



THE SCOTCH MALT
WHISKY SOCIETY

OUTTURN

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Exploration is the greatest joy of Society membership, roaming the broad vistas of flavour and aroma represented in our vast selection of whiskies. But exploration without a map can be frustrating.

So we have 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 endless 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

YOUNG & SPRITELY

SWEET STRAWBERRY SYRUP WITH A LEMON TANG

CASK NO. 8.46

\$143.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>8 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>19 November 2015</i>
OUTTURN	<i>162 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.8%</i>

An aroma of freshly baked lemon shortbread cookies, traditional vanilla fudge and a bowl full of macerated strawberries prepared with sugar and citrus zest filled the room. On the palate we imagined slurping the bottom of the bowl, enjoying the sweet syrup with that lemon tang, as well as crumpets with lemon curd and clotted cream.

Following reduction, we detected an old-fashioned Victorian lemonade, vanilla chantilly cream and butterscotch sauce. To taste, we tucked into a whipped Greek-style yogurt with a lemon fruit compote, washed down with a cup of lady grey tea and accompanied by a sugar-dusted brioche with jam and cream.

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

EXOTIC OPULENCE

CASK NO. 55.75

\$201.99



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st Fill HTMC Hogshead
AGE	16 Years
DISTILLED ON	5 August 2006
OUTTURN	282 Bottles
ABV	56.9%

The nose first produced mineralic notes (flint, putty) before its core character of opulence appeared with amontillado sherry, herbal rye whisky, whole almonds and Moroccan trail mix. The palate took our imaginations to exotic destinations with coconut, pineapple and rum, dried mango and rose petal perfume. The reduced nose found tropical fruits, honeysuckle, balsa wood, nutmeg and brandy snaps.

The palate, with a drop of water, had a silky, syrupy mouthfeel; honey on buttered whole grain toast and an entertaining finish of liquorice root and zingy spice. After 13 years in ex-bourbon wood, we transferred this into a 1st fill heavy toast, medium char hogshead.

SPICY & DRY

ON THE SIDE OF EQUILIBRIUM

CASK NO. 100.45

\$164.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Shiraz Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>12 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>22 June 2012</i>
OUTTURN	<i>259 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58.6%</i>

The gentle nose gave grapes balanced on popcorn, raspberries atop candy floss and orange peel on lilies. The palate was mouthwatering and rich, full of exotic fruits, whipped ice cream, French toast, strawberry syrup and chewing tobacco plucked from a leather pouch.

Water added honey to the nose, along with strawberry candy, lavender and lilac, peach melba and rosewater. In a long, dry finish on the palate, the Panel collectively found black tea, fennel and cardamom. After 7 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this to a 1st fill shiraz hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

SO, THIS IS SOLSTICE...

CASK NO. 113.74

\$224.99



REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>15 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>25 September 2009</i>
OUTTURN	<i>280 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>60.7%</i>

We sat feeding a dense, festive fruit cake with sweet amber ale, before a bowl of warm custard entered the room, topped with a crumb of sticky demerara sugar. The palate was as full as the nose promised: creamy and sweet, with notes of cherry pie, white rum, mango and nutmeg. Water added a fine perfume to the nose, promoted raisins, and added burnt honeycomb.

The palate finished as an echo of the nose, with added winter spice and chunks of nougat. After 12 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this to a 1st fill American oak oloroso hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

PEATED

SMOOCH A KIPPER

CASK NO. 11.60

\$153.99



REGION	<i>Highland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>2nd Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>9 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>10 December 2014</i>
OUTTURN	<i>247 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59%</i>

This one was wonderfully aromatic and dominated by coastal characteristics up front: big notes of crab sticks, rock pools, pink sea salt and pickling brine, with further impressions of mineral salts and malt vinegar in the background. What a wonderful and hugely characterful nose. Water brought out juniper, plus rosemary wood on a beach bonfire, dried tarragon, shucked oysters and soy sauce – loads going on in this one we agreed.

The palate opened with a big sluice of peated lemon juice! Then pink grapefruit, pure kiln smoke, natural tar and kippers slathered in smoked olive oil and capers. Reduction brought further clear notes of brine, tar, iodine, kelp and notes of green olive, preserved lemon and a wee kiss of something tropical and sooty.

PEATED

BIG, BOLD AND OH-SO SMOKY!

CASK NO. 53-475

\$221.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>Refill HTMC Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>13 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>24 January 2011</i>
OUTTURN	<i>288 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58.9%</i>

We sat round a beach bonfire, with aubergines charring in the embers for some proper baba ghanoush; while some of us thought there was maybe a sea battle going on in the distance. The palate was big, bold and smoky; porridge made with smoke-damaged oats, grilled lamb skewered on rosemary sprigs, focaccia, porchetta, basil pesto and smoked salt on tomatoes.

The reduced nose found burnt herbs and balsamic, barbecue gloves, ash, tar and a fisherman's sweater. On the palate, candied oranges and gummi bears, smoked mackerel pâté and barbecued Italian sausages came to the fore – solid and rewarding. After 10 years in ex-bourbon wood, we transferred this whisky into a refill heavy toast, medium char hogshead.



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