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OUTTURN

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PURE FLAVOUR
THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS!**

The ultimate festive whisky guide as we farewell 2025



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WHAT A YEAR...

2025 for me, for the first time in some time, has felt like a properly LONG year. Living in Scotland for the majority of it, experiencing a lot of new things, meeting amazing people, and discovering the membership of the UK & EU was a tremendous ride, and they say that new experiences keep us young, or something like that (just ask my knees).

But I'm back now, and we're building something truly amazing for the SMWS here in Oz. You've probably already seen quite a few changes with Suzy leaving, Donelle finishing up, and the whole team now in our new Melbourne digs. We're not going to get everything right, not straight away anyway, but we're plugging on, and continuing to bring the widest range of SMWS whiskies direct to you via our events, via Outturns like this, and all the great content you'll be hopefully seeing online.

It's an exciting time to be in flavour, and I'm super excited to catch you all at our Christmas and summer events coming up. A big shout out to Adam, Zac, Lachie, Suzy, Donelle, Andrew, all our state ambassadors, all our loyal helpers, all our members. We made it to the end!



MATT BAILEY ~
MANAGING DIRECTOR, SMWS
EUROPE & AUSTRALIA

THE END OF THE (2025) ROAD



It's always interesting writing these little intros, there's usually so much to cover in such a short word count. Of course, this month, I'm covering **two months'** worth of Outturn — that's **A LOT** of new whiskies, two different virtual tastings, several promotions for both incoming and existing members, and some fantastic events which are still trickling in from State Ambassadors even as I write this...so let's break down what this Outturn is.

It's a countdown, really, the only ultimate festive gifting guide you'll need in the spirits game this year with new bottles releasing **EVERY FRIDAY** from November 14 until December 12. Yep, unlike previous years, we're counting down to the festive season with six – eight brand new bottlings being released on each Friday. This will give us an opportunity to really spotlight each release and allow you to have a proper look at what you'd like in your Christmas stocking.

We've got some great bundles, perfect for some generous gifting (or just a treat for yourself), as well as our next Creators Collection coming in the

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first week of December: Our DRDF trio of Worm Tub releases are a shockingly good representation of the type of spirit this old-school production method can yield. If you're reading this on November 9, then our first Virtual Tasting — One Heretical Night — is on sale now and will feature five tasty Heresy releases, most of which are small-batch single malts. Our second virtual tasting for December will be on sale Friday 14, a seven-dram line-up with myself, Lachie, Matt, and Alex Moores yapping between drams.

This is a really exciting Outturn, and our final hoorah for 2025. There's a lot

going on: Have a look at the release dates, check out the special offers, and if you have any questions, let us know! Zac is on the dram-ierge desk for all your flavour questions, whether they relate to recommendations or promotional offers. I'll see you on our Christmas virtuals, and at our Melbourne Christmas party on December 6, but until then, it's been a pleasure curating each and every Outturn this year, and I look forward to doing it all again this year alongside the exciting things we have in store for our first full year as a new team with Zac onboard and Matt back in Australia permanently.



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ADAM IOANNIDIS ~
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EDITOR, SMWS AUSTRALIA





WEEK 1 RELEASES

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER



OILY & COASTAL



SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW



SPICY & SWEET



SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 52.48
SEA SALT AND SZECHUAN
PEPPER

CASK No. 6.83
CHEWY-TEXTURED
MEANDERINGS

CASK No. 138.27
FIRE UP THE CHOCOLATE
BARBECUE

CASK No. 55.90
CHOCOLATE CRÈME BRÛLÉE
WITH REDCURRANTS



SPICY & SWEET



SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT



LIGHTLY PEATED



OLD & DIGNIFIED

CASK No. 59.88
BREAKFAST TEA AND
POTPOURRI

BATCH 26
SPANISH SPLENDOUR

CASK No. 11.63
FLY CEMETERIES AND RAIN
ON A CHIMNEY

CASK No. 50.119
GALLOVIDIAN RHAPSODY

ALL WEEK 1 RELEASES GO LIVE AT MIDDAY AEDT **FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

SALTY SZECHUAN SUMMER!

SEA SALT AND SZECHUAN PEPPER

OILY & COASTAL

CASK No. 52.48

\$220

DISCOUNTED FROM \$240

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	11 years
DATE DISTILLED	27 August 2013
ABV	55.4%
OUTTURN	227 (50 in Australia)

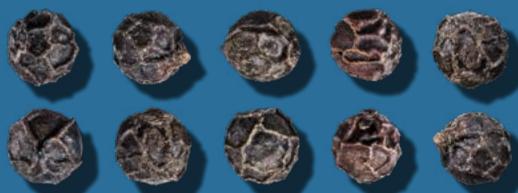
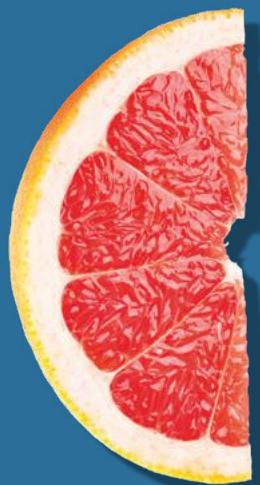
TASTING NOTES

The nose suggested coastal fog round a shipbuilders yard: clean and subtle, with additional hints of clover honey, golden syrup, fruit salad chews and banana split. It acquired more self-confidence on the palate, with intense flavours of salted caramel pieces in dark chocolate, salted liquorice and green olives, grapefruit and lime acidity, and an aftertaste of Szechuan pepper and ship's timbers. The nose in reduction delivered wood shavings, perfumed pear, salted plantain chips, chocolate and pepper spice. On the palate, we now found coffee, apple cake, white wine gums, cinnamon bark and dry-roasted peanuts. The much-vaunted maritime character was subtle but undeniable.



FROM THE TEAM

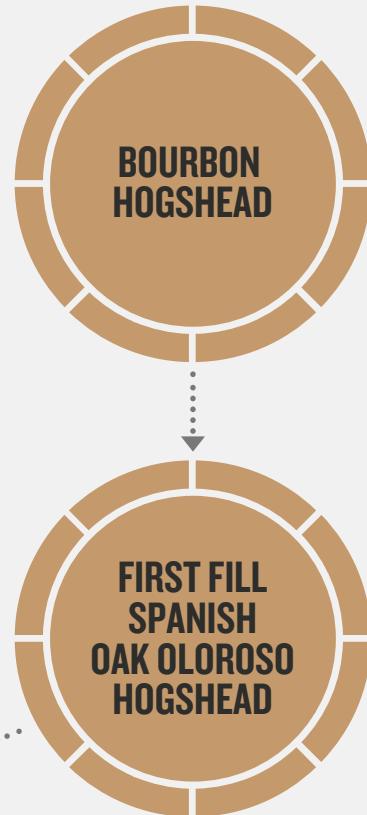
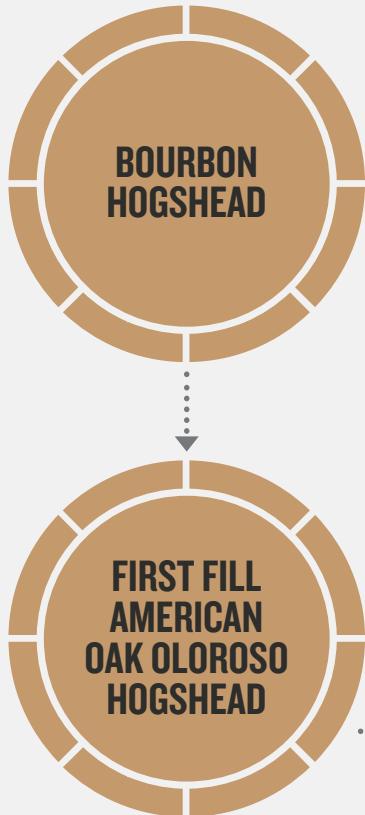
Welcome back Distillery 52 — it's been a couple of years (not counting last month's special virtual treat) — and what a return it is in the form of a no-nonsense 11-year-old in member-favourite flavour profile, Oily & Coastal. If you're a fan of your 93s, then this is one to jump on: spicy chocolate, wood shavings, green olives, and thick salted caramel complement the notable fruity/brine this spirit is so well known for. Expect a long finish for this banger; just \$220 down from \$240 until the end of the year. Start November Outturn off with a bang and grab yourself a bottle of the Malt of the Month to have with your seafood Christmas barbie!





ULTRA SMALL-BATCH SERIES

**SOCIETY NO: 6.83
CHEWY-TEXTURED
MEANDERINGS**



CHEWY-TEXTURED MEANDERINGS

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 6.83
\$249



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	Ex-bourbon hogsheads into 1st fill American oak Oloroso hogshead and 1st fill ex-Spanish oak oloroso hogshead
AGE	17 years
DATE DISTILLED	9 July 2007
ABV	53.6%
OUTTURN	409 (36 in Australia)

This started out as two bourbon hogsheads of single malt Scotch whisky. One was transferred at 12 years old to a first-fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead, while the other was transferred at 13 years old to a first-fill American oak oloroso hogshead. The casks were then married together before bottling. The result gives a wonderful nose, combining geraniums and ginger, gooseberry and gorse, lemon curd and liquorice, poached pears, plum sauce and polished oak. The palate, with nice chewy textures, meanders from pineapple, pink grapefruit and gin-based fruit cup to brown sugar, blackcurrant jam and strawberry angel delight, with cinnamon, ginger, cayenne and pink antiseptic, fluoride-free toothpaste toothpaste to finish.

FIRE UP THE CHOCOLATE BARBECUE

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 138.27
\$220



REGION	Taiwan
CASK TYPE	New oak charred barrel
AGE	6 years
DATE DISTILLED	31 March 2017
ABV	58.2%
OUTTURN	200 (18 in Australia)

Constructed from chocolate cake fire bricks mortared with dark chocolate fondant, the barbecue was in full glow as it scorched pineapple rings and fresh coconut. Fuelling the flames with runny treacle and bourbon whisky, a burst of heat engulfed ripe mango slices and pain au raisin pastries. With a little water to control the heat we sat back to enjoy a rich mug of black coffee, served with delicious rum and raisin fudge. Sweet aromas joined the party from apricot jam on poached pears, before some lingering spicy notes, while cardamom pods stewed in a large pot of black chai tea, garnished with a few eucalyptus leaves for freshness.

BREAKFAST TEA AND POTPOURRI

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 59.88
\$239



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	Ex-oloroso butt into a 2nd fill European oak HTMC puncheon
AGE	17 years
DATE DISTILLED	29 January 2007
ABV	57.3%
OUTTURN	395 (18 in Australia)

The aroma reminded us of sugary breakfast tea, pineapple upside-down cake, panettone and potpourri. On the palate neat, a lively citrus flavour was tempered by tutti-frutti sweetness, rose water, and dandelion and burdock. The finish held a savoury surprise with jarred artichokes marinated in a rich, nutty olive oil. Water added cardamom, honey and blood oranges alongside green olives stuffed with feta. The taste had the pleasant sweetness of lemon juice-drenched crêpes, candied apples, woodruff ice cream and cinnamon-spiced mint candies. Following 12 years in an oloroso butt, we transferred this whisky into a second fill, heavy toast, medium char European oak puncheon.

CHOCOLATE CRÈME BRÛLÉE WITH REDCURRANTS

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 55.90
\$240



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	Ex-bourbon hogshead into a 2nd fill STR barrique
AGE	15 years
DATE DISTILLED	21 September 2007
ABV	55.2%
OUTTURN	278 (30 in Australia)

The nose neat had aromas of charred carrots with apple and brown butter vinaigrette made using pine nuts and thyme next to sweet and sour candied plums, as well as linseed oil and Jamaican sorrel syrup. To taste, how about crème brûlée al cioccolato con ribes rosso – sounds a lot better than chocolate crème brûlée with redcurrants! After reduction, we discovered apricot jam, hazelnuts and treacle tart, as well as walnut and raisin bread. Following 12 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a shaved toasted and re-charred second fill barrique.



SLEEPER PEATER...

FLY CEMETERIES AND RAIN ON A CHIMNEY

LIGHTLY PEATED

CASK No. 11.63

\$189

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	12 years
DATE DISTILLED	19 December 2012
ABV	59.5%
OUTTURN	219 (36 in Australia)

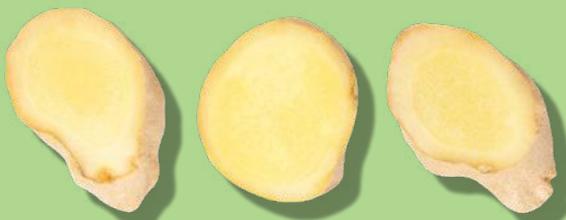
TASTING NOTES

The nose had subtle, light smoke (hot sanded wood, perfume and cigarettes) with zesty elements of grapefruit or lemon balanced by banana toffee, pain au chocolat and cherry ice-cream sweetness. The palate found tingling smoke (burnt sage leaves, hot stones, charred wood) but not enough to overpower the other flavours of pear tart, mango and brandy-soaked plums, or the finish of pickled ginger, sweet chilli sauce, cinnamon and clove. The reduced nose encountered caramel wafers and butterscotch, dried heather flowers, fly cemeteries and rain on a chimney. Fruit dominated the palate now, bringing lemonade, pineapple, lychee, cranachan and white wine poured over embers.



FROM THE TEAM

We don't see too many 11s. Beyond this year's Whisky Wanderers Festivals, the last significant release was our Australian-exclusive 20yo back in 2022. It's even less common to see peated distillate from this tropical set of copper stills. Expect fragrant, tropical smoke in each sip with banana toffee, charred wood, and pear tart abound. Don't miss this sleeper in the first week of Outturn goodies — on sale November 14!



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FLY CEMETERIES AND RAIN ON A CHIMNEY

Light smoke (burnt sage leaves, a lun in the drizzle), banana toffee and butterscotch sweetness; pear tart, lemonade, lychee and pineapple.

THE SCOTCH MALT
WHISKY SOCIETY

DISTILLED: 19 DECEMBER 2012

REGION: HIGHLAND

CASK: 1ST FILL EX-BOURBON BARREL

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

59.5% VOL 70cl



SPANISH SPLENDOUR

SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT

Batch 26
\$169

REGION	Single Malt
CASK TYPE	1st fill & refill ex-oloroso sherry hogsheads
AGE	10 years
DATE DISTILLED	10 September 2013
ABV	50.0%
OUTTURN	2,277 (90 in Australia)

HERESY RELEASE



GALLOVIDIAN RHAPSODY

OLD & DIGNIFIED

CASK No. 50.119
\$799

EXTRA MATURED

VAULTS COLLECTION



REGION	Lowland
CASK TYPE	Refill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	34 years
DATE DISTILLED	26 January 1990
ABV	53.6%
OUTTURN	235 (12 in Australia)

"This small batch single malt displays a wonderfully fruity highland distillate through the lens of oloroso sherry casks, in both Spanish & American oak. The Tasting Panel were taken to a Spanish bakery, where they enjoyed a wealth of luxurious sweet treats. An abundantly, almost extravagantly, rich aroma filled the room with the scent of chocolate truffles, rum-soaked raisins, butterscotch sauce and prunes stewed in port wine. The taste was just as luxuriant, with flavours of a Seville orange cake prepared with raw forest honey, which is a little less sweet and has a slightly salty note. With a drop of water we cracked the crunchy, caramelised crust of an authentic crema catalana to release the characteristic citrus and cinnamon aromas. On the palate, we cut slices of a cake from Brittany, a Far Breton – a flan-style egg and milk custard with prunes which reminded one of us of a similar dessert served in the Spanish Cantabria region, quesada pasiega.

A complex orchestration of honeysuckle, pomegranate and earl grey tea harmonised with sizzling pork chops, glazed with manuka honey and served with sweet apple sauce on an antique writing desk. Base notes of candied orange peel, smashed hazelnuts and virgin olive oil created rich yet silky textures that perfectly carried the other flavours. A small dash of water established an ensemble of sweet ginger wine, maple syrup and marmalade, alongside a quartet of cassia bark, marzipan, Christmas cake and pineapple flambéed in armagnac. The sticky, syrupy notes reached a delightful crescendo before an encore of dark chocolate, toasted almonds and tobacco. At 28 years of age, we combined selected casks from the same distillery. We then returned the single malt into a variety of different casks to develop further. This is one of those casks.



EBBS, FLOWS, AND 2025 IN RETROSPECT

BY ANDREW DERBIDGE

I've been writing an end-of-year letter to members or a column for the year's last Outturn now for 20 years. For 19 of those years, the whisky industry has generally been buoyant and optimistic. This year is the first where I write at a time when the whisky industry is in a downturn. It is foreign territory for most of us. Picking itself up from the nadir of the 1980s, the whisky industry, particularly its single malt category, has been in continuous growth from the mid-1990s onwards. Certain periods within the last 15 years can only be described as *boom times*. However, the whisky industry has a demonstrated 200-year history of boom-and-bust cycles. After many years of boom, it seems the bust has at last burst.

The casual whisky drinker would likely be oblivious to this. Walk into your local bottle shop and you'll still find your favourite brands on the shelf. Flick through this issue of Outturn and you'll find — as always — a sensational array of malts and bottlings to sustain you over the festive period. It's the industry stuff happening behind the scenes that tell the wider story.

Looking purely at Scotch whisky, exports are down — both in volume and value. Retail sales are down across all sectors. Distilleries are reducing/slowing production. Sadly, staff are being laid off in numerous departments as the company accountants pull the levers they're able to to balance cash flows and stem losses.

The reasons for the sudden decline are many and they are complex. (Plenty

of learned commentators assert the decline is not sudden, but the combined result of a slow burn that accumulated over time and manifested at once). I won't claim to be a successful fortune teller, but this article (whiskyandwisdom.com/is-the-tide-turning-on-the-scotch-whisky-industry) I wrote in June, 2022 certainly highlighted that trouble was brewing. (If you're reading a hardcopy version of this — and hence no hyperlink — head to www.whiskyandwisdom.com and put "tide turning" into the search tool). This brief column here can only scratch the surface, but there's no denying that the current high inflation and high costs of living in many markets around the world are significant, contributing causes. The bottom line is that we don't have as much spare cash to spend on whisky as we did a few years ago.

The broader Australian whisky scene (by which I mean producers, retailers, consumers, clubs, venues, and the general *community*) is similarly feeling the pinch: Several notable Aussie distilleries have stopped producing; retail sales are depressed; people are spending less. Attendances at whisky events are *well down* on historical norms. Whether it's tastings, meetings, festivals, fairs, whisky dinners — every organiser I speak with reports the same tale: Events are lucky if they get even *half* of the bums on seats they plan and budget for. Plenty of whisky events are having to be cancelled due to lack of bookings/attendance.

For an end-of-year piece leading into the festive period, the preceding paragraphs admittedly aren't exactly... er...festive. So, let's flip things and look at the other side of the coin. What are the "good news" stories doing the rounds at the moment? High on the list is quality. There are, quite simply, some spectacular drams being produced. Several brands have already got the message that consumers are tired of overly-priced, no-age-statement releases that have more substance in their packaging and back stories than in the whisky itself. Instead, we're seeing simple, honest bottlings that offer value and genuine flavour. In the local scene, plenty of Australian producers are bringing well-matured, well-priced whiskies to market. (Witness the number of local options there are now for sub-\$100 Aussie whiskies). I also think that the industry is being incredibly well served right now by a sensational cohort of ambassadors, brand managers, advocates, and enthusiasts who labour out of a genuine love for the product. The sense of *community* amongst the whisky community has never been stronger. And while attendances at our Society meetings, tastings, and dinners are lower than we're accustomed to, their quality, value, and variety have been spectacular.

For us at SMWS HQ, well, we have a new SMWS HQ! After 23 years of our administration largely being run out of Sydney, we've completed the transition to Melbourne and now have — for the first time — a dedicated SMWS commercial office space where our four full-time staff (Matt Bailey, Adam Ioannidis, Zac Stanley, and Lachlan Watt) operate from. A major catalyst



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for this transition was the departure of Suzy Tawse; on the back of her departure, we also say a sad farewell to Donelle Hampshire. Donelle came onboard as an assistant to Suzy back in 2013 and has been with us in a part-time capacity for 12 years. With an accounting background, her early role was chiefly in bookkeeping and orders, but this evolved to having a hand in most of our operations, logistics, and office administration. You may also have seen her "*front of house*" at some of our events such as The Australian Malt Whisky Tasting Championship, or possibly spoken with her on the phone if you rang the office with an order

or an enquiry. I'd like to acknowledge and thank Donelle for her sterling and diligent work; her wonderful dedication and commitment; and for helping to bring SMWS joy to so many members. May she enjoy many fine drams in her retirement!

With Christmas looming on the horizon, I wish all of our members many fine drams also, and I trust you'll pick something out from amongst these pages to celebrate the season or to leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve. Stay safe, drink well, drink responsibly, and we look forward to more SMWS drams with you next year.



Andrew Derbridge

ANDREW DERBRIDGE ~
CHAIRMAN, DIRECTOR, AND
NSW MANAGER





WEEK 2 RELEASES

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER



SPICY & SWEET



SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW



SPICY & SWEET



JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

CASK No. G9.9
REAL PEEL APPEAL

CASK No. 122.84
MANGO TANGO

CASK No. 105.53
FLAT IRON STEAK
TIKKA KEBAB

CASK No. 80.57
BEND TO THE WILL OF
THE CASK



RYE WHISKY

CASK No. RW6.2
AQUAVIT-SPIKED FIG AND
LEMON VERBENA JAM



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 8.48
FLAMENCO DANCER'S
COFFEE BREAK



HERESY

BATCH 32
FIFE PEATY POTION

ALL WEEK 2 RELEASES GO LIVE AT MIDDAY AEDT **FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

TAKE IT WITH A GRAIN OF... WELL, GRAIN!

REAL PEEL APPEAL

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. G9.9

\$280

DISCOUNTED FROM \$310

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	Ex-bourbon barrel into a 1st fill HTMC barrel
AGE	24 years
DATE DISTILLED	25 July 2000
ABV	61.0%
OUTTURN	213 (36 in Australia)

TASTING NOTES

Tangy notes of lemon, raspberries and orange sherbet swirled in thick rice pudding and vanilla custard adorned with raisins, marzipan and soft butterscotch. Tart cherries and candied orange then emerged against a backdrop of stewed apples, dark chocolate and sticky toffee pudding. Adding water enhanced the delight as creamy butter textures wrapped around popcorn, tangerines and sticky dates, before honey-roasted nuts tumbled on to the palate with crunchy cereals and sponge cake. The abundance of sweetness found the perfect balance on the finish, however, as lime marmalade and plum skins delivered a tart dryness alongside the tang of hoppy IPA beer. After spending 21 years in an ex-bourbon barrel this was transferred to a first fill heavily toasted barrel for the remainder of its maturation.

PREMIUM
MALT
OF THE
MONTH



FROM THE TEAM

For those who have joined our wondrous club in 2025, you may be less-so familiar with Premium Malt of the Month — a concept we introduced several years ago which allowed us to offer up a Premium-livery bottling we had a good allocation of at a great price alongside our core-range Malt of the Month, but only for our massive November Outturn. This year, we're opted for a 24-year-old Highland single-grain whisky using exclusively organic grain. If Malt of the Month offered you a briny, fruity, salty malt, then this one is just fruit and cream with sponge cakes and buttered tangy fruits being thrown around the palate. Three years of further maturation in a 1st fill ex-HTMC barrel after 21 years in an ex-bourbon barrel, and available for the staggeringly attractive price of \$280 down from \$310 just for November and December. Don't sleep on this one!





MANGO TANGO

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 122.84

\$169



REGION Highland

CASK TYPE 1st fill bourbon barrel

AGE 9 years

DATE DISTILLED 27 October 2015

ABV 58.8%

OUTTURN 184 (30 in Australia)

Ripe, bright and fresh were the first adjectives mentioned – fresh hay bales, apple orchards, green muscat grapes, elderflower cordial and a gentle whiff of oak, minerality and yeastiness made this a very enjoyable encounter. The taste offered more fruitiness with apples and honeydew melon as well as grapes, now black and red. In the finish, we found the sweet lemon freshness of citrus candies. With a drop of water came heather honey, a giant candyfloss lollipop and lemon-flavoured barley water. And it was sweet and juicy on the palate, delivering soft real-fruit wine gums followed by a mango tango cocktail.

BEND TO THE WILL OF THE CASK

JUICY, OAK & VANILLA

CASK No. 80.57

\$199



REGION Speyside

CASK TYPE 1st fill ex- bourbon hogshead

AGE 14 years

DATE DISTILLED 6 December 2010

ABV 56.8%

OUTTURN 262 (36 in Australia)

We found this one presented on the lighter side, with a lovely, low-level hum of vanilla, spiced marmalade and butterscotch. With a little time we also noted cream soda, fabric softener and foam strawberry sweeties. Reduction brought out a sprightly lemon zest note, with menthol tobacco, pine cones and chamois leather adding a little more weight. The mouth was quite wood-forward with lots of nice cupboard spices, freshly sawn oak, toasted coconut and some nicely exotic suggestions of mango and grapefruit. Water enhanced these fruitier notes and maintained the mango and pineapple flavours, with spiced vanilla, sponge cake, wood resins and camphor all in the background.

FLAT IRON STEAK TIKKA KEBAB

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 105.53

\$189

EXTRA MATURED



REGION Speyside

CASK TYPE Ex-bourbon hogshead into a 1st fill ex-PX hogshead

AGE 10 years

DATE DISTILLED 10 September 2014

ABV 63.6%

OUTTURN 203 (30 in Australia)

This conjured plenty of associations on the neat nose – crème brûlée, flapjacks, cinnamon buns, frozen yoghurt caramel swirls and wild strawberries steeped in sweet wine. To taste it was initially very spicy, serving up grilled plantains in a cayenne pepper sauce, but with time a tropical fruit jam developed with mango, pineapple, lemon and ginger. After reduction, we tucked into a charcoal-grilled flat iron steak kebab with a tikka marinade served in flatbread. On the palate, a sip of Turkish coffee spiced with cardamom transported us to a vibrant market in the Middle East. Following four years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a first fill PX hogshead.





WHAT?!

AQUAVIT-SPIKED FIG AND LEMON VERBENA JAM

SINGLE CASK RYE WHISKY

CASK No. RW6.2

\$199

REGION	Finland
CASK TYPE	1st fill charred barrel
AGE	6 years
DATE DISTILLED	14 February 2017
ABV	51.0%
OUTTURN	257 (42 in Australia)

TASTING NOTES

This was a real foodie dram on the nose. A spicy root beer barbecue sauce followed by olive oil, cranberry and apricot scones gave this a real umami vibe. This was reinforced on the palate, as we found sweet, sticky and savoury char siu pork belly burnt ends and, in the finish, caramelised spruce tip syrup. After the careful addition of water, there was an initial gentle hint of tobacco which was beautifully balanced by the scent of beeswax and marzipan. To taste, fig and lemon verbena jam spiked with the Scandinavian spirit aquavit – the main ingredients being herbaceous caraway, spicy fennel and dill seeds. Kippis!



FROM THE TEAM

Strange name, strange spirit, strange place to find the spirit? Sometimes taking a dive into the unknown really pays off: this is a 100% rye out of Finland! The 100% part is the first oddity, as most rye whisky is predominantly rye, with a bit of barley and/or corn as an enzyme to help kickstart fermentation. This is pure rye brilliance. The other is the cold climate of Finland making such a unique spirit. Reward yourself with something enjoyable neat, on ice, or in a rye old fashioned this summer; available to purchase on November 21.





FROM START TO FINISH...

FLAMENCO DANCER'S COFFEE BREAK

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 8.48

\$179

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st fill PX butt
AGE	9 years
DATE DISTILLED	16 November 2015
ABV	59.2%
OUTTURN	636 (42 in Australia)

TASTING NOTES

The initial nose was a pleasing mixture of dried cranberries, sloes, plum tart and cherry brandy with leather boots, liquorice, espresso and treacle sponge (a flamenco dancer's coffee break?). We found more of the same on the palate (red grape fruit leather, cherry and ruby port) but this time the earthier notes were of dark chocolate, game sauce, carob and cheroots. Adding water made the nose seem darker and spicier, with gingerbread, clove, chilli chocolate, marzipan, molasses and sugary espresso dregs. The palate maintained its flavourful intensity, finding cinnamon pastries, roasted walnuts and brazils, prunes, sobrasada and wine-soaked oak.



FROM THE TEAM

Full maturation, start to finish, in a custom SMWS PX sherry butt. We've had a string of these phenomenally powerful 8s through, and this is another cask that we filled directly from the source nine years ago. Dried fruits, espresso grounds, and flamenco floorboards. A punchy and fun sherried jaunt from this increasingly *cult* distillery. A healthy number of bottles to go around; grab yours on November 21.

SMWS
SCOTCH MALT WHISKY SOCIETY

FLAMENCO DANCER'S COFFEE BREAK

9 YEARS AGED

SOCETY CASK NO: 8.48 / DUTTURN: 1 of 636

FRUITY and earthy; leather boots, coffee, cherry brandy, cinnamon pastries, gingerbread, chilli chocolate, roasted nuts and wine-soaked oak.

DISTILLED: 16 NOVEMBER 2015
REGION: SPEYSIDE
CASK: 1ST FILL EX-PX BUTT

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY 59.2% VOL 70cl

SMOKE FROM ACROSS THE LOWLANDS

FIFE PEATY POTION

SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT

Batch 32

\$160

REGION	Small Batch Single Malt
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon barrels and 1st fill ex-oloroso & PX butts
AGE	7 years
DATE DISTILLED	5 June 2017
ABV	50.0%
OUTTURN	1,492 (72 in Australia)

TASTING NOTES

The neat nose was wonderfully vibrant, full of medicinal tinctures, smouldering heather, zinc oxide and lanolin cream, new leather upholstery, peat embers in a hearth and, underlying all that, some comforting tarry notes and suggestions of a mechanic's tool box. Reduction brought orange oils, camphor, dunnage mustiness, smoked toffee, plums baked with treacle and then big, spicy, marmalade vibes. The neat palate was a medley of dark and red fruits, muddled together with wood smoke, dark-grained breads, liquorice root, herbal extracts and chip shop brown sauce. Water evolved the bitterness of expensive dark chocolate, added more dried herbal notes and brought a tangy carbolic edge, with peppery warmth and smoked oranges in the finish.



FROM THE TEAM

We'll be honest: Fife is probably one of the last areas in Scotland you'd think to build a distillery, but a relatively new distillery is shaking things up a bit in sleepy old Fife, and this latest Heresy release is about as old as the distillery is, and will warp your mind on just how good modern peated whisky can be. Hailing from a forward-thinking and truly modern Fife distillery, this unique small-batch single malt is a delicious peaty potion. Our team elected to blend two styles of single malt produced there, one unpeated and the other heavily peated. We married the resulting blend in 1st fill ex-PX and oloroso sherry butts for around 18 months before bottling at a lovely point in the maturation where oranges, raisins, and fragrant smoke meet. On sale November 21.



LACHIE'S LOOK BACK

With my first year at the Scotch Malt Whisky Society coming to a close, it's lovely to look back at some of the incredible drams we've enjoyed in Australia. It's been tough to reminisce on just one release from this year — but that's the task at hand, so here we go.

It's well documented that I'm always seeking that delicate balance between spirit and oak, especially when there's minimal previous cask-fill interaction. This year, one of our Heresy releases — Batch 21 Dunnage nougat — really shone for me in achieving that harmony. It was memorable for all the right reasons.

A single malt from a Speyside distillery (undisclosed, as the distillery's identity isn't the focus — though still very present in the liquid), this release showcased a stunning oak profile. The American oak brought lovely lactones, coconut, and vanilla, while the French oak barriques added dry baking spices, dark fruit, and tannin. Genuinely, this is one of my favourite Heresy releases to date.

It's also been exciting to see three new distillery codes arrive on our shores this year! Two new Japanese distillery codes were introduced earlier in the year, followed by Distillery 162, released at our inaugural Whisky Wanderers festival (who knows if that number will change...).

As I look ahead to the end of the year, I'm drawn to the smattering of casks in the November/December outturn — it feels like this outturn was written for me. Certain codes stand out: 52.48, 6.83, G9.9, 122.84, 30.125... and I could go on.

I'm looking forward to the new year, to seeing you all around the country — and most of all, to whisky shared.



LACHLAN WATT ~
BRAND ADVOCACY MANAGER.
SMWS AUSTRALIA



NOW, A WORD FROM OUR DRAM-CIERGE TEAM

Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of designing a whisky tasting for a group of friends. It's always great to find a reason to open those bottles you've been saving, hiding at the back of the cabinet, squirreled away for an occasion. The whiskies I selected at first glance didn't have much rhyme or reason — except that I thought they might work well together.

As we reached the end of the tasting, my guests were treated to a final blind dram — what could it be? Something old? Something from a closed distillery? Surely there was a hint of peat, but from which

region? Consensus was that it was tasty in any case and that's the important part.

When the cloche was raised and the blind revealed, my master plan was laid bare — the final dram was a blended concoction featuring each of the prior drams tasted that night. Heresy!

I had a lot of fun putting that blend together and I was glad to see it turn out positively. That experimentation and exploration of flavour is exactly what I love about whisky in general, and this release from the Society is an excellent example of that spirit of adventure.

WANDERING ALCHEMY is a blended malt featuring whiskies from each

of the five regions across Scotland — Highland, Speyside, Lowland, Campbeltown and Islands. While region-centric flavour profiles have become less important to the industry in the modern era, I'm sure each of these regions will conjure a certain flavour memory in your mind.

Blending these flavours to create a cohesive final product takes finesse, skill and respect for the whiskies being used — qualities the team at Queens St has in abundance. Give this whisky a try, take a wander through the flavours of Scotland then be bold and give it a go yourself!



ZAC STANLEY ~
MEMBER EXPERIENCE MANAGER
SMWS AUSTRALIA

"GIVE THIS WHISKY A TRY,
TAKE A WANDER THROUGH
THE FLAVOURS OF SCOTLAND
THEN BE BOLD AND GIVE IT A
GO YOURSELF!"







WEEK 3 RELEASES

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER



SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 161.2
REBELLIOUS RAISINS



YOUNG & SPRITELY

CASK No. 28.99
LOVE HEARTS IN FLOWER
MEADOWS



SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 73.166
ROUSING AND RELAXING



SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 24.172
SOOTHING INVIGORATION



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 64.158
COCKTAILS AND
CHOCOLATES



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 10.273
UNIVERSALLY IRRESISTIBLE



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 30.125
HONEY LAVENDER POPCORN



BOURBON

CASK No. B7.9
COCO'NUTS!

ALL WEEK 3 RELEASES GO LIVE AT MIDDAY AEDT **FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER**



THE FIRST 161 IN AUSTRALIA

REBELLIOUS RAISINS

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 161.2

\$199

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st fill STR barrique
AGE	5 years
DATE DISTILLED	6 September 2018
ABV	58.7%
OUTTURN	294 (36 in Australia)

TASTING NOTES

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 crémeux. 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.



FROM THE TEAM

Distillery 161 recently joined the ranks at the SMWS, and we're thrilled to work with Annabel Thomas who's shown that whisky production in Scotland can be done a bit differently. Low-impact, organic, and independently owned and run, this is the first time we've ever seen this new-world Scotch whisky from the SMWS on Aussie shores, with our second-ever cask. Full STR barrique maturation for \$199 — grab yours during week 3 of Outturn, November 28!





LOVE HEARTS IN FLOWER MEADOWS

YOUNG & SPRITELY

CASK No. 28.99

\$159

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	9 years
DATE DISTILLED	11 May 2015
ABV	62.2%
OUTTURN	226 (18 in Australia)



A light and attractive nose delivered refreshers and love hearts, apple pie with custard, melons, grapes and hints of citrus and flower meadows. The palate, slightly spritzy, had intense fruity sweetness – evoking pear flan, cotton candy, tangy fruit jelly chews, lemon and mango sorbet and biting a green apple. With water, the nose also found paint, wheat fields in the sun, toasted coconut and cooked pineapple. A change came over the palate; we still identified fruit pastilles and rhubarb rock but deeper, spicy and woody notes came to dominate – notably mocha and oak, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger, and the pips from that green apple.

ROUSING AND RELAXING

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 73.166

\$199

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	13 years
DATE DISTILLED	17 October 2011
ABV	55.8%
OUTTURN	231 (18 in Australia)



We entered a carpenter's workshop with the intense scent of oak, almost burnt, after it has been cut with a circular blade, plus plenty of sawdust and wood varnish – quiet intoxicating. A rousing taste awaited us – salted caramels, autumn-spiced apple pie, chilli beef tortilla wraps with sour cream and guacamole – certainly characterful! Water added a surprising elegance to the nose as cinnamon French toast, Belgian wheat beer, crispy green apples and a mint julep cocktail emerged. On the palate, we enjoyed a refreshing pressed apple juice with elderflower as well as roasted strawberry bavarois with dandelion and burdock jelly.





34 YEARS OF MAGIC

SOOTHING INVIGORATION

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 24.172
\$3,300

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	Refill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	34 years
DATE DISTILLED	11 October 1989
ABV	49.1%
OUTTURN	148 (6 in Australia)

TASTING NOTES

The aromatic nose was strangely soothing and invigorating at the same time – delivering camphor oil, forest walks, potpourri and walnut wood. We also identified a soupçon of citrus (lime marmalade, lemon curd and orange oil), dried apricots, Italian fennel-flavoured sausage and a light lash of soft leather. The neat palate was sweet, creamy and smooth – serving up vanilla ice cream, condensed milk, white chocolate, golden syrup and stroopwafel. Adding water brought cascades of apples – both its blossom and freshly juiced fruit – along with cinnamon and a marzipan munch of battenberg cake. On the palate, we now devoured dried apple rings, rhubarb and custard, pink wafer biscuits and digestives.

VAULTS
COLLECTION



FROM THE TEAM

Distillery 24 needs no introduction. Probably the most well-known distillery in Scotland and known around the world for their rich sherried malts. Tall poppy all you like, they make excellent distillate, and we're incredibly lucky to have this on offer this month. 34 years of full maturation in a cask type not as commonly associated with 24s: a refill ex-bourbon barrel. This is truly like liquid silk in a glass. Open something truly remarkable on Christmas Day this year and share it with those closest. On sale November 28, with only six bottles available...





COCKTAILS AND CHOCOLATES

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 64.158
\$219

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	Ex-bourbon hogshead into a 1st fill ex-bodega PX barrique
AGE	15 years
DATE DISTILLED	12 May 2009
ABV	57.5%
OUTTURN	222 (36 in Australia)

A rich cocktail met our noses; fruit jellies, ranging from red apple to pear and bramble to guava, were joined by a slice of custard tart topped with mango and caramel. The palate was bright and chocolatey in equal measure, laced with vanilla, coffee syrup and orange, and followed by a spiced blackcurrant jam. Water focused the nose and the palate towards buttered digestive biscuits, salted caramel, peanut butter and chocolate sauce. After 12 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this to a first-fill PX ex-bodega barrique for the remainder of its maturation.

EXTRA
MATURED



UNIVERSALLY IRRESISTIBLE

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 10.273
\$235

REGION	Islay
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-Spanish oak oloroso hogshead
AGE	11 years
DATE DISTILLED	21 February 2013
ABV	62.2%
OUTTURN	267 (36 in Australia)



We Panellists donned our boffins' lab coats, and custom-made an aftershave of burnt, molten toffee stirred into salted butterscotch sauce, with walnuts and dollops of set custard and blackcurrant jam. The palate was full of dark hedgerow fruits, stirred into warm condensed milk and poured over a plethora of pastries. A splash of craft cola followed a balsamic glaze. Water gave us fig rolls, chocolate dipping sauce, fruit leather and apple sauce on the nose, while the palate now emphasised cola, Chinese five spice and orange bitters. This was universally agreed by a Panel of chairpersons to be excellent.

HONEY LAVENDER POPCORN

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 30.125
\$240

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	Refill ex-oloroso butt into a 1st fill ex-bodega oloroso butt
AGE	11 years
DATE DISTILLED	3 June 2013
ABV	66.0%
OUTTURN	504 (48 in Australia)

EXTRA
MATURED



COCO'NUTS!

BOURBON

CASK No. B7.9
\$179

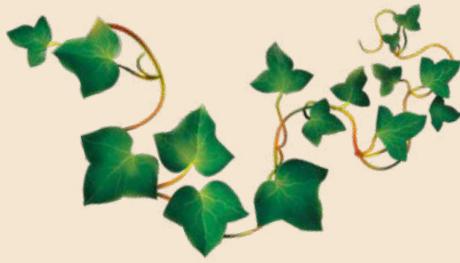
REGION	Indiana
CASK TYPE	1st fill barrel with #4 char and #2 char heads
AGE	6 years
DATE DISTILLED	11 November 2015
ABV	56.6%
OUTTURN	214 (36 in Australia)



Opening a new library book we found a hidden compartment stuffed with cinder toffee, waxy honeycomb pieces, and fig rolls wrapped in paper decorated with calligraphy ink. The palate was well rounded, a smooth and sweet lavender, honey, nutmeg and raisin purée, with marmalade atop custard tarts. Water offered peach cobbler and Dundee cake on the nose, while the palate gifted sultanas, lavender popcorn and cask char. After six years in a refill oloroso butt, we transferred this to a first fill ex-bodega oloroso butt for the remainder of its maturation.

Plenty of coconut on the nose neat, desiccated, cream, chocolate and flowering gorse with its distinctive smell of coconut and vanilla. To taste, salted chocolate and hazelnut brownies with stem ginger as well as Moroccan spiced honey. Takes water extremely well on the palate, creamy and sweet with a hint of spicy bitterness like a homemade root beer barbecue sauce using sarsaparilla and liquorice roots, vanilla beans and molasses. The mash bill for this bourbon consists of 6% corn, 36% rye and 4% malted barley, matured in a #4 char new oak barrel with #2 char heads.





WEEK 4 RELEASES

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER



SMALL BATCH SINGLE GRAIN

BATCH 27
GASTRONOMIC FUSION



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 13.109
THICK AND FAST FRILLS



SINGLE CASK GIN

CASK No. GN7.4
LIME MARGARITA MEETS
SLIVOVITZ



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 36.228
THE SNAKING COIL



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 76.157
BEHOLD THE BEAST



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 44.190
UNLEASH THE SERPENT

ALL WEEK 4 RELEASES GO LIVE AT MIDDAY AEDT **FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER**



GASTRONOMIC FUSION

SMALL BATCH SINGLE GRAIN

HERESY RELEASE

Batch 27

\$150



REGION	Single grain
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon barrels & 2nd fill ex-bourbon hogsheads
AGE	8 years
DATE DISTILLED	7 October 2015
ABV	50.0%
OUTTURN	1317 (72 in Australia)

The aroma was that of the ultimate ham and cheese sandwich done the French way; a croque monsieur made using Dijon mustard and béchamel sauce – simply delicious. And so was the palate, lightly smoked porridge oats topped with slices of banana and sprinkled with cinnamon and brown sugar. Following the careful addition of water, we got a large skillet of paella rice topped with artichokes, shrimps and spiced with sweet smoked paprika. To taste, we found fried garlic mushrooms with lightly smoked salmon and lemon-zested crème fraîche. This truly was an example of individual delicate flavours achieving that fascinating fusion of sweet, savoury and smoke.

THICK AND FAST FRILLS

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 13.109
\$220

EXTRA
MATURED



REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	Ex-bourbon barrel into a 1st fill American oak PX hogshead
AGE	11 years
DATE DISTILLED	23 April 2013
ABV	58.6%
OUTTURN	210 (36 in Australia)

The descriptors came thick and fast – roasted peanuts, grilled pineapple, honey-glazed ham, brandied pears and cinnamon clove pancakes. This boasted an incredibly rich, bold and complex palate, evoking a dense 'Super Tuscan' wine with high tannins and plenty of acidity balanced by dark fruit flavours and an intense spiciness. After reduction, the scent was that of chocolate mousse, crème brûlée, brandy-soaked raisins and caramel shortbread. The taste was a lot more relaxed; the caramelised sugar on top of that crème brûlée or a sticky pecan pie with a drizzle of cream. Following eight years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this whisky into a first fill American oak PX hogshead.

LIME MARGARITA MEETS SLIVOVITZ

SINGLE CASK GIN

CASK No. GN7.4
\$120



REGION	England
CASK TYPE	2nd fill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	1 year
DATE DISTILLED	10 November 2021
ABV	50.3%
OUTTURN	218 (30 in Australia)

An array of aromas greeted the Panel – juniper, freshly cut pine trees, lime cordial and roses, as well as candy floss and ground almonds. To taste we had a margarita of tequila, triple sec, sugar and fresh lime juice. We then moistened the rim of the glass with a lime wedge and dip rimmed it in a sugar-salt mixture. Following reduction, the scent of roses was joined by nutmeg, allspice and cedar next to freesia and pears. On the palate, we now found an east European plum brandy called slivovitz aged in oak casks, giving it a harmonious fruit flavour with subtle woody undertones.







ONLY
7 SETS
AVAILABLE

CREATORS COLLECTION

TALES OF THE WORM TUB

CELEBRATING THE BOLD, THE RICH AND THE ROBUST

Tales of the worm tub: Celebrating the bold, the rich and the robust, is the ultimate flight in worm tub whiskies. Julien Willems from SMWS UK uncovers the intricacies behind the Society's latest Creators Collection.

AN ANCIENT TALE

Transporting you back in time, the Society's latest Creators Collection, **Tales of the worm tub**, lets you experience a different era of Scotch whisky distillation. Since shell and tube condensers came to dominate Scotland's distilleries in the late 1960s, worm tub condensers have become somewhat of an anomaly in today's whisky landscape. However, not everyone has been won over by the more efficient lure of the shell and tube condenser — a select few choose to embrace the untamed nature of this old-school distillation technique.

There is beauty in the worm tub's simplicity. The vapours from distillation sneak over the neck of the still and run into a copper coil — curled like an extended worm or snake — which is submerged in a tank of water, condensing the vapours into a spirit. In one form or another, they've likely been around for as long as distillation itself. You would have found them used in early distillation units for perfume, but also notably in illicit stills used by bootleggers scattered around Scotland who used the worm without the tub.

Although still used throughout Scotland's whisky production, the implementation of

worm tubs has become somewhat of a rarity. Many distilleries now strive for a very fruity and clean spirit character, making shell and tube condensers the more sensible option. As a result, where worm tubs are still in use, there tends to be good reasoning behind it. Though they're often the ideal device to create heavier, meatier spirit, tweaks in distillation allow worm tubs to offer a wide range of spirit character.

Tales of the worm tub: Celebrating the bold, the rich and the robust, offers three fascinating takes on the use of this traditional distillation technique. The Society's head of whisky creation, Euan Campbell, explains: "Here we have three whiskies from the same region, in the same flavour profile, yet each with their unique take on this old style of condenser."

He continues: "In each case, the maturation journey has imbued the whiskies with autumnal fruits, think bruised apples with brown sugar. These weightier spirits stand up well to such cask types, with their oily, nutty spirit character shining through. For me, the worm tubs add a deep and robust bass line, upon which the complex elements of each dram can be built."

Tales of the Worm Tub will be available on December 5; available both individually and as a trio set for \$1,420. ONLY 7X SETS AVAILABLE!

CASK 36.228

THE SNAKING COIL

Cask 36.228 The snaking coil is 28 years old and spent around 26 of those years in a bourbon hogshead before being rehomed in a 1st fill American oak Pedro Ximénez hogshead. This dram is a relic of the past and not just because the worm tubs. Distillery 36 used to partially triple distil their malts up until 2007, after which they switched to double distillation, as is customary in the today's industry. Though the distillery itself remains open, this style of spirit is no longer produced.

Having fallen to a natural cask strength of 47% abv its hallmarks of age are layered with tremendous complexity. The nose is absolutely stunning, with aromas of dark chocolate, leather, cocoa powder and dried apricots. Meanwhile the palate is balanced with notes of Manuka honey, dried fruits, baking spices, Armagnac-soaked prunes and beeswax.



THE SNAKING COIL

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 36.228

\$599



REGION

Speyside

CASK TYPE

Ex-bourbon hogshead into a 1st fill
ex-American oak PX hogshead

AGE

28 years

DATE DISTILLED

3 December 1996

ABV

47.5%

OUTTURN

222 (21 in Australia)

Divine aromas of marzipan, dark chocolate and apple shisha tobacco combined to form a golden halo above rose petals dipped in allspice and sherry. Then on a throne of leather and polished mahogany sat an apparition of plums, bananas and fudge, sipping sticky dessert wine from a golden grail. A little water beckoned figs and apricots to fall from the heavenly oak tree. Now, raindrops of ginger wine, manuka honey and whisky liqueur splashed on to the pages of antique library books. The everlasting finish was full of splendour; a fusion of quince, coconut and cherry sweets rolled in fragrant hibiscus flowers. After spending 26 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, this was transferred to a first fill American oak PX hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

CASK 76.157

BEHOLD THE BEAST

Cask 76.157 Behold the beast is also an example of partial triple distillation, though in this case it's a little more complex and uses five different stills. Without getting into the details, it provides a very punchy, robust distillate that's very well known. At 54.3% abv this 18-year-old is noticeably heavier than Cask No. 36.228: The snaking coil. Despite spending its entire maturation in a first fill oloroso butt, the cask doesn't overpower this meaty and earthy spirit. Beautifully balanced, the distillate shines through admirably, giving you plenty to unpack in this delightful dram.

On the nose there's lots of dried fruits alongside a tiny kick of gunpowder and hints of serrano ham. There's also a lovely biscuity aspect to it which complements the meatier notes well. As expected, there's power and heft on the palate that's well matched with soft red fruits. You could spend hours dissecting the layers of complexity in this dram, uncovering plenty of tangy spices and old leather antiques.



AVAILABLE
5 DEC

BEHOLD THE BEAST

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 76.157

\$399

REGION Speyside

CASK TYPE 1st fill oloroso butt

AGE 18 years

DATE DISTILLED 12 July 2006

ABV 54.3%

OUTTURN 534 (15 in Australia)

CREATORS
COLLECTION



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.

CASK 44.190

UNLEASH THE SERPENT

Cask 44.190 Unleash the serpent, in my opinion, is one of the punchiest worm tub expressions you can find. It is very characterful — meaty and sulphurous but quite delicious. At 21-years-old this dram offers an incredible complexity that not many whiskies can achieve. This new oak cask was treated with a heavy char, smoothing over any rough edges or impurities the distillate might have had. The result is a rich, fatty, nutty and meaty dram where you can really appreciate the significant time it has spent in cask. After this much time, some of the heavier compounds break down and react together, giving a more robust and waxy style to the spirit.

This is also a great example of how regional character in whisky can be very deceptive. A region like Speyside has such a wealth of distilleries and techniques at hand that you cannot expect every dram to conform to its regional expectation. This dram in particular is very much removed from what we would describe as a traditional Speyside, though it's still well within the expected norms of this distillate. It's very textural with lots of bruised apples, shisha tobacco and cinnamon buns.



AVAILABLE
5 DEC

UNLEASH THE SERPENT

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 44.190

\$429

EXTRA
MATURED

CREATORS
COLLECTION



REGION

Speyside

CASK TYPE

Ex-bourbon hogshead into a #4 char hogshead

AGE

21 years

DATE DISTILLED

27 June 2003

ABV

56.7%

OUTTURN

202 (14 in Australia)

Big aromas caused a deluge of bramley apples, plum jam and assam tea to crash through the chocolate soil and leaf mulch on a forest floor. Beetroot brownies, treacle tarts and chestnuts became caught in the waves as they cascaded between oak trees and sappy pines. Adding water delivered sticky cough syrup packed with orange oil, lavender and cooling camphor before heavy black forest gateaux landed alongside prunes, cherries and sultanas soaked in armagnac. The sweet and thick syrup remained through to the finish, where it was joined by earthy clay flowerpots, split logs and the cooling sensation of mint chocolates. After spending 18 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead this was transferred to a first fill hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.





WEEK 5 RELEASES

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER



SPICY & DRY

CASK No. 115.34
JAMAICAN OXTAIL STEW



DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 2.140
CALORIFIC NONCHALANCE



LIGHTLY PEATED

CASK No. 163.2
'DISTRESSED'
TRANQUILLITY



SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 18.76
MOROCCAN PASTILLA
ANYONE?



RUM

CASK No. R11.21
A FRIENDLY PUNCH IN THE
MOUTH

ALL WEEK 5 RELEASES GO LIVE AT MIDDAY AEDT **FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER**



JAMAICAN OXTAIL STEW

SPICY & DRY

CASK No. 115.34
\$179

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	Ex-bourbon hogshead into a 2nd fill oloroso hogshead
AGE	10 years
DATE DISTILLED	16 October 2014
ABV	62.5%
OUTTURN	262 (36 in Australia)

EXTRA
MATURED

WATCH THE
CASK PREVIEW
ON YOUTUBE



CALORIFIC NONCHALANCE

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 2.140
\$269

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	Ex-oloroso butt into a 1st fill STR custom oloroso butt
AGE	17 years
DATE DISTILLED	15 March 2007
ABV	56.7%
OUTTURN	611 (60 in Australia)

EXTRA
MATURED



A mixture of spicy rye bread, beef extract soup, Jamaican spiced oxtail stew, cinnamon buns, clover honey and oak-aged plum schnapps made this an engaging experience. On the palate, we began with focaccia with onion, rosemary and chilli flakes before we had oranges marinated in thyme-infused red vermouth syrup. After reduction, the aroma was that of dark chocolate sour cherries, orange marmalade and mango chutney. The taste had the dryness of an old-fashioned parsnip wine made with raisins and the zest of oranges. Following seven years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a second fill oloroso hogshead.

If nosing a whisky was part of our daily calorie count, this dram would have us on a diet by now: sticky toffee pudding, vanilla ice cream, plums stewed in pine resin, and grapes pressed into honeycomb. The palate was equally impressive, with figs drizzled in balsamic glaze, ginger cheesecake, malted milk biscuits, fruit leather and sweet soy beef jerky. Water served a slice of mandarin sponge cake, with custard and orange blossom mingling with chocolate and miso caramel ice cream. After 14 years in an ex-oloroso butt, we transferred this into a first fill, shaved, toasted and re-charred oloroso-seasoned butt for the remainder of its maturation.





STRAIGHT FROM THE BOTTLING LINE!

'DISTRESSED' TRANQUILLITY

LIGHTLY PEATED

CASK No. 163.2

\$220

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st fill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	6 years
DATE DISTILLED	16 March 2018
ABV	58.1%
OUTTURN	252 (36 in Australia)

TASTING NOTES

Some of us were reminded of long-gone school days opening a 'distressed leather' pencil case, drinking instant hot chocolate and building a traditional balsa wood model aircraft. On the palate these memories were soon erased by tart and prickly flavours of sea buckthorn juice, pink peppercorns, medicinal herbs and pungent hickory-smoked sausages. Water released, at first, a petrolic, ripe fruitiness like an aged riesling wine before the scent of burning heather and candied smoked chestnuts took centre stage. The taste, barbecued mackerels came drizzled in zingy ginger, chilli and lime, and served with rustic sesame, sunflower and flax crackers.

NEW
CODE!



FROM THE TEAM

The first bottling from Distillery 163 we've seen in Australia and the second worldwide! You can read an in-depth article on this distillery on our site's blog Whiskywise, but it's worth noting that these whiskies were actually bottled at the distillery, something that rarely happens (in fact, the last time it happened was at a certain Melbourne distillery a few years ago...). For the first four expressions, the Society filled the same new-make spirit from Distillery 163 into 1st fill ex-bourbon barrels from **four** different American bourbon distilleries.

"We wanted to give members an honest sense of spirit character with these initial releases in ex-bourbon barrels," says Kai Ivalo, SMWS Whisky Director. "But we're also going to be filling some new-make spirit into a variety of different casks, including sherry casks, a few years down the line."

Be the first in Australia to secure an SMWS bottling from this distillery when it goes on sale Friday, December 12, at midday AEDT!





ULTRA SMALL-BATCH SERIES

CASK NO: 18.76
MOROCCAN PASTILLA
ANYONE



MOROCCAN PASTILLA ANYONE?

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 18.76
\$225



REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	Ex-bourbon Hogsheads into a New American oak HTMC hogshead and a 1st fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead
AGE	15 years
DATE DISTILLED	19 February 2009
ABV	55.4%
OUTTURN	468 (36 in Australia)

The aroma conjured up memories from a well-known American sitcom where a Thanksgiving beef trifle (half a British trifle and half a shepherd's pie) was prepared. On the palate it turned out to be more like an American favourite, key lime pie. Following dilution, we stepped into a humidor to eat spatchcock poussins with orange, sage and ginger. The starting point for this small batch was two bourbon hogsheads of single malt Scotch whisky. One was transferred at 10 years old to a first-fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead, while the other was transferred at 13 years old to a new American oak hogshead with a heavy toast and a medium char. The casks were then married together before bottling.

A FRIENDLY PUNCH IN THE MOUTH

SINGLE CASK RUM

CASK No. R11.21
\$199



REGION	Jamaica
CASK TYPE	Refill ex-bourbon barrel
AGE	10 years
DATE DISTILLED	1 November 2012
ABV	66.1%
OUTTURN	244 (24 in Australia)

The nose, after an initial blast of new wooden furniture, eventually sweetened to maple syrup over banana fritters, rum and raisin ice cream, and stewed prunes in custard. The palate was a friendly punch in the mouth – dried coconut and chewed pencils, cinder toffee, syrupy rice crispy cakes and dark chocolate honey and almond nougat. With the reduced nose, we were stirring the tablet pot, while arranging maple and pecan pastries and chocolate-coated banana toffees on cane furniture. The palate, in reduction, suggested dark chocolate coconut bars and sweet Thai coconut curry, buttery raisin biscuits and lemonade, with nice spice in the aftertaste.





SOME MOMENTS FROM 2025





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SOME OF OUR MEMBERS' FAVOURITE MOMENTS OF 2025

We've had a whirlwind round of events both in-person and online this year, not to mention a drool-worthy line-up of casks released over the year — have a look at what some of our members thought of their time with the Society this year.

"For me, 2025 has been all about the people. And one specific event this year encapsulated it so perfectly: Whisky Wanderers in June.

As soon as I walked in, there was Bailey, recently returned from Scotland, filling the whole room with his booming, unmistakable laughter. A huge hug and a "let's get you a dram" later, and it was like we hadn't skipped a beat. Man, was it good to see my friend again.

And at the end of the night, there was a moment of equal nostalgia: Wanderer's was Suzy Tawse's last event. It's no secret that I was a fan of how much she did for the members, but I think Cam Gilkeson summed it up best: Suzy made you feel like a member of a society and not just a customer of a business. I can't wait to have a dram with her in Scotland soon.

There have been some FANTASTIC drams this year, but getting to share them with other members, friends, and family has been (and always is) the real joy."

LIAM S
NSW MEMBER

"Since joining SMWS in 2014, I've enjoyed unforgettable drams, unique events, and friendships that extend well beyond the tasting table. Adelaide's scene has been quiet as of late, but with new partner bars and a dedicated state manager bringing fresh energy, I'm looking forward to more opportunities for the community to connect and share great drams together."

NIRMAL M
SA MEMBER

"One of my standout bottlings of 2025 has to be 66.229. While the popular codes often sell out instantly, hidden gems like this remind me why I love the SMWS. A peated Highlander with sherry influence, it was like a barbecue of game meats on smouldering coals with a dash of soy sauce — followed by blue cheese with aged balsamic and pâté de foie gras on seaweed crackers. The 15-year maturity delivered a lingering finish of liquorice and nutmeg — simply outstanding."

AMIT P
VIC MEMBER

"Early October saw me back at Whisky & Alement for the event 'An Evening With Jack Chambers: Director of SMWS Japan'. A wonderful opportunity to meet and listen to Jack, whilst enjoying a number of delicious whiskies.

Tasting the Japan Branch whiskies fuelled my daydreams of food. The Japan Branch 31st Anniversary Bottling (Cask No. 1.290) had my stomach rumbling for chocolate self-saucing pudding and a big spoon. The 2024 Japan Branch Gathering Cask (Cask No. 18.71) left me wanting a bowl of mango and coconut ice-cream while, in contrast, I wanted to reach for a handful of scroggin when tasting the 2025 Japan Branch Gathering Cask (Cask No. 85.99).

A special thanks to Jack, it was a privilege to taste these whiskies in Melbourne."

TANIA S
VIC MEMBER

"SMWS events never disappoint. I am always in attendance if I'm in town. The Whisky Wanders festival tasting at Terrarium in Perth on 12 June was a standout this year, particularly 53.491. The usual sit-down, structured tasting was thrown out the window for a go-at-your-own-pace tasting, allowing a lot of free-flowing whisky conversations to take place. Being a SMWS member is a journey of discovery, experiences paired beautifully with whisky. A way to meet new friends and catch up with old ones."

ERIN M
WA MEMBER

In 2022, at a SWMS event, Matt Bailey, then SMWS National Ambassador, surprised us with a 1967 Highland Park — an unforgettable highlight. That night reminded me how every bottle feels incomplete without company. The SMWS captures this at each gathering, rare bottlings or not. From the legendary mid-year festivals to the Australian Club's recent SMWS dinner — always marked by great company, and outstanding whisky — the Society consistently delivers memorable experiences that embody its spirit of sharing "bloody-good drams".

TYRONE D
VIC MEMBER



MADEIRA'S SWEET SALVO

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 58.55
\$185

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon barrel
AGE	11 years
DATE DISTILLED	31 August 2011
ABV	57.1%
OUTTURN	230 (48 in Australia)



Madeira cake came dipped in molten white chocolate and sprinkled with chunks of glacé cherries. On the palate, a syrupy-sweet opening salvo, with vanilla and hot cross buns joined by almond butter and a pinch of mace. With water, we found sugar cane soaking in freshly squeezed lemon juice, fruit loaf and pears. The palate matched this, with a continuation of Madeira cake and a hint of juniper, ginger and peaches too.

HONEY, HAM AND LAMB

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 44.164
\$259

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st fill American oak PX hogshead
AGE	16 years
DATE DISTILLED	23 October 2006
ABV	62.9%
OUTTURN	249 (42 in Australia)

EXTRA
MATURED



Cinnamon butter melting on warm croissants joined salted caramel and heather honey while Iberico ham and glazed pork were served with green melon. Custard tarts emerged on the palate before chestnuts and praline combined with apple pie richly flavoured with cinnamon, nutmeg and orange skin. Deep notes became amplified with water as roast beef, grilled haggis, and sage and cranberry sausages joined leather and sandalwood incense. A thick and viscous texture now wrapped around roast lamb and glazed pork while parsnips and carrots were roasted with cinnamon and nutmeg. After 12 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, this was transferred to an American oak Pedro Ximénez hogshead.

APPLE SNOW IN SUMMER

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 9.268
\$229

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	2nd fill Bourbon barrel
AGE	14 years
DATE DISTILLED	11 March 2008
ABV	56.6%
OUTTURN	163 (24 in Australia)



The shy nose peeped out from behind haystacks, wearing dried flower garlands and smiled upon us with a sunny exposition of banana split, lemon curd, honey cake and French fancies. The palate started out with simple sweetness (puff candy, honey, white chocolate) but opened up to a complex finish of rhubarb, fresh oak, black tea, nutmeg and chilli flakes. The reduced nose continued to tease us with its delicate fragrances – lemon bonbons, fruit salad, apple orchards, nougat, meringue and sweet peas. The palate now had orange marmalade, lemon puffs, apple snow and butterscotch; then crystallised ginger and cinnamon to finish.

PEAK SHERRY

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 78.92
\$199

REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st fill Spanish oak Oloroso hogshead
AGE	10 years
DATE DISTILLED	19 June 2014
ABV	58.6%
OUTTURN	291 (291 in Australia)

EXTRA
MATURED
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2025 CASK
EXCLUSIVE



At first nosing the Panel detected prunes, plums and various other sticky dark fruits soaking in armagnac. We then felt it developed more towards spicy pumpernickel bread, pumpkinseed oil and heavier notes of camphor. Water brought out salted dark chocolate, hessian and classical sherry aromas of rancio and walnuts. The palate was wonderfully dense and full of old-school sherry characteristics such as sweet plum jam, strawberry wine and walnut oil. A few wee meaty touches also showed through after a while. Water made it wonderfully rich in the mouth, adding notes of beefy gravy, dried cranberries and more preserved dark fruit vibes. This was matured in a bourbon hogshead for five years before being transferred to a first fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead.





BLOSSOM REVERIE

LIGHT & DELICATE

CASK No. 72.125

\$599

CREATORS
COLLECTION



REGION Speyside

CASK TYPE Refill Bourbon hogshead

AGE 29 years

DATE DISTILLED 8 February 1995

ABV 49.1%

OUTTURN 319 (22 in Australia)

A heavenly mix of golden syrup, honeycomb, and milk chocolate biscuits arrived aside a juicy procession of apricot jam, apple sauce and chargrilled pineapples. Tangy marmalade on brioche followed behind, encouraging the inclusion of dried apricots coated with yoghurt, peaches and just a hint of tobacco. Wildflowers and blossom emerged with water, blending with fragrant honey and lemon curd on toast. A sprinkle of brown sugar tantalised the tongue, with a squeeze of lime and chamomile petals in milk. So, what is the mystery? This beautiful cask of whisky arrived with us as an enigma. We knew little of its history other than the whisky had been removed from the cask before being filled back into the original wood. A riddle in a glass.

SMOKY HANKY PANKY

PEATED

EXTRA
MATURED

CASK No. 16.97

\$199



REGION Highland

CASK TYPE 1st fill #4+ Char hogshead

AGE 13 years

DATE DISTILLED 25 November 2010

ABV 57.8%

OUTTURN 294 (72 in Australia)

This was a real winter warmer, delighting the Panellists with a serving of hay-smoked lamb chops in a redcurrant glaze next to wild berry fruit tea and oak-smoked tomato ketchup. The palate neat continued the foody theme with sweet, smoky marinated chicken wings and the iconic German street food, currywurst – a bratwurst with a sauce made from tomato purée, yellow curry powder, other spices, sugar and vinegar. After the addition of water, and all these foods, we needed a digestif of either a grappa or a fernet. In the finish, we rustled up a smoky version of a hanky panky cocktail by adding lapsang souchong tea. Following 11 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead, we transferred this whisky into a first fill #4+ char hogshead.

SOUND OF SINGING SAND

PEATED

CASK No. 10.241

\$279

EXTRA
MATURED

ONLY
AVAILABLE
IN A BUNDLE



REGION Islay

CASK TYPE 2nd fill PX hogshead

AGE 9 years

DATE DISTILLED 17 October 2013

ABV 58.8%

OUTTURN 287 (102 in Australia)

We were all in agreement nosing neat – a bowl full of herby chicken and bacon lardons with a red onion mash next to a green lentil curry. On the palate, we sat on lovely sun-warmed stones at the beach listening to the calming sound of “singing sand” and eating salty crackers with a smoked tuna dip. Dilution delivered an aroma of peat-smoked marshmallows and charred lobster meat combined with an emerging freshness of sea salt and citrus. The taste was delicious and so moreish, like pâtes à la saucisse de Francfort eaten straight out of the frying pan. Following five years in an ex-bourbon hogshead we transferred this whisky into a second fill PX hogshead.

FUNK TO PIQUE A PEAT FREAK'S PASSION

PEATED

CASK No. 53.435

\$220



REGION Islay

CASK TYPE Refill Bourbon hogshead

AGE 10 years

DATE DISTILLED 7 March 2012

ABV 60.4%

OUTTURN 265 (42 in Australia)

The nose was pure funk to pique the passion of any peat freak – seaweed, smoke, coal scuttles, preserved lemons and lobster bisque (made with bouillon de poisson and bouquet garni). The palate combined peat smoke, tar and aniseed balls with engine oil and bike chains. On the reduced nose, we identified mussel shells, iodine and carbolic, and a biker's leather boots held too close to the peat fire. The palate was a waxy, mineral, herbal, smoky joy – with exciting insinuations of singed rosemary, smoked hay, sea shells, a new road, brambles, nettles and mentholic muscle rub.

“JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED”

SINGLE CASK ARMAGNAC

CASK No. A8.1

\$339

REGION	Bas Armagnac - Baco/ Ugni Blanc
CASK TYPE	Refill Gascon black oak Armagnac barrel
VINTAGE	2003
DATE DISTILLED	1 April 2003
ABV	47.1%
OUTTURN	492 (36 in Australia)



We were handed a bouquet of roses, dark red with soft and velvety petals, with the most deliciously heavy scent – think warm, rich chocolate combined with balsamic and woody notes. Plenty of exotic wood spices on the palate neat as we mixed a Penicillin cocktail of whisky, ginger, lemon and honey. It was sweet, fresh, spicy and simply delicious. Careful when adding water, as we found cherry blossom, milk chocolate with prunes, bananas doused in spiced rum and cinnamon bagels on the nose. To taste, a surprising fizzy, chilli bite like a prosecco topped up with ginger beer and garnished with a slice of orange and a basil leaf.

EXPLORING NEW FRONTIERS

SINGLE CASK RYE WHISKEY

CASK No. RW5.3

\$189

REGION	Indiana
CASK TYPE	1st fill #4 char barrel with #2 char heads
AGE	5 years
DATE DISTILLED	16 June 2016
ABV	55.5%
OUTTURN	214 (42 in Australia)



The scent of sandalwood, orange oil, salted caramel, Jamaican dark chocolate rum truffles and shisha pipe smoke made this a truly exotic experience. A tip of the tongue spiciness turned quickly into a sweet and fruity explosion with a dusting of cocoa powder and creamy vanilla fudge. Water added strawberry syrup, cinnamon swirls and lemon curd besides real fruit juice jelly candy. On the palate sweet roasted red peppers, candied almonds with a cinnamon dusting and a peach cobbler with cardamom, pistachios and honey. The mash bill for this rye whiskey consists of 95% rye and 5% malted barley, matured in a #4 char new oak barrel with #2 char heads.

SPAGHETTI WESTERN

SINGLE CASK BOURBON

CASK No. B5.14

\$199

REGION	Tennessee
CASK TYPE	1st fill Charred barrel
AGE	7 years
DATE DISTILLED	22 March 2016
ABV	63.1%
OUTTURN	207 (42 in Australia)



This had plenty of goodness on the nose neat: butterscotch, crème caramel, sticky toffee pudding, hot chocolate and roasted chestnuts in cinnamon butter. To taste we found creamy pork tenderloin medallions, served with a sauce that included dijon mustard, herbes de provence and a rose harissa paste. Following reduction, we sat on a wooden veranda in a rocking chair smoking a pipe and eating macerated strawberries with balsamic and black pepper. On the palate, we tucked into a traditional Italian sweet bread called pandoro, which at the festive time of the year had turned into stella di pandoro with chantilly custard cream and cranberries – bellissima!

MIDNIGHT SPECIAL

SINGLE CASK COGNAC

CASK No. C8.1

\$795

REGION	Cognac
CASK TYPE	Cognac barrel
AGE	28 years
ABV	60.5%
OUTTURN	521 (12 in Australia)



At first this one is toasty and warm. All buttery cereals, roasted nuts, soft, dark fruits and lemon peel. There follows greengages, ripe peaches, butterscotch, rancio, dried thyme and bay leaves. We are standing in an earthen-floored cooperage. Water unearths dark chocolate shavings, orange zest, wild strawberries and further dunnagey notes of damp sack cloth. The palate comes in waves: at first spice; then wild flowers; grape must; camphor; raisins and sultanas; more rancio. There are notes of stewed apples, maple syrup, aged rhum agricole and soft brown sugar. With water there is an unctuous and dense fruit quality about the whole thing. Molasses, various oils, fruit syrups and wood resins. Majestic!





WANDERING ALCHEMY

SMALL BATCH BLENDED MALT

Batch 31

\$199

HERESY RELEASE

REGION	All five regions
CASK TYPE	Bourbon, Oloroso, PX & HTMC Barrels & hogsheads
AGE	10 years
DATE DISTILLED	7 March 2012
ABV	58.4%
OUTTURN	1,500 (44 in Australia)



We set ourselves the challenge of creating a small-batch blended malt using ingredients from each of the five Scotch whisky producing regions. The resulting whisky has bags of character, wisps of smoke, and an abundance of honey. Reminiscent of "old-school" blends of the past, we thought. What witchcraft and molten japery is this? At least, that's what our raised eyebrows and throaty musings queried. Surely this dram was much older and much more 'old style' that it had a right to be? We detected deep and enticing notes of soft, heathery peat smoke. Then encroaching medicinal charms, pine wood, camphor, cooling bonfire embers and tendrils of seaweed! Water dialed up the charm vibes to 'Roger Moore': elegant wood smoke, fragrant phenolics, old herbal and tar liqueurs and a kiss of cask-aged mead. The palate was decadently rich and mouthcoating, yet warming and gentle. Its rich herbal character mingled with more medicines, dried mint, mineral oils and fatty sheep wool oils. Reduction brought us wood spices, resinous hardwood extracts, smoked black olives, pure tar, hessian and a lovely medley of aniseed, salted liquorice and soy sauce - what despicable chemist brewed this sorcery!?

SPRUCE ON THE LOOSE

SMALL BATCH BLENDED MALT

Batch 28

\$220

HERESY RELEASE

REGION	Blended Malt
CASK TYPE	1st fill & 2nd fill bourbon barrels and Wasted Degrees Spruce Tip Stout
AGE	17 years
DATE DISTILLED	6 July 2007
ABV	50.0%
OUTTURN	1,374 (72 in Australia)



This unique whisky is the result of a years-long collaboration with Perthshire brewery, Wasted Degrees. Back in 2022, we sent some freshly emptied barrels to the brewery (from distilleries 5, 9 and 108). The brewery team then matured a hefty 10.4%ABV stout in the casks, brewed with fresh, locally foraged spruce tips, which can add subtle burnt sugar and candyfloss character to the beer. Once the beer was ready and canned, the casks came back to us to fill with Speyside malt whiskies. The final blend is a combination of those casks and some first fill bourbon barrels, for some extra vanilla sweetness. Dark chocolate was found incarcerated in an old pipe tobacco box lined with crystallised spruce sap. The nose had us in a boreal forest, but the palate transported us to summer fields and fruit orchards: green apple slices mingled with dried ginger, toasted cereals and a spoonful of thick-cut marmalade in an orchardist's tobacco pouch. Water introduced nectarines and peaches, cedarwood mothballs and honey to the nose, while the palate transformed to a minted bay leaf bouquet garni, woven with nutmeg-infused orange peel, sweet chilli fruit leather and fondant.

CARAMEL CASCADE

SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT

Batch 29

\$220

HERESY RELEASE

REGION	Ireland
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon barrels & Palo Cortado hogsheads
AGE	12 years
DATE DISTILLED	30 November 2011
ABV	50.0%
OUTTURN	1,285 (72 in Australia)



Following the release of our Shimmering Silk small batch single malt last year (Batch 23), we have teamed up again with our friends at Dunville's Irish Whiskey to create another very special Society exclusive. This time we explore the delights of Palo Cortado sherry seasoned casks, a curious wine that benefits from both biological and oxidative aging. Enticing wafts of varnish, exotic woods, and supple leather jiggled around an old wine cellar, occasionally glancing off baked banana and oily serrano ham. At the first sip, honey and treacle cascaded like liquid gold, meandering between the venerable bottles of vintage wine. A heavenly symphony of stewed apples and ripe mango followed behind, harmonising with caramelised walnuts and a hint of nutmeg. Reduction delivered a waterfall of chocolate and cherry liqueur that tumbled over the hazelnut-spread floor of the cellar, bringing with it delicate petals and rosehips. Nut brittle, coffee and caramel now gathered in a cosy embrace with mint leaves, plums and lavender honey, creating a lush, layered tapestry of delight.

BUNDLE OFFERS

SHERRY PEAT EXPERIMENT

\$2,400 5 available

A magical display of aged peated whisky. We took a sherry butt that had been maturing spirit from this famed Islay distillery for 27 years and split it into two casks. The first — Cask 53.432 — was a 1st fill ex-rye barrel with notes of waxed timber floor, beeswax, and turpentine, the second — Cask 53.431 — seafood bonfire on a wet beach with smoked banana and medicinal ointments. It's not often you'll have the opportunity to sample two bottlings with such maturation journeys side by side, and at such a great price! Only five available!

“THE STUFF THAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF”

PEATED

CASK No. 53.431

TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME

OLD & DIGNIFIED

CASK No. 53.432



START WITH HERESY!

\$499 8 available

Whether you're early in your journey or a well-seasoned connoisseur, the mind-melting flavours contained in these three SMWS Heresy bottles are undeniable. A light, smoked barley wine blended malt in the form of Frazzle dazzle to begin, before moving onto the absolute masterclass in cask charring that is Dunnage nougat, and then finishing on what has been regarded as one of the top Heresy releases of the year — Wandering Alchemy — which sees five different casks blended together from each of the five regions of Scotland.

FRAZZLE DAZZLE

SMALL BATCH BLENDED MALT

CASK No. SM0002

WANDERING ALCHEMY

SMALL BATCH BLENDED MALT

Batch 31

DUNNAGE NOUGAT

SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT

CASK No. SM0.28

BUNDLE OFFERS



RETRO FESTIVAL TRIO \$999 2 available

We were blessed in 2023 to receive quite large allocations of the Society's Fèis releases from Islay, and luckily, we still have a few of the bottles kicking around! Three absolutely top-notch bottles (that Rare Release 3 is still one of our branch Chairman Andrew Derbridge's favourite drams) encompassing three iconic Islay distilleries. Grab them now for one great price and ensure your bar is well and stocked for the Christmas break.

THE FINESSE OF A FRAGRANT FURNACE

PEATED

Rare Release 3

HONEYSUCKLE PETRICHOR

PEATED

Rare Release 53

SOUND OF SINGING SAND

PEATED

CASK No. 10.241

FOR THE CHRISTMAS TABLE

\$589 5 available

A Lightly Peated highball before lunch, a sherry bomb dram to enjoy with your roast, and a bit of Highland peat to finish off with your pavlova — our bundle For the *Christmas Table* is the perfect peat and sherry flavour explosion for all your Christmas Day needs. Only five bundles available at the stellar price of \$589.

LINCTUS-GLAZED LAMB

PEATED

CASK No. 16.84

AN EMPIRE OF PETRICHOR

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 39.273

HERBAL HARBOURSIDE HARMONY

LIGHTLY PEATED

CASK No. 4.335



BUNDLE OFFERS

...AND FOR DESSERT

\$599 5 available

Looking for that extra serving of dessert? Load up on our dessert-oriented trio bundle that's perfect for the sweet-tooth looking for classic and rich vanillin's, caramel, and fruit notes. Features our ever-popular Irish single malt made in collaboration with Dunville's Whisky.

RICH AS CAKE, A LITTLE SOURDOUGH

DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 94.41

MADEIRA'S SWEET SALVO

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 58.55

CARAMEL CASCADE

SMALL BATCH SINGLE MALT

Batch 29

SAVE
\$36
AS A BUNDLE



SOCIETY EXPERIENCES

SYDNEY

SYDNEY END OF YEAR WHISKY BASH 2025

One of the coolest Christmas parties we just might have in our wonderful NSW chapter of SMWS — an afternoon at Partner Bar — Bar 26 — for SMWS drams, homemade pizza, distillery tours, and OCD whiskey flights. An afternoon of fun not to miss! Tickets on sale now.

Saturday, November 22, 2pm arrival.

Bar 26. Unit 2/26 – 30 Halloran St, Lilyfield NSW 2040.



WOLLONGONG

A WOLLONGONG SUMMER DELIGHT

A Christmas Gathering upstairs at the Frat Club with Fred Apolloni — seafood dinner and 6x Society whiskies!

Friday, November 7, 6pm arrival.

The Frat Club. 11 Bourke St, Fairy Meadow, NSW.

MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE'S 2025 FINALE!

An afternoon at the modernly ravishing Cosentino showroom with the SMWS Australia team — drams and snacks in a casual free-roam environment in the heart of the Melbourne CBD. Tickets on sale now!

Saturday, December 6, 1pm arrival.

Cosentino. 459-469 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000.

LAUNCESTON

RONNIE'S END OF YEAR FESTIVE COCKTAIL HOUR!

Cocktails, charcuterie and whisky! Join us at the newly opened Martini's Cocktail Lounge for festive afternoon of flavour and storytelling with Tom Rofe — tickets on sale now!

Lonnie's End of Year Festive Cocktail Hour!

Martini's Cocktail Lounge. 33 Kingsway, Launceston, TAS.

HOBART

TASSIE'S BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

A traditional Burns Supper upstairs at the New Sydney Hotel, arrival highball, SMWS drams, three-course traditional haggis supper, and a piper to top it all off! Tickets on sale soon.

Sunday, January 25, 5:45pm arrival.

New Sydney Hotel, 87 Bathurst St, Hobart, TAS.

HOBART

FESTIVE DRAMS ON THE LAWN IN HOBART!

It's been a while, Hobart, but we're heading back to the Parliament house lawns for some outdoor dramming and catch-ups as we farewell 2025's year of flavour — tickets are on sale now!

Saturday, November 29, 1pm arrival.

Parliament House Lawns, Hobart, TAS.

BRISBANE

STEP INTO THE FESTIVE SEASON!

Seven drams, a welcome drink, and some tasty snacks from Bird's Nest across the road — our festive free-roam whisky get together at Savile Row is on sale now! Join Scott in seeing off 2025 with some truly spectacular drams.

Saturday, December 6, 2pm arrival.

Savile Row, 667 Ann Street, Brisbane QLD.

CANBERRA

A FESTIVE GATHERING IN THE PARK

BBQ and Drams! Need we say more? Join us for a long-awaited ACT event as we celebrate the end of 2025 with some delightful drams and gourmet BBQ! Tickets on sale now.

Saturday, 29 November, 12:30pm.

John Knight Memorial Park, Townsend Place Belconnen ACT.

ALWAYS MORE EVENTS BEING ADDED ON SMWS.COM.AU/EVENTS



THE VAULTS

ONE HERETICAL NIGHT



WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER @ 7PM AEDT

Since its inception, the *Heresy* range (which, by the way, was never intended to be a public-facing name for the range) has turned heads and delighted senses, acting as Euan's *playground* of flavour. A chance to experiment with different cask types, fill levels, and ABVs, even. This month we're celebrating the weird and wonderful with a line-up of five Heresy releases — four of which have never been released prior!

Join Lachie, Matt, Andrew, and special guest Miranda Lidgerwood (Sullivans Cove) on Wednesday the 19th of November live on YouTube or Facebook to join in on the first of our two end-of-year virtual tastings! It's One Heretical Night with the SMWS; packs are on sale now!

\$99 + DELIVERY – SMWS.COM.AU/SHOP



VIRTUAL TASTING

A FESTIVELY PLUMP VIRTUAL TASTING



WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER @ 7PM AEDT

So many bottles to choose from this month, where to even start? Our final virtual tasting for 2025 covers only a fraction of what we're releasing over the next two months but has been curated for a fun and expansive flavour appeal. Seven drams across 1.5 hours of fun with the SMWS Australia team; join Adam Ioannidis, Matt Bailey, and Alex Moores in a banter and flavour-fuelled evening on Wednesday, the 10th of December.

Packs are limited and will no doubt fly off our webstore, so grab yours during our first week of Outturn releases — November 14 — for \$149, and we'll see you online in December!

CASK 30.125	HONEY LAVENDER POPCORN	CASK G9.9	REAL PEEL APPEAL
CASK 105.53	FLAT IRON STEAK TIKKA KEBAB	CASK 52.48	SEA SALT AND SZECHUAN PEPPER
CASK 163.2	DISTRESSED TRANQUILITY	CASK 78.92	PEAK SHERRY
CASK 28.99	LOVE HEARTS IN FLOWER MEADOWS		

\$149 + DELIVERY – [SMWS.COM.AU/SHOP](https://smws.com.au/shop)



OUR MOST EXCITING AND LIMITED MEMBERSHIP OFFER!



This November and December, we're turning up the heat (as if it wasn't already getting hot enough outside) and slashing our popular Yearly Bottle of the Moment membership down to \$199 AND throwing in one 350ml bottle of full-flavoured Society whisky! You could receive one of three different 350ml bottles:

- Cask 78.89 The dark fruit rises
- Cask 48.174 Duel fought under den linden
- Cask 121.108 A delectable conundrum

12 months of SMWS membership, 1x 700ml bottle AND 1x 350ml tasting bottle of full-flavoured, panel-approved Society whisky for just \$199? That's a Christmas treat if we've ever heard one. Available from November 14 until the end of the year, or until stocks are depleted; **this offer is only valid for the first 60 new members who join!**

If you've been holding off joining the world's leading whisky club, then this is the time to jump in, and discover the home of flavour for 2026.

Already a member? Simply refer a friend and we'll send one of the 350ml bottlings your way! Just make sure your friend mentions you as a referral in the notes section when checking out with Yearly Bottle of the Moment membership.

Any questions? Just send us a message at admin@smws.com.au or call us on 0455 233 465 and our dram-ierge team will get back to you ASAP.

Offer available to non-members or those whose memberships have lapsed/been cancelled prior to November 1. Bottles cannot be exchanged for other bottles or vouchers. While stocks last. Limited membership offer is only valid between November 14, 12pm AEDT, and December 31, 11:59pm AEDT. Referrals must be mentioned at time of checkout to be considered. Only available for limited Yearly Bottle of the Moment membership. 350ml bottles cannot be selected or exchanged.



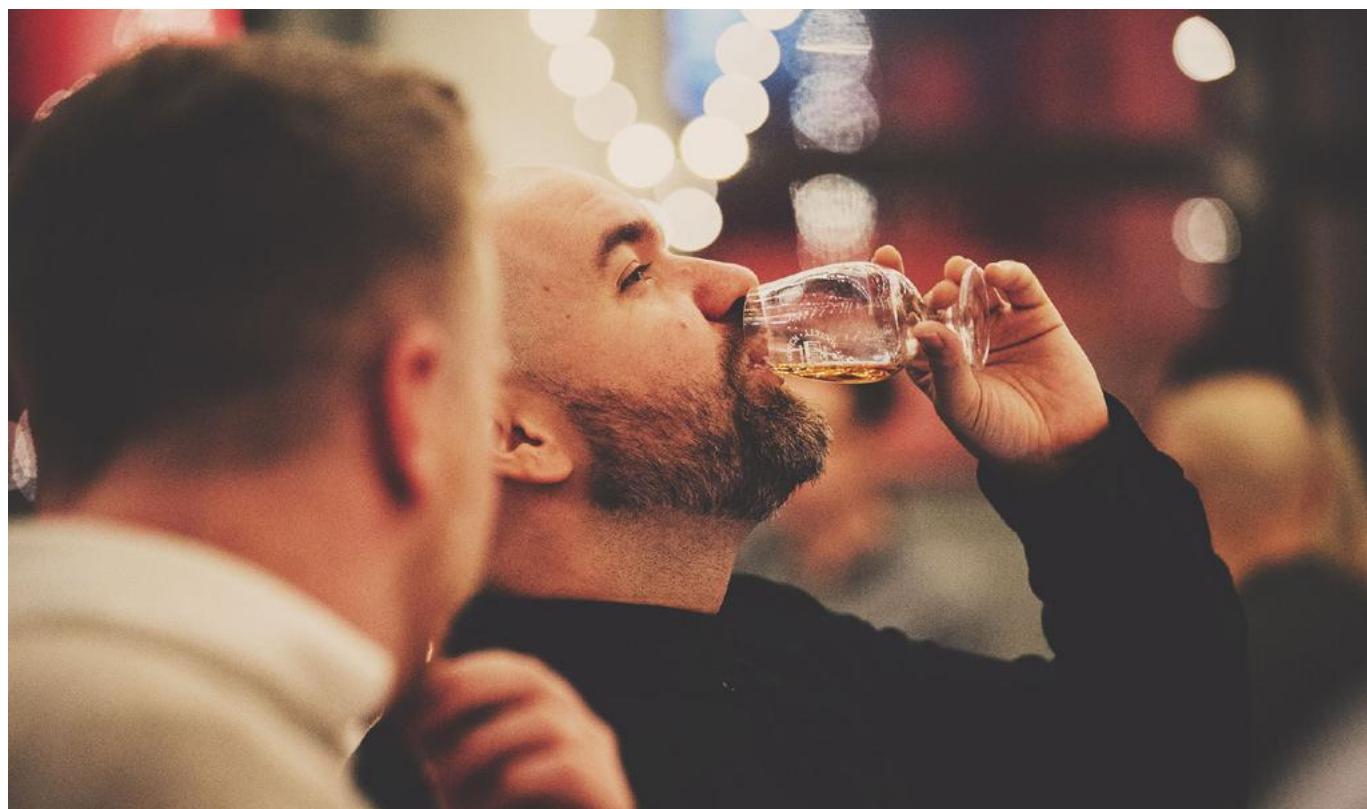
\$200 VOUCHER WHEN YOU PURCHASE SIX BOTTLES OR MORE!

This Outturn period, purchase six or more bottles in a single order and automatically qualify for a \$200 voucher to use in 2026! They can be any six bottles currently on the website, including our ever-popular Mystery Malt Six Pack. Offer runs between November 14 and December 31 inclusive! There's no restriction on how many \$200 vouchers you can qualify for! As long as each order is for six or more bottles. (6x bottles = \$200 voucher, 12x bottles = \$400 voucher, etc.)

The perfect way to get a bit extra out of your festive shopping, add a

few extra bottles onto your order, or combine some of our curated bundles, and start Jan 2026 off with a handy SMWS store voucher worth \$200! Not sure what to purchase? Shoot us an email at admin@smws.com.au or call us on 0455 233 465 to chat with our Dram-cierge team about flavour recommendations.

Offer available to SMWS members only. Voucher offer is only valid between November 14, 12pm AEDT, and December 31, 11:59pm AEDT. To qualify, six or more bottles must be processed in the same transaction. \$200 vouchers will be allocated per instance of 6x bottles purchased. Vouchers will be sent by January 16, 2026.





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