

SIX DRAMS OF SUMMER



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*

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*

SHAKESPEARE MEETS DJANGO REINHARDT

DEEP, RICH AND DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 39.297

We drizzled nocino, a spicy-sweet Italian walnut liqueur, over baked apples with sultanas. On the palate we stayed, thanks to Shakespeare, in the so-called country of love and romance (more poetic than the actual translation of Italy as the 'land of calves'). We drank a bittersweet caffè shakerato – espresso coffee shaken over ice with a little sugar syrup added. Following reduction, we prepared a New York deli pastrami sandwich and drank a cocktail, named after the famous jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt, of dry vermouth, lemon juice and sugar syrup, garnished with an orange slice. Following 10 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 (10 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill Spanish oak Oloroso hogshead
AGE	14 years
DATE	1 July 2009
OUTTURN	1 of only 242 bottles
ABV	57.3%
PRICE	£85.00 £72.25*

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CRAFT SODA SOPHISTICATION

SPICY & DRY

CASK NO. 149.12

We were served a fruit salad, bursting with clementine, peach syrup, grapefruit and pineapple on the nose, which we splashed with brine and topped with sliced bell peppers and pomegranate. The palate was cola and vanilla, black peppercorns and mint blossom, with a dry capsicum spice to finish. Water added icing sugar sweetness to the nose, along with a fresh squeeze of lemon, a pinch of allspice, and a drizzle of honey. We could now taste set vanilla custard, flaky pastries and chilli flakes, pencil shavings and charcoal. The finish was dry, with a savoury peppery spice.



REGION	Highland
FINAL CASK	1st fill Bourbon barrel
AGE	8 years
DATE	24 March 2016
OUTTURN	1 of only 240 bottles
ABV	61.8%
PRICE*	£47.00 £40.00*

BALSAMIC BLACK PEPPER STRAWBERRY AND RHUBARB CRUMBLE

DEEP, RICH AND DRIED FRUITS

CASK NO. 41.163

Have you ever had a balsamic black pepper strawberry and rhubarb crumble? That's exactly what it reminded us of. On the palate it was like a dark 'n' stormy cocktail, but using a a spiced rum and a ginger beer for the die-hard ginger fans out there. After reduction, the nose turned into cinnamon buns, peppermint oil, oranges and cranberries, alongside yoghurt-coated raisins and marzipan. To taste it was sweet and smooth, with a wonderful texture of Canadian maple syrup over pecan granola and, in the finish, dried mango, dark cherries and black grapes. Following 13 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 (13 years)
FINAL CASK	1st fill Spanish oak Oloroso hogshead
AGE	16 years
DATE	24 March 2006
OUTTURN	1 of only 252 bottles
ABV	59.4%
PRICE	£96.80 £79.00*

MY NUTS ARE ON FIRE

PEATED

CASK NO. 138.25

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	Taiwan
INITIAL CASK	2nd fill Bourbon barrel
AGE	5 years
DATE	30 March 2018
OUTTURN	1 of only 186 bottles
ABV	58.6%
PRICE*	£79.50 £60.00*

*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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