



# Outturn

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This month we  
entertain our  
members with a  
feast of flavour to  
celebrate the Society.

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## 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](mailto:scotchguy@kensingtonwinemarket.com)) or Keg n Cork in Edmonton at 780-461-0191 (email: [dave@kegncork.com](mailto:dave@kegncork.com)) or email us at [curious@smws.ca](mailto:curious@smws.ca) for advice of an expert nature.

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## **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**

**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

### CANDY FLOSS AND CAROUSELS

CASK NO. 26.136

**\$151.99**



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	2nd Fill Barrel
AGE	8 Years
DATE	19 September 2011
OUTTURN	254 Bottles
ABV	59.6%

Aromas arrived with a peppery tingle, a combination of chili chocolate and peppercorns that drifted towards carnations but with overtones of beeswax polish and dripping candles. On the tongue it was a step back in time with all the fun of the fair, spinning on wooden rides with the sweet character of candy floss and toffee apples heavy in the air. Honey and vanilla merged into digestive biscuits and oily notes suggested creamy ghee.

Water released more confectioned characters of lemon drops and barley sugars that had stuck to the polished wooden decking of a Waltzer fairground ride. Waxed lemons came through beside ripe pineapple and melon, whilst on the palate more pronounced oaky notes took hold.

## YOUNG & SPRITELY

### BODY BUILDERS IN BALL GOWNS

CASK NO. 95.36

**\$152.99**



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DATE	<i>15 September 2010</i>
OUTTURN	<i>215 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>66.1%</i>

A delicately scented veil of ladies perfume shrouded bold aromas that smacked the senses with cinnamon and sanded oak. Enjoying bags of character we soon found ourselves bench-pressing tea cakes and dead-lifting marshmallows on a floor of dusty tobacco and biscuit crumbs. Then the palate muscled its way in with a full punchbag of fresh ginger, sweet spices and aniseed.

After a refresh and a dash of water we found ourselves back again in powerful perfumes but this time alongside crushed nettles in a herb garden and assorted biscuits laced with vanilla. Sweet honey began to emerge with a spice that built from nutmeg and ginger to cinnamon and camphor, whilst on the finish we found big and heavy hitting wood.

## SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

### SOOOOTERNES!

CASK NO. 48.110

**\$156.99**



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Sauternes Barrique</i>
AGE	<i>15 Years</i>
DATE	<i>8 March 2004</i>
OUTTURN	<i>185 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.6%</i>

Sweetness strikes first: milk chocolate, honey cake, icing sugar, assorted sweet dessert wines, mushroom powder, old wine cellars, aged Tokaji, fragrant waxes, herbal toothpaste, sheep wool, praline, café latte and Brazil nut. A little reduction brings out mulling spices, mincemeat, sultanas stewed in old Cognac, fruit loaf, pecan pie, pomegranate molasses, and posh custard made with old Marsala wine.

The neat palate is full of sweetened Earl Grey tea, molten fudge, lavender icing, pine resin, tea tree oil, fruit extracts, herbal infused oils, old Madeira, sponge cake and glazed fruits. With water there's mint fudge, maraschino cherry juices, bitter orange peel, Manhattan cocktail, olive oil cake, blackcurrant wine gums, furniture polish, sweet waxes and elderflower cordial. Matured in a bourbon hogshead for 13 years before transfer to a first fill ex-Sauternes barrique.

## OILY & COASTAL

### 3AM DONER KEBABS

CASK NO. 93.124

\$208.99



REGION *Campbeltown*

CASK TYPE *Refill Hogshead*

AGE *16 Years*

DATE *7 February 2003*

OUTTURN *267 Bottles*

ABV *53.6%*

A furtive nose of ferrets, cow sheds, fishing harbours, old medicine, sheep fanks, engine bits, eviscerated tractors, lemon infused oil, beach stones, hospital corridors, playing sweaty squash with a farmer using a preserved lemon. Moss, sea shells, unsweetened herbal liqueurs and hot smoked mussels. Add water to this beautiful madness and you get antiseptic cream, smoked woollen undergarments, putty, mercurochrome, pineapple jam, smoky grist cakes, wildflowers, coastal paddling and over-steeped Lapsang Souchong tea.

Quick! To the palate...! Muesli bonfires, barbecued peach stones, ham hock wrapped in burlap, algae smoothies, game meats, engine oils, mineral salts on fire, hot sand mixed with lemon balm and vapour rubs. Cask strength cough syrup! Swimming alone in a weird pond. Add some of that pond water and you get smoked mineral oils, pine resin, mint extract, lamb stock, posh 3am doner kebabs, petrichor, tar liqueur, herbal toothpaste and essence of gravel. A marvel out of time upon which to found a new religion...



## DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

### PIRATE SHIP IN A STORM

CASK NO. 44.116

**\$125.99**



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Oloroso Butt</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DATE	<i>20 April 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>567 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>68.2%</i>

Barrels of rich fruits and sweet spice rolled from the glass like a shipment of rum and raisin ice cream on a storm-torn pirate ship. Nutmeg and cloves united with Brazil nuts, dates and prune juice to create a succulent storm that rained down a torrent of mulled wine and onion gravy. Then fudge, butterscotch and banana bread delivered rich and sweet flavours that cascaded into coffee, orange and truffle oil.

With water, pine forests appeared with almonds and walnuts that sweetened into marzipan. Burnt notes of soft brown sugar and singed sultanas married with calvados before ginger and blackcurrants appeared. Finally, maple syrup balanced a finish that was dominated by pumpkin seeds, bitter chocolate and dry tree bark.



## LIGHTLY PEATED

### A PERFECT FINISH TO A PERFECT DAY

CASK NO. 66.163

**\$129.99**



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DATE	<i>27 October 2010</i>
OUTTURN	<i>164 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.3%</i>

A sweet, seductive, smoky aroma mesmerised us like a barbeque in a pine tree forest near a sandy bay where every so often, a salty sea breeze rustled through the trees. The taste neat had a touch of spice, an earthy floral note and plenty of fried bacon in salted butter with sweet maple syrup in the finish.

With water; dim the light, play soft music and serve scallops in an Asian-style dressing and do not forget the Chablis. After that take a bottle of this whisky and settle in for the night; a perfect finish to a perfect day.

## PEATED

### GAUZE AND EFFECT

CASK NO. 53.275

\$174.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DATE	<i>24 September 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>253 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.9%</i>

We have pulled into a petrol station forecourt by the sea. Peated minerals, chalk, Febreze and lemon scented fabric softener fill the air. Then comes lobster pots, freshly creosoted fence posts, a stick of dynamite and a freshly washed hospital corridor. With water there is a spritz of fresh lemon juice, spray paint, old Marmite, sun-dried kelp, oyster sauce, lemon thyme and BBQ scallops.

The palate is immensely chiselled and medicinal. Raw sea salt, frying bacon, smoked kirsch, peated oats, grilling whelks, heather ale, sea greens and pure brine. Reduction opens up notes of juniper, damson panna cotta, green peppercorns in brine, beach sand, old boiler sheds, candle wax and iodine tablets.



# WHERE TO BUY

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