



# OUTTURN

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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 any of our partner retail stores listed on the last page, or contact 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**

## OILY & COASTAL

### THE WESTERN SHORE OF THE KITCHEN SINK

CASK NO. 93.200

\$157.99



REGION	<i>Campbeltown</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DATE	<i>1 October 2013</i>
OUTTURN	<i>207 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>61.1%</i>

A familiar impression of swimming pools, distant shorelines, bandages and washed linens drying by the sea; classic and typical of this lovely make. We also noted pink sea salt and a tang of citrus marmalades. Reduction brought a richer and more savoury profile that included miso butter, anchovy paste, sandalwood and dried seaweed crackers, with a little heat of mustard powder in the background.

The palate opened with mechanical oils, tangy pink grapefruit and coastal notes of seawater, plus some medicinal bandages. We also noted fruity shisha smoke, fir wood resins, dried tarragon and salty Dutch liquorice. With water came fermented pineapple, preserved lemons, wine gums, more bandages, chalk and mineral oils. A general impression of delicious seashore dross!

## SPICY & SWEET

### PERFECT FOR TANNIN'

CASK NO. 64.138

\$183.99



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st Fill Hybrid Hogshead
AGE	13 Years
DATE	12 May 2009
OUTTURN	219 Bottles
ABV	58.1%

A superbly rich, heady and aromatic dram, instantly full of medicinal oils, scented hardwood resins, bow rosin, candied pecan nuts, wormwood, lanolin and sticky cinnamon swirl pastries. Water added the richness of pumpkin seed oil, rice wine and aromatic notes of gorse flower, dried mint, new leather and potpourri. The palate was immediately deep and warming, displaying some intricate wood influences: toasty oak spices, vanillin, winter mulling spices, salted caramel, cinnamon sugar, flower honey and dates. Lots going on!

With water we found it became creamier and sweeter, with a wonderfully thick body of cloves, mandarin liqueur, vanilla cream soda, melon cordial and hibiscus flower. Matured for 9 years in a bourbon hogshead, this was transferred to a 1st fill, 60-40 split hybrid American and European oak hogshead with toasted heads.

## SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT

### MAVERICK

CASK NO. N/A

**\$167.99**



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASKS	Ex-Bourbon Hogsheads
FINAL CASKS	1st, 2nd & Refill Sherry Hogsheads
AGE	12 Years
DATE	21 June 2010
OUTTURN	2098 Bottles
ABV	50%

*The definition of a maverick is an unorthodox or independent-minded person. In 1983, Pip Hills founded The Scotch Malt Whisky Society based on an idea that everyone said wouldn't work. Pip wanted to bottle whisky straight from the cask, unadulterated, because it retained maximum flavour. And he was right: people loved it, and the Society was born. He was a maverick in its truest form.*

*This expression is a celebration of the iconic sherry cask. For its creation, we selected some bourbon hogsheads of Speyside single malt. We moved the whisky to a selection of oloroso and Pedro Ximenez-seasoned hogsheads, all made from Spanish oak, for varying length of additional maturation; between two and three-and-a-half years. We then blended the casks together to create this dark and rewarding dram.*

The aromas of freshly waxed, natural marble floors, mosaics and terrazzo tiles were followed by a fruity scent from apricots, peaches and plums, before a cup of Assam tea and fig, apple and raisin bread pudding joined the party. On the palate, we found American-style blueberry and banana pancakes with lemon juice and maple syrup, as well as cardamom and orange-spiced rhubarb on top of fluffy French toast.

Following dilution we discovered dark chocolate, marshmallows and a sherry mango trifle. To taste, a traditional 'blood & sand' cocktail, named after a 1922 film about a Spanish matador, using equal parts of Scotch, sweet vermouth, cherry liqueur and orange juice.

## LIGHTLY PEATED

### PARTICULARLY PECULIAR POTPOURRI

CASK NO. 4.361

\$179.99



REGION	Highland Island
INITIAL CASKS	Ex-Bourbon Hogsheads
FINAL CASK	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	11 Years
DATE	27 January 2011
OUTTURN	235 Bottles
ABV	62.9%

On the nose, we imagined some fancy potpourri – heather and lavender sprigs, dried seaweed and rolling tobacco – all mixed together in a big wooden bowl with a drizzle of truffle honey. The palate gave us the dark sweetness of crème brûlée, toffee apples and bitter chocolate, then lemon tart and sucking on a lobster claw; all the time we were aware of teasing smoke, like salmon being hot-smoked in the back yard or a Nicaraguan cigar.

At 6 years of age, we combined selected casks from this distillery. We then returned the single malt into various casks for further maturation. This is one of those casks.

## DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

### SPANISH CASTANUTS

CASK NO. 6.64

**\$249.99**



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>16 Years</i>
DATE	<i>29 August 2006</i>
OUTTURN	<i>264 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58%</i>

We collided at some speed into a wall of plums, bruised apples and spicy chorizo before rebounding into the safety of soft leather, fruitcake dough and earthy rhubarb crumble. Hazelnuts, walnuts and burnt coconut began to rain down from above, smashing into mounds of muscovado sugar and cocoa powder.

With just a few drops of water a more refined vista appeared, one that bound bananas and fresh figs to cured ham and toasted pine nuts. Roasted chestnuts and black cherries then rolled in from afar, accompanied by bitter chocolate praline, coconut husk and dusty leather. After 13 years in a bourbon hogshead, this was transferred to a Spanish oak oloroso hogshead.



## PEATED

### REMEMBER REMEMBER\*

CASK NO. 42.81

**\$201.99**



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>114 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>55.2%</i>

On the nose, childhood memories of the night before Bonfire Night – peeling sticky, slightly burnt dark treacle toffee off steel baking sheets and onto waxed paper. Making papier-mâché for the effigy, and old woollen jumpers to wear next to the bonfire. With water, foam bananas, Twiglets, and pineapple flavoured boiled sweeties.

The palate takes us to Guy Fawkes Night. Did someone throw peat on the bonfire? The blaze quickly reduces the homemade Guy to ash, as the sparklers fizz and pop in our leather gloves. Nearby the adults are smoking pipes and drinking heavily spiced peated hot toddies. The snack table is more exotic than previous years: candied lemon peels, smoked oysters, and Applewood smoked cheddar. Remember remember?

*\*2022 Global Gathering bottling; tasting note written by our Victoria ambassador, Adam Bradshaw of Strath Liquor Merchants.*

## RUM

### READY TO RUMBLE

CASK NO. R11.17

\$209.99



REGION	<i>Jamaica</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>Refill PX Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>11 Years</i>
DATE	<i>1 September 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>249 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>65.8%</i>

We unwrapped a gift box of cherry liqueur chocolates, whole pitted cherries soaked in kirsch and enrobed in layers of dark chocolate as we “turned it up to eleven” on the palate. We bit into rum-soaked kala jamun (rum doughnuts) with that combination of dark rum, cardamom, saffron, rosewater and vanilla - absolute bliss.

Water added a cinnamon dusting on baked apples and chocolate peanut butter cups on the nose, while the taste was simply sublime! Following 8 years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this rum into a refill Spanish oak Pedro Ximenez hogshead that was previously used to mature whisky 46.88 (“A curiosity of flavours” released in March 2021).

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