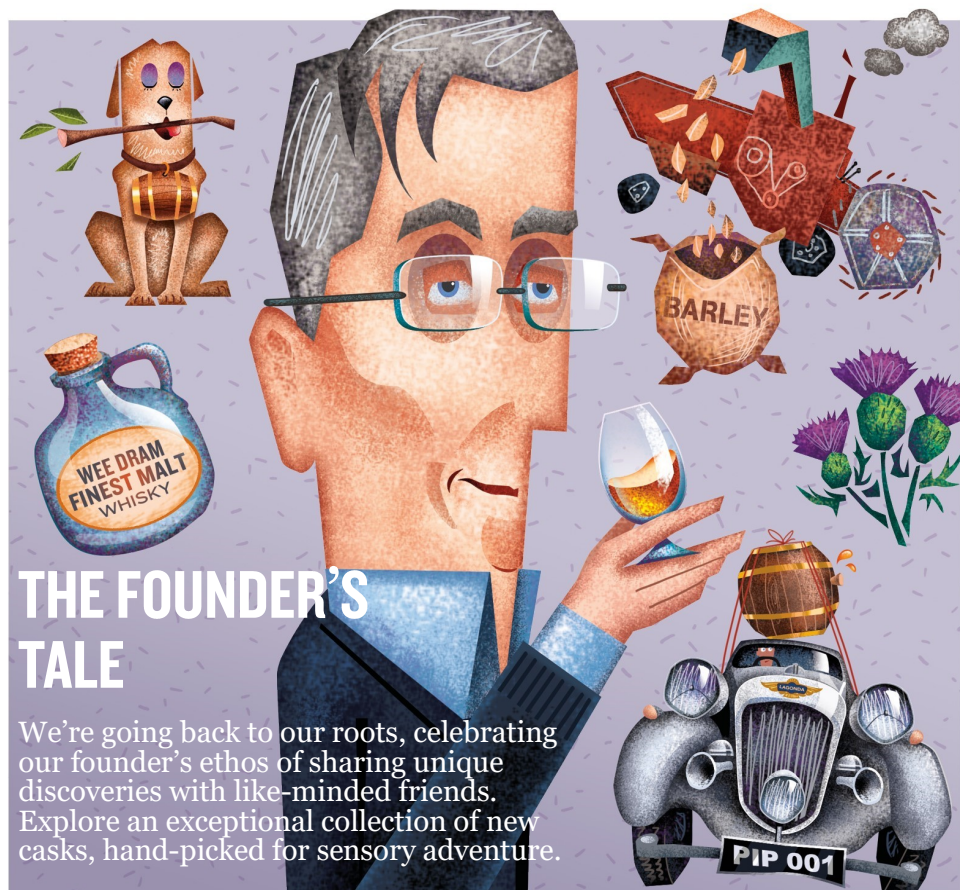




Outturn

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THE FOUNDER'S TALE

We're going back to our roots, celebrating our founder's ethos of sharing unique discoveries with like-minded friends. Explore an exceptional collection of new casks, hand-picked for sensory adventure.



HOW TO USE OUTTURN

out-turn n. **1** The number of Society bottles produced from a single 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 tasting notes give you an insight into the characteristics of each whisky, and are the best place to start.

You may find yourself drawn to a “Cowboy’s delight” or have a preference for “Big and tingly.” Maybe your instincts lead you to a dram that’s “Like a hug from your Mom” or perhaps to “BBQ smoke by a rolling sea.”

These curious descriptors are your best clue to what you’ll find within each bottle, and are at the heart of The Society’s *raison d’être*.

With The Society’s monthly selection of single cask malts 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 in Calgary at 403-283-8000 (email: scotchguy@kensingtonwinemarket.com) or Keg n Cork in Edmonton at 780-461-0191 (email: dave@kegncork.com) or email us at curious@smws.ca for advice of an expert nature.

PLEASE ENJOY OUR PRODUCTS RESPONSIBLY

ARE YOU 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 single cask bottlings, many of which are not typical of their region.

YOUNG & SPRITELY

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

SWEET & SPICY

SPICY & DRY

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

OLD & DIGNIFIED

LIGHT & DELICATE

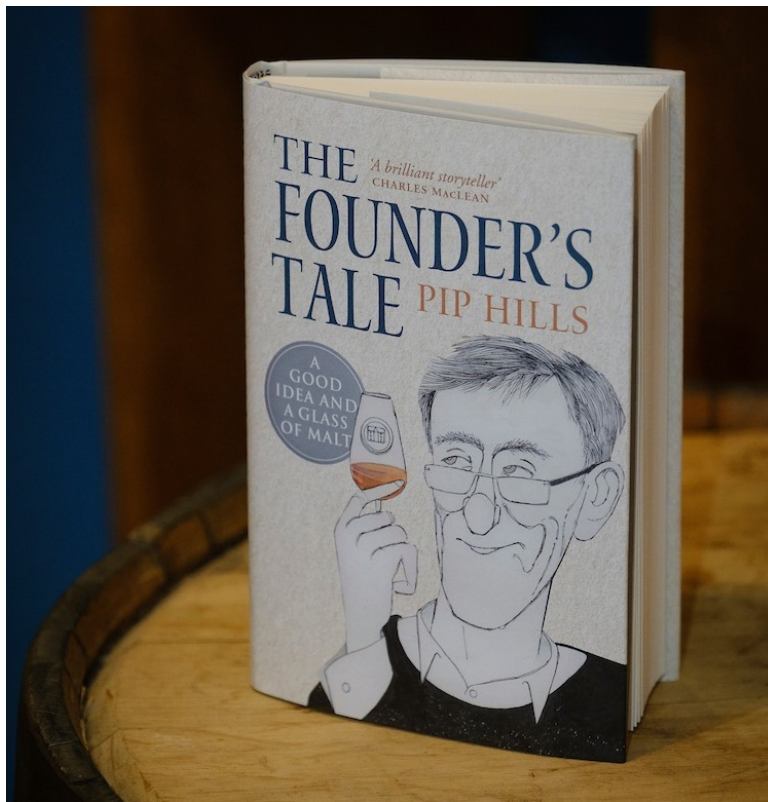
JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

OILY & COASTAL

LIGHTLY PEATED

PEATED

HEAVILY PEATED



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Finally, the man who founded The Scotch Malt Whisky Society has written a book about its origins.

Essential reading not only for those who have been long-term members of the Society, but for anyone who wants to understand how the club was founded and the ethos that fuelled its growth – an ethos that is still fundamental to the Society in our messaging that our whiskies are always “better when shared” and that as a club, our members and our whiskies are ALL TOGETHER UNIQUE.

Available to buy from www.smws.ca in November.

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

FRESH AND FLIRTATIOUS

CASK NO. 115.11

\$141.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DATE	<i>2 September 2009</i>
OUTTURN	<i>227 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.3%</i>

The nose is essentially fresh and flirtatious – lemon sherbet and lemon puff biscuits, grass and vanilla; deeper notes of fruit loaf and Eccles cakes lurk behind, but are eventually superseded by orange blossom, new oak and pine forests. The palate is a sweet, fruity, citrus zingy thing – lemon and lime sorbet, passion fruit, orange jelly, fruit Mentos and blackcurrant lozenges; though the aftertaste picks up a bit of leather, tobacco, cumin and coriander heat.

The reduced nose – vanilla sarsaparilla, apple, pear and ripe blackcurrant. The palate – still fruity (apple pie, blackcurrant jam, gooseberry), but with cheeky pickled ginger and wasabi spiciness later.

SWEET & SPICY

TOFFEE AND TURF

CASK NO. 5.66

\$199.99



REGION	<i>Lowland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>15 Years</i>
DATE	<i>16 January 2003</i>
OUTTURN	<i>208 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>55%</i>

Following the trails of aroma led us along paths of lush grass encapsulating the freshness of green vegetation that occasionally took a detour to tomato plants in a greenhouse. A sweet layer of toffee and fudge floated above a creamy undercurrent of melted butter whilst a waft of pineapple squash introduced soft fruit.

The addition of water kicked into the air a puff of dry dust, perhaps from sun-baked flowerbeds as it mingled with the floral bouquet of sweetly scented flowers. The palate delivered an invigorating dash of chili spice that interchanged with peppermint to create a tension between hot and cold. Green bell pepper revisited a crisp vibrancy that was balanced by vanilla custard before finishing with paprika sprinkled over new wood.

SWEET & SPICY

THYME FOR A BANANA

CASK NO. 113.19

\$134.99



First release from distillery
no. 113 for SMWS Canada

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>7 Years</i>
DATE	<i>1 November 2010</i>
OUTTURN	<i>254 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>62.2%</i>

Attractive aromas of dried flowers and lavender joined the delicate yet woody spice of sandalwood that had been polished with linseed oil. Complex notes of mixed herbs initially suggested herbs de Provence but later condensed into rosemary and thyme on roasted parsnips.

Soft fruit jelly sweets mixed with apple and pear tarts on a palate that embraced the sweet spice of chili jam and camphor. Then came the distinctive character of ripe bananas baked with milk chocolate and a sprinkling of cocoa powder. The finish returned to herbal domains, embracing fennel seeds before cooling tones delivered a pinch of peppermint.

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

A BRIDE IN A WAXED JACKET

CASK NO. 46.62

\$293.99



REGION *Speyside*

CASK TYPE *Refill Hogshead*

AGE *25 Years*

DATE *16 November 1992*

OUTTURN *268 Bottles*

ABV *53.8%*

A typical old Speyside nose – you could be at a wedding – fruit cake (with icing and marzipan), floral bouquets, custard slice, sugared almonds, melon, beeswax and banana split. The palate combines bread and butter pudding and Swiss roll with sherbet lemons, citric peel and refreshers, waxed paper and some wood spices.

The citrus builds on the reduced nose – orange zest, orange blossom, pear baked with honey and clove – and it continues the waxy note (waxed jackets, sand candles). The palate is now beautifully integrated – chewy toffee and nougat, honey, melon and maraschino cherry, with teasing sherbet dip-dabs and tickling ginger spice.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

**SUCCULENT,
SCINTILLATING
AND SUBSTANTIAL**

CASK NO. 30.106

\$271.99



Bottled for the 2019 Speyside Whisky Festival

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Butt</i>
AGE	<i>21 Years</i>
DATE	<i>17 April 1997</i>
OUTTURN	<i>681 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>57.2%</i>

On the nose neat, bags of prunes, figs and raisins, like a rich dark fruit cake with finely grated lemon and orange zest, plenty of brandy and/or dark rum. The taste, undiluted, was big, substantial and chewy - deeply caramelized burnt sugar toffee with chocolate and toasted walnuts.

When we added water the aroma of sweet succulent sultanas alternated with a slightly burnt spicy gingery note, whilst on the palate a fascinating/scintillating array of flavours like cinnamon, vanilla and eucalyptus, and in the never-ending finish chocolate covered macadamia nuts. After 19 years in an ex-Oloroso butt we transferred this whisky into a 2nd fill PX butt.

LIGHTLY PEATED

FULL STEAM AHEAD!

CASK NO. 66.131

\$172.99



REGION *Highland*

CASK TYPE *Refill Hogshead*

AGE *12 Years*

DATE *6 March 2006*

OUTTURN *247 Bottles*

ABV *57.5%*

We were inside a classic steam locomotive cab with the train driver and the fireman crossing the Glenfinnan viaduct on our way to Hogwarts, no, in fact to Mallaig. Cold, coal dust and ash was all around us but we were snug in a soft cashmere blanket.

When taking a sip neat it felt like the stoker feeding coal into the firebox of the boiler. After we replenished water, we passed 'the silver sands of Morar' at full steam and arrived at Mallaig where we had smoked mussels as well as 'burnt' carrots and parsnips, enjoying the view to the islands of Eigg, Rum and Skye.

PEATED

SPOT ON!

CASK NO. 53.272

\$204.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>18 July 2006</i>
OUTTURN	<i>313 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>57.8%</i>

As soon as we poured the sample a salty, sweet, smoky maritime aroma immediately filled the room - like smoked herring in a sour cream sauce made with apple vinegar, chives and mustard. Smoke and sweetness perfectly balanced on the palate like a 'smoky spotted dick' (dessert made with suet and dried fruits) served with custard – a smoky version doesn't really exist, but it does now!

With a drop of water the scent from a nearby peat fire reached us on the quayside where we were mending lobster pots. During a well-earned break we sucked oysters with a sweet soy and ginger dressing.



WHERE TO BUY

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