

SIX DRAMS OF SUMMER



THE FRUIT MERCHANT

CASK NO. 46.152

In the auction house of a fruit exchange, a cocktail of banana, raisins, tropical fruit salad and cherries meandered through the air. Smooth on the palate, like leaving a cube of Turkish delight to melt on the tongue, we found red wine and blackcurrant jam on toasted rye bread, joined by an exotic woody seasoning from a spice merchant's leather apron. Water introduced apple and refiners syrup on the nose, with coconut, raspberry and cinnamon following on the palate. The genesis of this small batch was two bourbon hogsheads of single malt Scotch whisky, with each transferred into new casks at 13 years old. One cask was a first-fill American oak oloroso hogshead, while the other was a new American oak hogshead with a heavy toast and a medium char. The casks were then married together, giving rise to this small-batch release.



COLLECTION TWO-TO-ONE

REGION Speyside

INITIAL CASKS Refill ex-Bourbon hogsheads

FINAL CASKS New American oak HTMC hogshead & 1st fill American oak ex-Oloroso hogshead

AGE 16 years

DATE 14 March 2008

OUTTURN 1 of only 539 bottles

ABV 51.6%

PRICE* £ 90.00 £ 80.00*

REBELLIOUS RAISINS

SPICY & SWEET

CASK NO. 161.2

Raisins rolled in cinnamon caused mischief on buttered bagels, spilling red wine, kicking over bags of spice, and throwing apricots about willy-nilly. Peach yoghurt did its best to quell the uprising, but chilli jam and ginger turned up the heat on top of fruit scones rich with golden sultanas. Adding water instigated the involvement of sticky dessert wine paired with chocolate crèmeux. The commotion had caused orange blossom to fall from the trees, and peaches to land heavily on brioche and panettone. Mace now joined the raisins for a post-malarky party, dancing alongside hazelnut liqueur, malt loaf and sweet-scented tobacco.



REGION Highland

CASK TYPE 1st fill STR Barrique

AGE 5 years

DATE 6 September 2018

OUTTURN 1 of only 294 bottles

ABV 58.7%

PRICE* £ 75.00 £ 65.00*

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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SOME DARK DELICIOUS MESS

SPICY & DRY

CASK NO. 113.73

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 Oloroso barrique
AGE	16 years
DATE	6 August 2008
OUTTURN	1 of only 216 bottles
ABV	53.5%
PRICE*	£96.00 £72.00*

KEEP YOUR VIKINGS!

LIGHTLY PEATED

CASK NO. 4.392

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	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st fill Bourbon Barrel
AGE	13 years
DATE	27 January 2011
OUTTURN	1 of only 226 bottles
ABV	62.8%
PRICE*	£79.50 £ 65.00*

MASCULINE CHARMS OF A ROUGH, HAIRY HIGHLANDER

PEATED

CASK NO. 93.215

The initial nose served up smoked haddock fishcakes cooked over charcoal on the deck of a manky puffer. The palate evoked barbecues – smoky heat, crispy smoked bacon or grilled gammon with pineapple – and was stout and robust, but with a rough, hairy highlander's masculine charm. For some of us the reduced nose recalled the dying embers of a beach bonfire at sunset and moonrise, while others were struggling with tractor repairs in a farmyard shed. The reduced palate delivered smoked ham and cheese toasts (with burnt edges), grilled prawns, salted caramel ice cream, apple crumble, lemon bonbons with a sprinkling of coal dust and a mouth-twisting, lip-smackingly dry finish.



REGION	Campbeltown
INITIAL CASK	1st fill Bourbon barrel
AGE	9 years
DATE	23 September 2014
OUTTURN	1 of only 222 bottles
ABV	59.6%
PRICE*	£84.50 £60.00*

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