

SIX DRAMS OF SUMMER



A DANDY DRAM

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK NO. 9.293

We felt we should dress up to give this rather dandy dram the recognition it deserved. So, we took a floppy handkerchief, antique cufflinks and our beloved panama hat to settle ourselves comfortably on a teak sun lounger to read *The Great Gatsby*. We then smoked a cigarillo before we were offered a glass of white wine sangria made with moscato, apricot brandy, strawberries, peaches, oranges and limes. Following reduction, we found scones with cream and strawberry jam and a choice of cocktail – one being an old fashioned, the other a Boston tea party: dry vermouth, sencha green tea, white rum, elderflower liqueur, bitters and lime juice.



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon Barrel
AGE	20 years
DATE	11 September 2003
OUTTURN	1 of only 127 bottles
ABV	54.6%
PRICE*	£112.00 £101.00*

THE STORM BEFORE THE CALM

SPICY & DRY

CASK NO. 55.82

We made a red wine gløgg with almonds, raisins and pumpkin seeds while we watched, in the distance, a thunderstorm approaching. On the palate it felt like a mythological battle between the Roman gods of Jupiter and Venus, the goddess not only of love but also victory – it was big and bold with a hint of funk, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Diluted, the thunderstorm passed, and a calmness set in with sweet frankincense, polished wood and clean leather saddles. To taste, a creamy texture, freshly brewed Assam black tea and a fruit tray bake. Following 12 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a first fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead.



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon barrel (12 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill Spanish oak Oloroso hogshead
AGE	15 years
DATE	21 September 2007
OUTTURN	1 of only 215 bottles
ABV	55.0%
PRICE*	£90.30 £69.00*

OOZES DECADENCE

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 41.167

The nose was a journey from Dundee (Dundee cake, linoleum) to France (brandy snaps), and from Spain (sherry trifle) to Madeira (sweet wine) and the USA (butter pecan pastries). The lovely, chewy palate gave us honey, dates, raisins and hot cross buns, with a dry finish of membrillo, cranberry sauce and ginger-flavoured halva. The reduced nose oozed decadence – candy floss, stem ginger, cherry clafoutis, black forest gâteau and sangria poured over freshly charred staves. Again on the palate, sweetness (cinnamon swirls, jam doughnuts and watermelon) gave way to roasted chestnuts, pink peppercorns, dark chocolate and fragrant oak. After 12 years in ex-bourbon wood, we transferred this into a first fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead.



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead (12 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill Spanish oak Oloroso Hogshead
AGE	15 years
DATE	21 June 2007
OUTTURN	1 of only 240 bottles
ABV	56%
PRICE*	£92.40 £78.00*

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STRAWBERRY POP TARTS

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK NO. 100.46

The colour has to be seen to be believed. Aroma descriptors followed suit – strawberry pop tarts just out of the toaster, blackcurrant squash and, slightly more upmarket, a champagne, cranberry, and cognac and bitter orange liqueur cocktail. On the palate this was fairly tannic and astringent at first before it developed a chunky sweetness of prune juice, and sautéed apples with brown sugar and cinnamon. Water added an afternoon tea with scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam next to a pot of rosehip tea. On the palate, the still grippy tannins were now well balanced by a fruity sweetness. Following seven years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a first fill Australian shiraz barrique.



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead (7 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill Australian Shiraz barrique
AGE	12 years
DATE	22 June 2012
OUTTURN	1 of only 286 bottles
ABV	61.1%
PRICE*	£65.00 £ 58.00*

SEA SALT AND SOOT

OILY & COASTAL

CASK NO. 18.75

We summarised the neat nose thus – “sea salt and soot, with a whiff of petrol and beef drippings”. And yes, one can describe it as rather singular. That was followed by steak and kidney pie on the palate next to smoked bacon lardons, as well as honey-cured smoked streaky bacon and clottie dumplings. After reduction, the scent was of honey and sea salt-roasted almonds while the taste was that of toasted rye bread, spread with salted butter topped with blueberries and pomegranate seeds. Following 13 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a first fill heavy toast medium char hogshead



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead (13 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill HTMC hogshead
AGE	16 years
DATE	11 September 2008
OUTTURN	1 of only 263 bottles
ABV	53.6%
PRICE*	£85.00 £ 75.00*

A SMOKIN' GLASS OF GOODNESS

PEATED

CASK NO. 10.261

Oh yes, smoke, salt and sea! You can just imagine looking out over a stretch of calm, blue and green, sparkling Caribbeanesque water to the Paps of Jura. On the palate we took a ringside seat for a bout between petrol-like smokiness and the sweet and salty combination of chargrilled pineapple wedges with chilli salt (the smoke “wins on points”). After reduction the weather changed, a gusty wind bringing dark rain clouds and the sea turned rough. Waves carried old wooden planks on to the pebble beach as we found shelter in a dunnage warehouse and drank a smoked, spiced mulled wine. Following five years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a first fill American oak PX hogshead.



REGION	Islay
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon hogshead (5 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill American oak PX hogshead
AGE	9 years
DATE	17 October 2013
OUTTURN	1 of only 278 bottles
ABV	64.4%
PRICE*	£79.20 £ 68.00*

*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.

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