



THE SCOTCH MALT
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OUTTURN

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SOCIETY FLAVOUR REFINED

EXPLORE OUR NEW WORLD OF EIGHT DISTINCT FLAVOUR PROFILES

In 2025, the SMWS Tasting Panel evolved the original twelve profiles (now called “Legacy Profiles”) into eight profiles - each with a new name, colour and character. Over time you’ll see more of these new profiles in our monthly Outturns as we slowly retire the original twelve “legacy” profiles.



FRAGRANT & FLORAL

Extra strong mints	Perfumed pear
Gin-based fruit cup	Peach
Turkish Delight	Fresh laundry
Flower meadows	Green tea
Sandalwood	Blossom
Sparkling wine	Muscle rub
White pepper	Nettles
Honeydew melon	Pine

RIPE FRUITS & HONEY

Breakfast cereal	Pina Colada
Maple syrup	Mango
Apple strudel	Apple pie
Peach Melba	Plum tarts
Pineapple cubes	Rhubarb
Watermelon	Beeswax
Honeycomb	Apricot
Balsamic Strawberries	

DRIED FRUITS & SPICES

Cinnamon Danish	Burnt toffee
Hot cross buns	Old books
Mincemeat pies	Mulled wine
Brandy snaps	Nutmeg
Chilli chocolate	Cardamom
Treacle toffee	Fruit cake
Gingerbread	Black bun
Rum truffles	Clove

SWEET & ZESTY

Lemon meringue pie	Flying saucers
Seville orange marmalade	Gummy bears
Dark chocolate orange	Crème brûlée
Tinned mandarins	Marmalade
Sour apple sweets	Orange peel
Orange Muscat	Bitter lemon
Candied orange slices	Sherbet
Rhubarb & custard sweets	

TOASTED OAK & VANILLA

Carpenter's workshop	Burnt pastries
Dunnage warehouse	Banana chips
Toasted coconut	Patisserie
Coconut ice cream	Passion fruit
Pencil shavings	Honeysuckle
Pineapple sorbet	Root ginger
Coriander seed	Cigar box
Charred staves	Fresh oak

COASTAL & MARITIME

Barbecued prawns	Driftwood
Pebble beach	Fish boxes
Salted caramel	Oysters
Harbour walls	Boatyard
Yeast extract	Seaweed
Beach bonfire	Olive oil
Tarry ropes	

SMOKY & FRUITY

Toasted marshmallows	Parma violets
Hospital laundry room	Rock pools
Perfumed pipe smoke	First aid box
Heather moor burn	Wood ash
Smoked salmon	Charred lemon
Fruit salad in syrup	Pata Negra
Lapsang Souchong tea	Sea breeze
Dentist's waiting room	Incense

BOLD & PEATY

Coal tar soap	Steam train
Antiseptic toothpaste	Clean tar
Roast rosemary lamb	Gunpowder
Chimney soot	Farmyard
Smoky bacon crisps	Cigar butts
Ship's engine room	Coal sacks
Smoked mackerel	Carbolic
Fireman's gloves	Kippers

COASTAL & MARITIME

A CASTAWAY'S BEACH HUT

CASK NO. 42.90

\$289.99



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
AGE	19 Years
DISTILLED ON	5 April 2006
OUTTURN	232 Bottles
ABV	56.4%

This had a clear maritime character with the scent of sea spray, slices of cantaloupe melon sprinkled with sea salt and a salted caramel cheesecake. On the palate at first, fresh coconut water combined with a lime and mango coulis before an extremely pleasant, creamy, spicy oak flavour started to linger at mid-palate, offering a very supple proposition.

Following reduction, we sat in front of a canvas tepee on the beach smelling warm pineapple, peach and pecan muffins which we enjoyed with a tropical mango porridge. Invigorated, we then walked along the sand to collect some driftwood for the beach bonfire that night.

RIPE FRUITS & HONEY

DELICATE TONGUE DANCE

CASK NO. 48.180

\$167.99



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	12 Years
DISTILLED ON	10 June 2013
OUTTURN	228 Bottles
ABV	59.4%

The nose had heather honey and dessert wine sweetness, but also nice touches of exotic wood (a laurel hedge, gorse flowers, sandalwood, burlap, pencil boxes and calligraphy ink sticks). On the palate, we loved the textures and the curious counterbalance between sweet fruits (orange fondants, tinned pears, tutti frutti ice cream) on one hand and white pepper, tobacco, rosemary, mint tea and eucalyptus on the other.

The reduced nose found waxed canvas and wheat beer, butterscotch, banana smoothie and cream soda. The palate, now creamy and mouth-coating, danced delicately on our tongues with waxy fruits and putty, frozen yogurt and lemon sherbet.

DRIED FRUITS & SPICES

UNITES NATIONS

CASK NO. 11.65

\$154.99



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	2nd Fill Oloroso Hogshead
AGE	10 Years
DISTILLED ON	26 September 2014
OUTTURN	184 Bottles
ABV	59.1%

“Muy oloroso”, for the non-Spanish speakers, very fragrant – a heady perfumed scent of dried fruits, leather, polished oak, walnuts, marzipan and exotic spices. Round and full bodied, sticky dates and prunes were followed by a coating of caramel and a subtle minty sweetness. Water added a floral aroma of bushes of red roses and rhododendrons next to sweet peas and, given enough time, one can almost sense a kind of elusive rancio.

On the palate we had a slice of German baumkuchen, or tree cake due to its characteristic rings which resemble a timber section when sliced – very popular in Japan apparently. Following four years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a 2nd fill oloroso hogshead.

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

JUICY AND DELICIOUSLY INTENSE

CASK NO. 68.128

\$231.99



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st Fill PX Barrique
AGE	16 Years
DISTILLED ON	18 August 2008
OUTTURN	220 Bottles
ABV	56.9%

This one was very aromatic from the word go. We found redcurrants, dark chocolate, sultanas, dried mango, tobacco, leather and a sprinkling of black pepper. Warm, thick, rich and velvety smooth on the palate neat, it was like lamb loin with a dark chocolate port sauce – delicious!

After the addition of a drop of water we discovered a bowl full of roasted mixed nuts next to stewed apples, rosemary and thyme sausages, and maple syrup. To taste, we found a dark berry compote, hot vanilla sauce and a glass of leMBERger, also known as blaifränkisch, wine. Following 11 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a 1st fill ex-bodega Pedro Ximenez barrique.

SWEET & ZESTY

LEMONY McLEMONFACE

CASK NO. 156.8

\$180.99



REGION	<i>Lowland</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st Fill Ex-Bourbon Barrel</i>
AGE	<i>10 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>22 June 2015</i>
OUTTURN	<i>200 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>61.5%</i>

The initial nose proffered many lemons! Lemon bonbons, limoncello, lemon curd, lemon drizzle cake, lemon barley water. After many groves of lemons were snuffled through, we also detected aniseed balls, virgin olive oil, and strawberries and cream. Water brought out tea tree oil, custard powder, bergamot, lemon thyme and wee minty hints.

The palate, when neat, was superbly mouthcoating, with shortbread, tart au citron (more lemons, really), some peppery mace notes and ... lemon. With water we got bananas baked with custard, rosewater, lime curd and an even more emphatic texture present in the mouth.

And lemons.

BOLD & PEATY

KRAKEN CALAMARI

CASK NO. 53.517

\$219.99



REGION	<i>Islay</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st Fill Oloroso Hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>13 Years</i>
DISTILLED ON	<i>5 March 2012</i>
OUTTURN	<i>254 Bottles</i>
ABV	<i>58%</i>

At first nosing we got a wealth of sweet, concentrated peat, bound up with pure tar extracts, tarred ropes, creel nets, roof pitch and iodine drops: a classical Islay peat and sherry cask-fusion profile. Water brought out German rauchbiers and bacon jam along with an even deeper, more profound and creamy smokiness. The palate was similarly thick, tarry and peaty, in keeping with the aroma. Lashings of black olive tapenade, preserved lemon, grilled sardine slathered in smoked olive oil and salted black liquorice were all noted.

The reduced palate displayed black miso, anchovy paste and soy sauce – a deeply umami profile – along with ramen broth full of smoked chili, thick, unctuous peat smoke and a wonderful smoked sea salt note into the aftertaste. This was matured in a bourbon hogshead for nine years before being transferred to a 1st fill American oak oloroso hogshead.

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