

# BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION



## SING THY NAME!

**SWEET & ZESTY**

**CASK NO. 39.300**

The dancefloor was buzzing with gooseberries, papayas and redcurrants as DJ Pineapple dropped another disco classic on the lemon meringue turntables. Candied fruit and apple slices boogied on a bed of oat porridge, their feet sticking to drizzles of thick treacle. With a dash of water a box of orange fondant chocolates appeared amid a cloud of icing sugar and cinnamon dust. The music veered towards a French theme as buttery pastries and croissants from a patisserie jived with ripe pears and juicy apples. The delicate character of raspberry tea, served with a slice of fresh lemon, rounded out the night, joined by just a hint of birch tree syrup.



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon Barrel
AGE	13 years
DATE	26 April 2012
OUTTURN	1 of only 214 bottles
ABV	61.2%
PRICE*	<del>£73.50</del> £59.90*

## WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF KINDNESS YET

**TOASTED OAK & VANILLA**

**CASK NO. 59.85**

The nose started inauspiciously with childhood memories of lino cuts, putty and modelling compound, but eventually opened up to sugared almonds, rich tea biscuits with butter and honey, cinnamon toast and sweet, roasted malt. The palate, sweet and nutty, suggested chocolate hazelnuts and brazils, pralines, almond flakes, coffee-flavour chocolate honeycomb sticks, and maple syrup. The reduced nose turned jammy – jammy dodgers, chocolate swiss rolls, strawberry jam brioche and chocolate ice cream, with side orders of champagne and old books. The palate now became smoother and more rounded – bourbon biscuits, raspberry and coconut chocolate bars and vanilla milkshake, with hints of wood and spice in the aftertaste.



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon Hogshead
AGE	13 years
DATE	10 January 2012
OUTTURN	1 of only 251 bottles
ABV	56.5%
PRICE*	<del>£ 73.50</del> £ 59.90*

## A CHAIR FOR CONTEMPLATION

**OLD & DIGNIFIED**

**CASK NO. 76.153**

Into the cider press tumbled toffee chunks, damson jam, fennel seeds, tonka beans and red wine. The nose was rich, as was the palate with its butter-fried barley, salted beeswax caramel and honey-spiked clotted cream. A touch of allspice and Jamaican rum meandered latterly. The introduction of water took us for a seat on a leather chaise longue and offered aromas of pistachio cake, olive oil, malt loaf and apricot jam. The palate by now was honeys, beeswax, Scottish tablet and tobacco-smoked pork and sage stuffing served on a stroopwafel.



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon Hogshead
AGE	31 years
DATE	16 November 1992
OUTTURN	1 of only 190 bottles
ABV	52%
PRICE	<del>£ 550.00</del> £ 299.00*

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## MISTLETOE AND WHISKY

### RIPE FRUITS & HONEY

#### CASK NO. I.297

Brandy in disguise, the nose was rich in sweet sawdust, blackberry pie, toasted ciabatta and orange oil-infused sugar. The palate opened with muddled orange segments and almond paste, with blueberries and apple mint to follow. Water presented dalгона coffee on the nose, plus cherry pie filling and wafer biscuits. The finish was a river of blackcurrant jam sailed on by melon yachts chasing pockets of evaporated milk and shoals of candied orange. After nine years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this to a first fill American oak oloroso hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Barrel (9 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill US oak Oloroso Hogshead
AGE	13 years
DATE	25 January 2012
OUTTURN	1 of only 220 bottles
ABV	58.9%
PRICE*	<del>£98.00</del> £69.80*

## SMOULDERING DELIGHTS

### BOLD & PEATY

#### CASK NO. 53.516

This felt like watching an aficionado excitedly preparing to experience their cigar. They carefully cut the end of the cigar to gently remove the wrapper so that the tobacco leaves remain intact, before finally smelling it unlit. Now they ensure a smooth burn and focus on the flavours – saffron buns, treacle, sticky ginger parkin and a chocolate and stout cake. Following careful reduction, the scent was that of baking a black sesame babka and preparing a sundried tomato vinaigrette using maple syrup as a sweetener. On the palate, we were served a lamb merguez containing many spices such as smoky rose harissa and smoked paprika, alongside sea salt and honey butter popcorn.



REGION	Islay
CASK TYPE	Refill Sherry Hogshead
AGE	35 years
DATE	23 April 1990
OUTTURN	1 of only 244 bottles
ABV	51.4%
PRICE*	<del>£495.00</del> £248.50*

## SPIRIT OF HALLOWE'EN

### BOLD & PEATY

#### CASK NO. 29.303

The neat nose revealed pure seawater and malt vinegar on hot fish 'n' chips. We also found lovely notes of cornichons in brine, pickled green peppercorns, pure iodine, soy sauce, anchovy paste and gherkins. Reduction made it surprisingly complex, with smouldering sandalwood, black olive tapenade, a distant beach bonfire, smoked olive oil and kippers drizzled with lemon juice. The palate was immediately very peaty, but also pure and salty with many coastal aspects, some sharp grapefruit notes, lemon juice on freshly shucked oysters and seaweed in miso broth. Water made it superbly oily and fat in texture, with waxy touches, pine wood resin, camphor, creosote, smoked black pepper and more seawater and malt vinegar combinations. This was matured in an ex-bourbon hogshead for eight years before being transferred to a second fill American oak PX hogshead.



REGION	Islay
INITIAL CASK	1st fill Bourbon Hogshead (8 years)
FINAL CASK	2nd fill US oak PX Hogshead
AGE	11 years
DATE	15 October 2013
OUTTURN	1 of only 298 bottles
ABV	59%
PRICE*	<del>£89.00</del> £65.50*

\*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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