

THE GATHERING



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*

A GREAT 'RUMIFICATION'

JUICY OAK & VANILLA

CASK NO. G10.43

An aromatic blend of mulled spices containing cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and star anise combined with orange and lemon peel next to a scent of exotic wood aromas to make this extremely appealing. On the palate, sweet oak notes joined ginger-sweet chai tea flavours, while in the finish we noted toasted oak and roasted coffee. After dilution, the coffee turned into a cappuccino sprinkled with cocoa powder, served alongside a warm crumpet with chocolate spread. To taste, we spread apple and blackberry jam on the raisin scone that accompanied our creamy hot chocolate. Following 16 years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this whisky into a first fill shaved, toasted and re-charred American oak barrique with new toasted heads.



REGION	Lowland
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon barrel (16 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill STR- New toasted heads - American oak Barrique
AGE	19 years
DATE	12 July 2005
OUTTURN	1 of only 189 bottles
ABV	60.0%
PRICE*	£99.00 £79.00*

VELVETY SMOOTH WITH A HINT OF SPICE

SPICY & SWEET

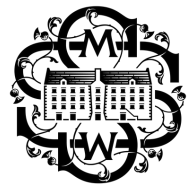
CASK NO. 12.87

The aroma was breath-taking, with unsmoked maple bacon, butterscotch pancakes, candied Seville oranges, black tea and cloves ... and the list could just go on and on. On the palate we found a truly irresistible combination of sweet caramel, smooth butter and vanilla, making it a classic butterscotch coffee syrup poured over maple ice cream. After careful reduction, the scent of rum and raisin fudge alongside damson jam and amaretti biscuits appeared. To taste there was initially a little spice coming from ginger beer and cinnamon buns before we enjoyed lavender shortbread and a glass of amarone wine. Following 29 years in an oloroso butt we transferred this whisky into a first fill PX butt.



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Oloroso Butt (29 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill PX Butt
AGE	35 years
DATE	30 May 1989
OUTTURN	1 of only 498 bottles
ABV	59.2%
PRICE	£425.00 £375.00

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BEHOLD THE BEAST

DEEP, RICH AND DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 76.157

Bruised apples landed with a splash into vats of brandy, treacle and funky rum, causing droplets to spray on to dried figs and banana bread dipped in soft brown sugar. A spicy warmth washed over the fruit, cascading ginger, chillies and white pepper into apple chutney, sultanas and coal tar blended with orange bitters. Water encouraged the emergence of strawberry daiquiri and French martini cocktails, garnished with tinned peaches and sticky fresh pine wood. With its fruity spirit character taking centre stage, rich sherry notes stood their ground towards the end – where nutmeg, ginger beer and dried fruits combined with chocolate orange biscuits.



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st fill oloroso butt
AGE	18 years
DATE	12 July 2006
OUTTURN	1 of only 534 bottles
ABV	54.3%
PRICE*	£155.00 £140.00*

GO EAST

DEEP, RICH AND DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 8.51

We discovered raisins floating in a pond of wasabi-infused soy sauce next to fruit dumplings with a dose of brandy as we opened and broke in a new pack of cards. This was very spicy and drying on the neat palate, with crispy, sesame garlic chilli oil noodles combining with cracked black pepper dark chocolate: a fearsome combination indeed. Following reduction we found ourselves in calmer waters, enjoying peanut brittle, glazed doughnuts, cherry scones, dates and fudge as well as an earthy, sweet pipe tobacco scent. The spice was now wonderfully balanced by the creamy sweetness of a cappuccino with a sprinkling of cocoa powder.



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st fill PX butt
AGE	9 years
DATE	16 November 2015
OUTTURN	1 of only 670 bottles
ABV	59.5%
PRICE*	£64.50 £58.00*

UNAPOLOGETICALLY WILD

HEAVILY PEATED

CASK NO. 122.79

We built a fire of coconut shells, the fragrant smoke enveloping dried apricots, toasted grapefruit and wild strawberries like a hazy tropical cloud as the shells smouldered away. Through this mist we could smell smoked caramel, elderflowers, and blueberry jam on burnt toast. With a few drops of water the smoke began to clear. Now before us was a hot cup of lapsang souchong tea, served with a lemon wedge and a delightful jelly made from perfumed muscat grapes. Our coconut shells continued to glow, providing a delicious edge to refreshing coconut water and chestnuts roasted over the embers. To complement the chestnuts we glazed figs with honey, then tucked into smoked lychees and some tangy charred grapefruit pith to finish.



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon hogshead (6 years)
FINAL CASK	2nd fill American oak PX hogshead
AGE	5 years
DATE	30 March 2018
OUTTURN	1 of only 186 bottles
ABV	58.6%
PRICE*	£60.00 £54.00*

*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!