

THE GATHERING



SCRUMPTIOUS!

SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT

BATCH NO. 33

A visit to several cooperages in France inspired the Whisky Team to source calvados-seasoned STR barriques from our friends at Alter Oak. We entrusted the casks with a 15-year-old Speyside single malt, previously matured in ex-bourbon wood; the spirit absorbing earthy and apple cellar aromas as well as notes of rancio and tobacco. For the final result of combining bourbon-matured whisky with the calvados casks, think delectable apples and custard. We're proud to present to you this elegant addition to our Heresy range. At first nose we marvelled at the array of dried apricots, toffee apples, and tarte tatin with custard laid out before us on a table covered in hay. Digging into this end-of-harvest buffet, flavours of overaged white wine and honey sponge cake mingled with stewed apples, mace and woodruff balanced the initial velvety texture carrying the weight of leaf mulch and tobacco. Imagine a stroll through a Highland forest on a dry autumn day. With a bit of water a metamorphosis took place, unearthing scents of lemon zest, cognac, stewed plums and cherries, as well as white chocolate madeleines made with orange-flavoured French brandy liqueur. To taste it was dark and fruity, with citrus, chipotle chilli, tobacco and cassia bark held in orbit around a tannic backbone. Enjoy this grown-up dram for your autumn forest meanderings and contemplative moments.



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPES	2nd fill Bourbon barrels & 1st fill STR Calvados seasoned barriques
AGE	17 years
DATE	11 March 2008
OUTTURN	1 of only 1 460 bottles
ABV	50%
PRICE*	£75.00 £67.50*

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*

A STRATHSPEY WITH A BOLERO BEAT

SPICY & SWEET

CASK NO. 95.70

We imagined watching an elegant yet passionate and feisty bolero performance on a dusty wooden stage before the two guitarists started playing a honey nut medley. The taste was as fervent, plenty of oak spice met chewing tobacco, Jamaica ginger cake and chilli-roasted walnuts with cranberries. Water tamed the ferocious, yet fun, flavours on the nose with aromas of exotic wood, teak oil and a raspberry walnut vinaigrette. On the palate now a wonderful sweetness – red fruits with vanilla, orange peel and herbal honey – with a lingering peppery warmth in the finish. Following 12 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a first fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead.



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Refill Bourbon Hogshead(12 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill Oloroso Hogshead
AGE	15 years
DATE	27 June 2007
OUTTURN	1 of only 285 bottles
ABV	57.1%
PRICE	£78.90 £ 70.00

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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.

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