



# Outturn

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Let's celebrate our  
shared love of single  
cask whisky with this  
new collection of casks.

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

## SPICY & SWEET

### WORM SILK

CASK NO. 48.143

\$125.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DATE	<i>12 November 2012</i>
OUTTURN	<i>216 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.4%</i>

An extremely expressive nose neat that implied white and yellow flowers, rose water, sandalwood, Turkish Delight, tiger balm and dried lavender. Weighty distillate but also elegant and complex. Reduction brought notes of new leather, cough medicines, pulpy waxes and citrus rinds. A wonderfully expressive dram we thought.

The neat palate displayed an initial richness with lemon jelly, pineapple syrup, peach schnapps and melon balls. Water brought white stone fruits, lychee cordial and elderflower champagne. Also some dried fruit notes of apricot and sultana.

## OILY & COASTAL

### MEXICAN MIXED PEBBLES

CASK NO. 10.229

**\$191.99**



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>12 Years</i>
DATE	<i>22 October 2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>246 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>61.6%</i>

A coastal scene developed in our mind as we sat, early morning, in front of our cottage with a steaming mug of coffee listening to the relaxing sound of the waves as they reached the pebbled beach shoreline. The sun started to warm up the air and we got ourselves granola with smoked oats, dried fruits and dark chocolate.

As the nights were still cold, following breakfast, we got the black traditional coal scuttle from the living room and filled it to the brim for use later that day. By now it was time for elevenses with a cup of sweet and creamy brown sugar milk tea accompanied by Mexican style melon balls with chili, salt and lime.

## JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

### THE SWEET KISS OF LEATHER SPLINTERS

CASK NO. 105.40

**\$136.99**



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>2nd Fill HTMC Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DATE	<i>26 June 2012</i>
OUTTURN	<i>277 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>66.2%</i>

The initial nose suggested heather honey, dried flowers, hibiscus tea, malt loaf and natural liquorice. We also got winter herbs, bouillon stock, candied hazelnuts and treacle on brown bread. A wonderful sense of richness and texture. With water we found rapeseed oil, turmeric, cherry-scented nail polish and freeze-dried raspberry. A wee pouch of menthol tobacco left lying about somewhere in the background.

The arrival in the mouth was warm and rich with spices. Also thick notes of cod liver oil, waxes, black tea, miso paste, wintergreen and lemon cough drops. Reduction brought barley sugars, sweet milk stout, Caledonian ice cream, hot mash water, wild strawberry and mint tea. Extremely satisfying. Matured for five years in a bourbon hogshead before transfer to a 2nd fill heavy toast medium char hogshead.

## SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

### AN ITALIAN GRAPE CAKE

CASK NO. 36.185

**\$214.99**



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Sauternes Barrique</i>
AGE	<i>18 Years</i>
DATE	<i>23 April 2003</i>
OUTTURN	<i>169 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>55.2%</i>

We were transported to Bella Italia as we baked a Torta Bertolina, a traditional cake from the Lombardy region in the north of Italy that is made at harvest time using a grape called “uva fragola” (strawberry-grape). Very small and very aromatic, a fruity sweet explosion in the mouth just like those grape-coloured lollipops we had as children with a lingering refreshing aftertaste.

Water added aromas of orange blossom and apricots like in a muscat wine while on the palate the elegance and fruitiness of a Mirabelle plum brandy. Following fourteen years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a 1st fill Sauternes barrique.

## DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

### DOURO CRUISE

CASK NO. N/A

**\$129.99**



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPES	1st Fill Ex-Port Pipes & 2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrels
AGE	10 Years
DATE	10 February 2011
OUTTURN	1900 Bottles
ABV	50%

*This wonderfully ruby red small batch is a celebration of sweet complexity. We've drawn together selected casks of Speyside single malt, some matured full term in bourbon barrels and some additionally matured in ex-Ruby Port pipes for no less than two years. The result is rich, fruity and evocative of trips to sunnier climes.*

We imagined walking through a wine cellar of one of the lodges in Vila Nova de Gaia located close to the Douro river. The air was filled with sweet wood char, dark toffee and dried strawberries. On the palate neat the tart juicy cherries and orange peel bitterness was wonderfully balanced by the sweet flavour of wild cranberries. After the addition of water, the scent of sweet tobacco and tropical fruits appeared at first but soon the strawberries were back, this time fresh and dipped in chocolate and topped with toasted coconut. The taste reminded us of a long barrel aged Colheita Port, which in essence is a Tawny from one single harvest/vintage – you should try it!

## DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

### THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM

CASK NO. 44.149

\$210.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>2nd Fill Oloroso Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>14 Years</i>
DATE	<i>23 October 2006</i>
OUTTURN	<i>224 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>62.1%</i>

The initial aroma suggested coconut macaroon, milk chocolate and game pie. A banana baked with Nutella, liquorice chews, toasted fennel seed and fruit scones topped with thick cream. A wonderful balance of distillate and sherry cask. Reduction brought brown breads and rich notes of foamy shilling ales, meat gravy, dried sultanas, banana chips and treacle pudding.

The mouth was typical of this great Speyside make; oily, fatty and robust. Many notes of herbal extracts, spiced fruit chutneys, orange wine, chocolate gingers and hints of natural tar. The natural weight of a worm tub distillate shines. With water we found it became richly bready and full of lovely notes of dried exotic fruits, game meats, eucalyptus, espresso and balsamic reduction. Previously matured in a bourbon hogshead for twelve years before transfer to a 2nd fill oloroso hogshead.

## PEATED

### COASTAL CONVOLUTIONS

**CASK NO. 42.75**

**\$191.99**



REGION	<i>Highland Island</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>14 Years</i>
DATE	<i>29 March 2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>256 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58.4%</i>

A brilliant nose that initially suggested creosote on a fence, peat smoke drifting through hay bales, creel nets and carbolic acidity. Myriad seashore and coastal notes. Water shifts things decisively towards the farmyard with tractor engines, oily rags, hot peaty draff and boiler fumes.

The palate had a wonderful initial mouthfeel with well-chiselled smoke tangled up with citrus peels. Also surprisingly sweet with sweet peat smoke. Water added a menthol dimension, along with liquorice, coal dust, burnt toffee and bonfire embers.

## SOMETHING SPECIAL IS ON THE SHELF

### CASK NO. 12.63 OPULENT FRUIT SALAD

\$951.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>31 Years</i>
DATE	<i>7 May 1990</i>
OUTTURN	<i>115 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>44.8%</i>

*Released in June, this is from the **Vaults Collection** - the very finest and rarest single casks from the Scotch Malt Whisky Society.*

A glorious and opulent initial aroma of Juicy Fruit chewing gum, residual fruit salad juices, mandarin liqueur and banana ice cream. The lemon curd drizzled over quivering tropical fruits, pineapple jelly and olive oil mixed with sugar syrup. Bountiful, generous and oozing fruity class! Reduction brought us a more fragrant and floral edge with dried exotic fruit chunks, mixed fruit teas, matcha, lemon peel, dried papaya and marmalade with coriander seed.

The neat palate was initially rich with vanilla custard and strawberry coulis, then raspberry cordial, lime syrup, gooseberry jam, burlap, heather honey, soft waxes and lightly hoppy IPA. Water added a streak of beeswax, herbal cough syrup, custard creams, white stout beer and green pepper. **Magnifique!**



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