

# Outturn

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**THE SCOTCH MALT  
WHISKY SOCIETY**

**AGED FOR**  **10 YEARS**

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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 Reg n Cork at 780-461-0191 in Edmonton (email: [ordering@kegnocork.com](mailto:ordering@kegnocork.com)) or email us at [curious@smws.ca](mailto: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

### BACK SEAT BREWER\*

CASK NO. 39.207

**\$141.99**



**GIVING SPIRIT BOTTLE - SEE PAGE 5**

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>2nd Fill IPA Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DATE	<i>10 February 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>179 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>61%</i>

The nose opened with ginger cake, cinnamon sticks in a herbal infusion, blood orange and Jelly Tots. Some pineapple syrup, white stone fruits, pomegranate sorbet and trampled white flowers. Water brought out some gentle notes of coffee, freshly cut daffodils, lemon peelings and white balsamic. The palate showed a slight fizziness, liquorice stick dipped in sherbet powder, lots of tinned fruit salad syrups, Juicy Fruit chewing gum and passionfruit sours.

With water it became more sweetly cereal and full of pollens, glazed vanilla pastries, custard doughnuts and lemon barley water. Matured for 8 years in a bourbon barrel before being transferred to a 2nd fill ex-Tempest Brewing 'Old Fashioned IPA' barrel.

***\*100% of SMWS Canada's profits from the sale of this bottle will go to charity; see next page for all the details***

## THE *GIVING SPIRIT* PROGRAM - OCTOBER

Despite challenging times last year, we believe in giving back and paying things forward, so in January we introduced our “Giving Spirit” program: each quarter, SMWS Canada will donate to charity 100% of its profit from the sales of a designated bottle.

The Giving Spirit bottle from our July Outturn was 16.43 “Oddly Satisfying” and we’ve donated over \$1300.00 to the national Indigenous charity *Indspire*, so THANK YOU!

**This quarter, we’ve chosen 39.207 “Back Seat Brewer” as the Giving Spirit bottle, with 100% of our profits going to the Veterans Transition Network - “the only Canadian charity delivering mental health services specifically for veterans from coast to coast.” Find out more at [vtncanada.org](http://vtncanada.org).**

**Right now they have an urgent mission to help Afghan interpreters, so unlike with previous bottlings when we’ve waited until the end of the quarter to make our donation, this time we have donated the full amount now—\$1342.80—on the assumption that all the bottles will sell, and in the spirit of helping a time-sensitive cause.**

**We hope you’ll continue to support the program by buying a great bottle of whisky and helping a worthy cause at the same time.**

**NOW THAT’S SOMETHING TO RAISE A GLASS TO!**

## SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

### A WINTER GETAWAY\*

CASK NO. 7.261

**\$214.99**



***Bottled exclusively  
for SMWS Canada's  
10th anniversary***

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	17 Years
DATE	17 November 2003
OUTTURN	86 Bottles
ABV	52.9%

The nose neat had plenty of goodness, a lovely fruitiness of lychees, kiwi and melon as well as caramelized bananas, delicate hints of tapenade, orange peel and charred pineapple which found themselves alongside cocoa and coconut macaroons. Wonderfully mellow and mouth-watering just like biting into juicy mangoes which then was followed by delicate orange oil and white chocolate and orange marmalade macaroons.

Water added boozy ice cream sundae, banana split and clotted cream while on the palate a gentle, soft and fragrant fruit like raspberry tartlets and peach mango coconut cheesecake. We immediately started planning our winter getaway. \*A note about the label: our Twitter avatar, unchanged for 10 years, is a wee moose in a kilt being poured a whisky. After naming this bottle "A Winter Getaway" we decided to depict him from behind, in sunglasses as he lazed on the beach overlooking the ocean - it seems pretty Canadian to us!

## OILY & COASTAL

### THE DARK GOES OUT

CASK NO. 26.164

\$152.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>7 Years</i>
DATE	<i>16 October 2013</i>
OUTTURN	<i>226 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>63%</i>

A more tempestuous example of this legendary distillate. We found the nose initially prickling with antiseptic, bubble gum, wind-lashed linens and canvas. Citronella wax, tutti fruit, dried seaweed in ramen broth and coal tar soap. Hefty but soothing and superbly 'zen'. With water we got heather flowers, pollen, sooty coal hearths, wood embers and scrunched newspapers. Some bone dry Riesling and wet beach pebbles.

The palate was initially bright and awakening with tar acidity, zippy minerals, lemon-scented candles and cough medicines. A squeeze of herbal toothpaste and touches of beeswax. Water made it more herbal and wonderfully mouthcoating. Rich, malty fatness, mineral oils, custard made with sweet wines and a saline kiss of ozone in the aftertaste.

## JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

### WAXING LYRICAL

CASK NO. 112.78

\$139.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DATE	<i>20 August 2010</i>
OUTTURN	<i>240 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.2%</i>

A real beauty - waxed lemons, white chocolate, fudge sundae, spearmint, ripe red apples, honey, hints of virgin olive oil, salty sea spray and a wisp of smoke. Viscous, oily and fresh on the palate with toasted wood, polished oak, oranges and kiwis and in the finish, one of the classic cocktails, the epitome of a summer drink - a Daiquiri.

After the addition of water - freshly sliced lemons, sunflower oil, yoghurt-coated raisins and plenty of wax; beeswax, paraffin wax, palm wax and coconut wax. The taste was like a stress relieving, deep inhalation of fresh mountain air filled with lavender, heather and Scots pine.



## SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

### REFINED RANCIO

CASK NO. 125.78

**\$399.99**



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill PX Barrique</i>
AGE	<i>15 Years</i>
DATE	<i>8 February 2005</i>
OUTTURN	<i>187 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.3%</i>

This was almost sensory overkill, but we managed! Overripe pears and plums, musky and woody, tobacco, floral and nutty – we imagined being in a perfume laboratory in Grasse. The taste neat was silky and rich, gentle and refined as well as oaky and creamy, like a chilled glass of white Bordeaux wine, lemon, peach, apricot and herbaceous notes of bergamot. Diluted we found manuka honey, orange blossom, figs and dates next to marzipan.

On the palate, we detected that sweet rancio flavour found in sweet wine with the delicate earthiness of mushrooms and truffles. After 13 years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this whisky into a 1st fill barrique from a privately owned small bodega, now in its 9th generation, that focuses exclusively on the Pedro Ximenez grape.

## DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

### SWEET, SWEET MEMORIES

CASK NO. 68.53

\$169.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Oloroso Butt</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill PX Butt</i>
AGE	<i>13 Years</i>
DATE	<i>30 January 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>599 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.1%</i>

Wonderful, can you smell the coffee – those freshly ground beans now in your mug. It triggered all sorts of good feelings and memories like making Christmas cookies with your mum and being allowed to lick the bowl. On the palate juicy sultanas, salty flavours of Macadamia nuts, warm walnut and raisin bread, cinnamon custard and buttery shortbread pastry dough.

Water brought sumptuous rosewater in sherry and hot buttered crumpets while to taste chocolate pots with dried orange peel and five-spice – chocolate and spice what a great partnership! After 11 years in a refill Oloroso butt, we transferred this whisky into a 1st fill Pedro Ximenez sherry butt.

## PEATED

### SMOKY, SALTY AND MALTY

CASK NO. 149.1

**\$169.99**



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Spanish Oak Oloroso Butt</i>
AGE	<i>5 Years</i>
DATE	<i>14 September 2015</i>
OUTTURN	<i>636 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>61.5%</i>

Smoky, salty and malty: a beech-smoked beer with fresh lime zest, orange peel, coriander seed and a pinch of sea salt. On the palate, big on the peat smoke but nicely balanced by mixed spices, blackberries, sourdough bread and sweet potato gnocchi with samphire.

With a drop of water, we could literally smell the sea with a trawler and a Clyde Puffer boat in the distance as well as the ferry coming from Tobermory to the slipway at Kilchoan. An amazing texture - creamy salted caramel cheesecake, homemade strawberry fruit rollups and in the long finish an exciting exotic smoky incense combined with sandalwood and coconut.

## A “THANKS” FROM SMWS CANADA!

TIME FLIES when you’re having fun, they say. It’s hard to believe 10 years have flown by since we brought the Scotch Malt Whisky Society to Canada.

It’s been quite a journey and we can’t wait to see what the future holds. BUT, we couldn’t do what we do without our members and partner retailers.

So, to those of you who have supported and encouraged us over the years, whether you’ve been with us the whole time, part of the time, or are brand new to the club, we want to say **THANK YOU!** There’d be no SMWS Canada without you.

We raise a glass in your honour and look forward to raising many more with you—hopefully in person sooner than later!

Yours in good spirits,

Rob & Kelly Carpenter, Founders, SMWS Canada





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