



## LEMONY MCLEMONFACE

**SWEET & ZESTY**

**CASK NO. 156.8**

The initial nose proffered many lemons! Lemon bonbons, limoncello, lemon curd, lemon drizzle cake, lemon barley water. After many groves of lemons were snuffled through, we also detected aniseed balls, virgin olive oil, and strawberries and cream. Water brought out tea tree oil, custard powder, bergamot, lemon thyme and wee minty hints. The palate, when neat, was superbly mouthcoating, with shortbread, tart au citron (more lemons, really), some peppery mace notes and ... lemon. With water we got bananas baked with custard, rosewater, lime curd, a scattering of dolly mixtures and an even more emphatic textural present in the mouth.

And lemons.



<b>REGION</b>	Lowland
<b>CASK TYPE</b>	1st fill Bourbon Barrel
<b>AGE</b>	10 years
<b>DATE</b>	22 June 2015
<b>OUTTURN</b>	1 of only 200 bottles
<b>ABV</b>	61.5%
<b>PRICE*</b>	<del>£ 80.00</del> £ 64.00*

## HAPPY DAYS

**TOASTED OAK & VANILLA**

**CASK NO. 60.56**

Very indulgent, rich, luxurious, a real pleasure. We got browned butter brioche French toast accompanied by honeysuckle chrysanthemum tea made using honey, rock sugar and mulberry leaves. On the palate, surprisingly spicy Thai chilli rice crackers arrived first before sweeter notes of baked apple doughnuts with cinnamon sugar and sticky toffee butter popcorn. Water added herb-flavoured hazelnut liqueur poured over crunchy chocolate-coated biscotti. The taste was of fluffy, thick American-style pancakes, served alongside cantaloupe melon jam and a creamy lemon tarragon dipping sauce. Following seven years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this whisky into a heavy toasted medium charred second fill barrel.



<b>REGION</b>	Highland
<b>INITIAL CASK</b>	Refill Bourbon Barrel (7 years)
<b>FINAL CASK</b>	2nd fill HTMC Hogshead
<b>AGE</b>	10 years
<b>DATE</b>	3 April 2014
<b>OUTTURN</b>	1 of only 187 bottles
<b>ABV</b>	58.6%
<b>PRICE</b>	<del>£ 70.00</del> £ 54.00*

## A NEW LAND FOR SHERRY SCEPTICS

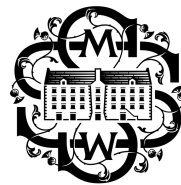
**DRIED FRUITS & SPCICES**

**CASK NO. 1.305**

This spent eight years in ex-bourbon wood before being transferred into a first fill Spanish oak oloroso-seasoned hogshead; the light sherry influence has produced a complex dram. The nose offered heather honey, maple candies, pomegranate molasses and strawberry compote, then autumn leaves, pine forests, old wardrobes and nutmeg. On the palate, candied almonds, sticky toffee pudding and crème caramel sweetness were balanced by tangy, floral notes (one Panellist found himself in a blackcurrant bush), with spiced prunes to finish. The reduced nose brought chocolate gingers, walnuts, dates and sherry trifle, while the palate acquired coltsfoot rock, cinnamon buns, lemon drizzle cake and liquorice allsorts eaten in a florist's.



<b>REGION</b>	Speyside
<b>INITIAL CASK</b>	Refill Bourbon Barrel (8 years)
<b>FINAL CASK</b>	1st fill Spanish oak Oloroso hogshead
<b>AGE</b>	12 years
<b>DATE</b>	9 September 2013
<b>OUTTURN</b>	1 of only 584 bottles
<b>ABV</b>	57.5%
<b>PRICE*</b>	<del>£ 94.00</del> £ 74.90*



## THE FIVE REGIONS

### SMOKY & FRUITY

#### BATCH NO. 39

When we created Batch 31 (2025 release), Wandering Alchemy, our whisky team blended a larger volume than required with the intention of re-casking a portion for further maturation and marrying. This batch is made up of that very whisky, one year on. A celebration of all five whisky producing regions, with notes of sweet wines, decadent desserts and rich smoky undertones.

A formidable bouquet greeted the Panel nosing neat. The scent was mouthwatering, like fudge doughnuts with a creamy custard filling, alcohol-infused chocolate truffles and glacé cherries. Yet there were also antique aromas such as wood varnish, teak oil, old leather-bound ledgers and a vintage wooden potpourri holder. On the palate, the initial sweet wood smoke of smouldering cedar incense sticks preceded delicate, floral flavours of heather and wild lavender honey, as well as caramelised apple slices. With a drop of water we opened a bottle of vin santo, a Tuscan sweet wine with that typical aroma of ripe and dried fruits, hints of dark chocolate-covered macadamias, nutmeg and star anise, alongside roasted coffee beans. The taste – silky smooth, slightly tangy – reminded us of a walnut romesco sauce with a trace of smoked paprika in the finish.



**CASK TYPES** 2nd & Refill American Oak PX, Spanish Oak Oloroso, HTMC & Bourbon Hogsheads & Barrels

**AGE** 11 years

**DATE** 10 June 2014

**OUTTURN** 1 of only 1169 bottles

**ABV** 50%

**PRICE\*** ~~£74.00~~ £59.90\*

## PLEASURES RARE

### SMOKY & FRUITY

#### CASK NO. 53.526

A superb nose, powerful and complex, revealed immediate impressions of smouldering hardwoods, resinous fir wood, black olive tapenade, white miso, camphor and pickled dark fruit chutney. In the background was an aromatic waft of rancio. With water we found smoked treacle, natural tar extract, spiced winter ales, cured meats and more black olives. The neat palate was dominated by notes of game meats, very old burgundy, blackcurrant liqueur, date molasses and old-style tar liqueur. Reduction revealed hessian cloth, old leather, plum wine, five spice and dried herbs, plus some artichoke liqueur and walnut wine. An amazing and hugely rewarding sherried variation on this Islay great. This was matured in an ex-bourbon hogshead for eight years before being transferred to a first fill American oak PX hogshead.



**REGION** Islay

**INITIAL CASK** Refill Bourbon Hogshead (8 years)

**FINAL CASK** 1st fill American oak PX Hogshead

**AGE** 15 years

**DATE** 28 September 2010

**OUTTURN** 1 of only 262 bottles

**ABV** 57.2%

**PRICE\*** ~~£112.00~~ £85.90\*

## STUFF STORIES ARE MADE OF

### BOLD & PEATY

#### CASK NO. 10.294

"That's the stuff stories are made of" and "that cleared my sinuses" were just two of the many comments immediately after nosing for the first time. We found plenty of sea spray, fruity sweetness and – have we not mentioned it yet? – smoke! On the palate, this was like a sip from a sailor's hip flask as they brace for the storm and try to steer their ship through heavy seas – not for the faint-hearted. The addition of water felt like the light at the end of the tunnel, that first ray of sunshine breaking menacing clouds as the gentle fruity sweetness made a comeback. Navigating now in calmer waters we lit a cigar and thought of the tales we could tell when back home.



**REGION** Islay

**CASK TYPE** 2nd fill Bourbon Barrel

**AGE** 12 years

**DATE** 24 October 2013

**OUTTURN** 1 of only 247 bottles

**ABV** 59.0%

**PRICE\*** ~~£87.00~~ £69.90\*

\*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!