



THE SCOTCH MALT WHISKY SOCIETY

Welcome to the SMWS tasting
with SMWS Country Manager
Magnus Fagerstrom

Cheerful enjoyment

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

CASK NO. 2.117 *Glas 1*

A delightful nose with delicate aromas of butterscotch, fudge, perfumed rose, fresh hay, wild strawberries and raspberries and an empty, well used, cigar box. Very clean and fresh on the palate neat with a creamy mouth-feel of Peach Melba sundae, baked Alaska and strawberry Pavlova complemented by spicy wood flavours like that of the corps de ballet. After dilution a sunny delight of ripe lemons, fresh satsumas and lychees next to polished leather and clean oak. To taste, like a buttery scone with whipped cream and runny honey or a ricotta-mascarpone mousse with balsamic strawberries – truly a moment of pure joy.

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	Refill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	18 years
DATE	16th April 2002
OUTTURN	1 of 197 bottles
ABV	58.9%
BOTTLE PRICE	£ 95.00

The perfect catch

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK NO. 59.62 *Glas 2*

We were served a nice and cool apple wine with lemonade ('süss gespritzt') out of the traditional earthenware jug called 'Bembel' while sitting in the heart of the old town square in Frankfurt. On the palate we crunched on honey and apple cider vinegar toffee. When we added water we were transported to the lush, green, rolling hills of northern Portugal where we enjoyed a glass of Vinho Verde. High in acidity and very often with a light fizz this crisp wine makes a perfect match for freshly caught seafood. After nine years in an ex-bourbon hogshead we transferred this whisky into a 1st fill Sauternes barrique.

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	Bourbon hogshead / 1st fill sauterenes
AGE	11 years
DATE	29th September 2008
OUTTURN	1 of 290 bottles
ABV	55.6%
BOTTLE PRICE	£ 54.30

A shape-shifting Chimera

SPICY & SWEET

CASK NO. 135.23 *Glas 3*

A shape-shifting chimera – the nose evoked an old-fashioned confectioner's; butterscotch, Turkish delight, vanilla, orange fondants, lemon drizzle cake and Demerara – also hints of flower meadows, white pepper, lino cuts and a carpenter's workshop. The palate had sweetness (cinder toffee, sherbet straws, candy peanuts, cola cubes, Old English spangles) complicated by warm pepper tingles, liquorice, green banana and honeysuckle. Adding water brought citrus to the nose, then toffee apples, marzipan, almond slice and rosewater – the lino cuts became Barbour jackets. On the palate; jam pop tarts, nougat, cinnamon swirls, Oreos and chocolate ice-cream – some Drambuie notes and woody spice to finish.

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	10 years
DATE	19th August 2009
OUTTURN	1 of 228 bottles
ABV	60.8%
BOTTLE PRICE	£ 48.20

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Salty beach trousers

OILY & COASTAL

CASK NO. 93.147 *Glas 4*

The initial nose was all sticky sweets rolling in a dusty fireplace. Bananas baked in tin foil, barbecue shrimps with chilli and seared pineapple chunks. This evolved into a more exotic sweetness of juicy fruit bubblegum and some crisp notes of pink apple. Some light hints of bonfire smoke, coal scuttle and an animalistic meatiness. Water added the freshness of wet morning glass, new leather and fresh linens flapping on a shore. The palate is mouth-coating and richly spicy. A petrol-accented thickness of texture and notes of pine, liquorice and bark. Water brings a creaminess to the texture with notes of ambrosia custard, sea salt, hints of birch tar and a smoky medical quality.

REGION	Campbeltown
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	8 years
DATE	24th May 2012
OUTTURN	1 of 220 bottles
ABV	59.2%
BOTTLE PRICE	£ 57.00

Raisin cane

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 112.67 *Glas 5*

An interesting nose – eucalyptus honey, flapjacks, syrup sponge, Madeira wine, truffle oil mixed with balsamic and shoe polish in a tin. The palate combines raisiny sweetness (cane syrup, Eccles cakes, fruit cake, malt extract, biscotti dipped in vin santo) with wood characters (touch of tannic oak, pine resin, peach stones, exotic hardwoods). Water exposes medicinal aspects on the nose – clove, menthol and opening an old wooden medicine chest. The palate turns more tingly – leather and hessian, Bovril, black pepper and Green Chartreuse. The whisky spent 17 years in ex-bourbon wood, before being moved to a first-fill re-charred barrique, creating this wonderfully relaxing digestif.

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	Bourbon hhd / 1st fill toasted barrique
AGE	19 years
DATE	25th July 2000
OUTTURN	1 of 228 bottles
ABV	55.4%
BOTTLE PRICE	£ 82.50

Storm-tossed kelp on an Islay beach

PEATED

CASK NO. 53.332 *Glas 6*

The nose combined earthy and maritime features – like kelp washed up on an Islay beach after a storm – with Hebridean blackhouse thatch, beach bonfire embers and ash, liquorice, lobster pots and oyster sauce. The palate had syrupy nutty sweetness (marrons glacés, burnt edge of pecan pie), muscular smoke and a medicinal element (TCP, Victory V's); the finish hinted at clove and molasses baked ham. The reduced nose gave us fried sage, menthol, Savlon and a seaside ice-cream van with the engine running. The complex palate included chicory bitterness, liquorice comfits, Jelly Spogs and sugar-coated fennel seeds, wasabi, bandages, peat smoke and tar.

REGION	Islay
CASK TYPE	Refill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	11 years
DATE	20th February 2009
OUTTURN	1 of 308 bottles
ABV	58.8%
BOTTLE PRICE	£ 65.00

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