



FLAMES DANCING ON MANGO

YOUNG & SPRITELY

CASK NO. 78.76

Wafts of smoke and chimney soot danced to the spicy and vibrant rhythm that burnt pencils drummed out on a mango set ablaze by a blowtorch. Then prawns and bananas boogied their way over a flaming grill as maple syrup and heather honey drizzled on to a singed scone. With water, sliced apple and ham tangoed in the fragrant smoke alongside orange chutney with the zing of nutmeg and a little coconut charm. Mango and banana returned for an encore with gooseberries, lemon peel and coconut sponge dressed in an almond tutu. After four years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, this was transferred to a heavily charred second fill hogshead.

REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon hogshead
FINAL CASK	2nd fill Heavy char #4+ hogshead
AGE	9 years
DATE	19/06/2014
OUTTURN	1 of 252 bottles
ABV	58.8%
BOTTLE PRICE	£ 64.00

A CAFÉ IN JEREZ

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 68.122

The nose evoked a café in Jerez; chilled dulce sherry and coffee, polished wood tables, mantecados and polverónes, salted almonds, raisins, dried figs and jamon serrano. The palate was robust but balanced – dark toffee, muscovado, candied orange in dark chocolate and raspberry sauce over vanilla ice cream weighing in against old oak and cigarillos. The reduced nose encountered gingerbread, molasses, coffee grounds and nutty aromas (with the wind in from Africa). The palate now included red fruits, medjool dates, salty black olives, sweet wine and a spicy finish of nutmeg and clove. We transferred this whisky into a first fill, ex-bodega PX barrique after 11 years in ex-bourbon wood.

REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st fill PX ex-Bodega barrique
AGE	15 years
DATE	18/08/2008
OUTTURN	1 of 262 bottles
ABV	61.3%
BOTTLE PRICE	£ 95.00

FIRES THE IMAGINATION

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 85.92

This one got our thinking juices flowing, with just a few examples including a motorbike gang member's leather jacket, sour dough pizza marinara and Turkish delight shisha tobacco mix. The taste was truly an experience. Eating a slice of sourdough bread served with herb butter, blue cheese and wild boar salami in the shade of an olive tree on the Mediterranean coast was how one Panellist described it. After reduction we prepared a chocolate espresso martini with dark chocolate cream liqueur, cold espresso and vodka as we sat by the Bosphorus Strait overlooking the bridges that connect the orient with the occident. At 10 years of age we combined two hogsheads from the same distillery into this cask for further maturation and marrying.

REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st fill Spanish oak Oloroso butt
AGE	13 years
DATE	02/03/2010
OUTTURN	1 of 606 bottles
ABV	61.3%
BOTTLE PRICE	£ 80.00



THE SCOTCH MALT WHISKY SOCIETY

DANCING WITH SUMMER

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 41.177

Our noses glided through an antique shop in summer; furniture polish and fruit loaf danced through the air. To the palate, barley sugar candy and warm toffee offered sweetness, and a deep and full texture. Introducing water gave orange, lavender, honey and menthol tobacco. The starting point for this small batch was two bourbon hogsheads of single malt Scotch whisky. One cask was transferred at 10 years old to a first fill oloroso quarter cask, and the other at 13 years old to a first fill American oak PX hogshead. The casks were then married together before bottling.

REGION	<i>Speyside</i>
CASK TYPES	<i>Refill bourbon hogsheads, 1st fill American oak PX hogshead & 1st fill Oloroso</i>
AGE	<i>16 years</i>
DATE	<i>21/06/2007</i>
OUTTURN	<i>1 of 431 bottles</i>
ABV	<i>56.6%</i>
BOTTLE PRICE	<i>£ 95.00</i>

SALTED CINNAMON BUTTER

OILY & COASTAL

CASK NO. 10.247

Coarse grains of sea salt in melting butter rested on toasted rye bread while the sweet aroma of vanilla merged with new oak. The saltiness mixed with kelp, caramel and honey on the palate before green notes suggested sorrel-infused oil on salad leaves with a handful of roasted chestnuts on top. Water released further waves of oily butter, now on croissants alongside apricot jam, singed marshmallows and cinnamon powder dusted on orange skin. The spice continued with ginger biscuits and mulled wine infused with red berry fruits, orange oil and a few spoonfuls of runny heather honey.

REGION	<i>Islay</i>
CASK TYPE	<i>1st fill Bourbon barrel</i>
AGE	<i>16 years</i>
DATE	<i>06/10/2006</i>
OUTTURN	<i>1 of 141 bottles</i>
ABV	<i>59.1%</i>
BOTTLE PRICE	<i>£ 108.00</i>

CATCHING COMBO

PEATED

CASK NO. 53.462

A powerful nose, the sweetness of honey-glazed baby back ribs combining with the scent of the sea, smoked oysters, clams and cockles made this a fascinating combination. The palate was smooth and silky with chocolate and vanilla before we got honey and mustard-glazed ham as well as honey-roasted carrots and parsnips. Careful when adding water, as the aroma moved to a dark chocolate crème brûlée with spiced smoky pistachios. To taste, we found ginger dates, chocolate-coated raisins, and espresso coffee beans – sweet, smooth and smoky, a match made in hell which gave us heaven on earth! Following 11 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a first fill American oak PX hogshead.

REGION	<i>Islay</i>
INITIAL CASK	<i>Refill Bourbon hogshead</i>
FINAL CASK	<i>1st fill American oak PX hogshead</i>
AGE	<i>15 years</i>
DATE	<i>27/05/2008</i>
OUTTURN	<i>1 of 268 bottles</i>
ABV	<i>55.8%</i>
BOTTLE PRICE	<i>£ 109.90</i>