

# SIX DRAMS OF SUMMER



## IF I WERE A LADY AND YOU WERE A CARPENTER

JUICY OAK & VANILLA

CASK NO. 5.125

On the nose, polished wood suggested opulent sophistication, with a sweet promise of vanilla slice, chocolate oranges, cinder toffee, nutty cornflakes and freeze-dried strawberries. That sweetness was somewhat restrained on the neat palate, but we did find nougat, brandy snaps filled with chantilly cream, puff candy, runny honey and cherry-in- liqueur chocolates. Water took the nose to another place – beeswax, a carpenter's workshop, cut hay with plenty of wildflowers and potpourri in a rich lady's wardrobe. The palate now delivered ice cream, rum fudge, barley sugars, corn candies and jelly beans, with a teasing tingle of nutmeg on the finish.



REGION	Lowland
CASK TYPE	1 <sup>st</sup> fill ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	20 years
DATE	27 Janury 2003
OUTTURN	1 of only 168 bottles
ABV	56.1%
PRICE*	<del>£125.00</del> £ 101.00*

## FIFE PEATY POTION

Small Batch Single Malt

Batch 32

Hailing from a forward thinking and truly modern Fife distillery, this unique small batch single malt is a delicious peaty potion. We elected to blend two styles of single malt produced there, one unpeated and the other heavily peated. We married the resulting blend in first fill PX and oloroso sherry butts for around 18 months before bottling at a lovely point in the maturation where oranges, raisins and fragrant smoke meet. The neat nose was wonderfully vibrant, full of medicinal tinctures, smouldering heather, zinc oxide and lanolin cream, new leather upholstery, peat embers in a hearth and, underlying all that, some comforting tarry notes and suggestions of a mechanic's tool box. Reduction brought orange oils, camphor, dunnage mustiness, smoked toffee, plums baked with treacle and then big, spicy, marmalade vibes. The neat palate was a medley of dark and red fruits, muddled together with wood smoke, dark-grained breads, liquorice root, herbal extracts and chip shop brown sauce. Water evolved the bitterness of expensive dark chocolate, added more dried herbal notes and brought a tangy carbolic edge, with peppery warmth and flaming oranges in the finish.



REGION	Lowland
CASK TYPES	1st fill Oloroso & PX butts
AGE	7 years
DATE	5 June 2017
OUTTURN	1 of only 1 492 bottles
ABV	50.00%
PRICE	£45.00

## CRAFT SODA SOPHISTICATION

SPICY & DRY

CASK NO. 149.12

We were served a fruit salad, bursting with clementine, peach syrup, grapefruit and pineapple on the nose, which we splashed with brine and topped with sliced bell peppers and pomegranate. The palate was cola and vanilla, black peppercorns and mint blossom, with a dry capsicum spice to finish. Water added icing sugar sweetness to the nose, along with a fresh squeeze of lemon, a pinch of allspice, and a drizzle of honey. We could now taste set vanilla custard, flaky pastries and chilli flakes, pencil shavings and charcoal. The finish was dry, with a savoury peppery spice.



REGION	Highland
FINAL CASK	1st fill Bourbon barrel
AGE	8 years
DATE	24 March 2016
OUTTURN	1 of only 240 bottles
ABV	61.8%
PRICE*	<del>£47.00</del> £40.00*

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## EMBRACE THE WOOD

JUICY OAK & VANILLA

CASK NO. 46.151

This whisky's nicely mentholated sherry profile opened with subtle pickled fruit notes, aged balsamic vinegar and rich aromas of fruit chutney, menthol tobacco and aromatic wood spices. Reduction evolved the nose nicely towards spiced marmalades, resinous fir wood, olive oil, salty game-meat notes and hints of liquorice, eucalyptus and deep herbal tones. The neat palate was surprisingly playful up front, with initial notes of fruit pastilles, and pears poached in cream sherry, plus camphor and menthol balm, and yellow fruits. We also noted some mead, flower honey and lemon oil. Water brought a lovely salty and sweet tension to proceedings, adding into the mix pineapple cubes, cough mixtures, butter mints, pickled ginger, soy sauce and lanolin. This was matured in a bourbon hogshead for 13 years before being transferred to a first fill oloroso-seasoned STR barrique.



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st fill New Oak Barrel
AGE	15 years
DATE	25 November 2008
OUTTURN	1 of only 203 bottles
ABV	56.0%
PRICE*	<del>£80.00</del> £64.00*

## A STRATHSPEY WITH A BOLERO BEAT

SPICY & SWEET

CASK NO. 95.70

The nose was immediately fresh and evocative of this whisky's island origins, full of sea air, coastal rock pools, dried seaweed, heather flowers and gorse. We also noted impressions of shilling ales and salted honey. Water enhanced the saline aspects and introduced further aromas of sandalwood, beach pebbles and surf foaming on sand. The palate was initially redolent with gentle, crisp Orcadian peat smoke, then more salted honey, herbal liqueurs and smoked oatmeal. We found it gorgeous and wonderfully natural. With reduction we thought it really became stunning, with rich, layered Orkney peat flavours, iodine, aniseed, smoked lemons and tar. At six years of age, we combined selected casks from the same distillery. We then returned the single malt into a variety of different casks to develop further. This is one of those casks.



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st fill Oloroso Hogshead
AGE	15 years
DATE	27 June 2007
OUTTURN	1 of only 285 bottles
ABV	57.1%
PRICE*	<del>£78.90</del> £ 63.00*

## FROLICS ON THE FOREST FLOOR

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 95.87

The nose combined peaches, plums, red wine and plump sultanas with candy floss, vanilla slice, sugared almonds, honey and pine cones. The palate's toasted marshmallows, candied orange and hot plum tart played second fiddle to earthier notes of roasted chestnuts, espresso and oak, with dark chocolate, cinnamon, ginger and fernet. The reduced nose found a pine needle forest floor, coconut fibre doormats, liquorice lozenges, Seville orange marmalade on burnt toast and Moroccan spice markets. The palate gave us treacle scones, apple cinnamon cake, gingerbread, chewed pencils and brandy-flamed raisins. After 13 years in ex-bourbon wood, this was transferred into the second fill Moselle oak hogshead previously used for 112.46.



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	2nd fill Moselle Oak Hogshead
AGE	17 years
DATE	16 January 2006
OUTTURN	1 of only 188 bottles
ABV	58.1%
PRICE*	<del>£93.00</del> £ 75.00*

\*Discounted prices are exclusive to members attending the tasting events where these bottles are featured. If a bottle is out of stock at the event but available on our website, members can order it by contacting Member Services after the event. Stock availability applies, and shipping is always free!