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GATHER AROUND THE

CARPENTER'S KITCHEN

BY ADAM IOANNIDIS

he Society's Global Gathering — a coming together of members and friends to celebrate flavour. You might be asking "but Adam, don't we do that all year round with our experiences?"; you're right, we do. But does that mean we can't concentrate on sharing our love of whisky over a specific month with renewed enthusiasm and delight? It does not. Thus, the Gathering — a time to celebrate

members, where we began and where we are now, and the thing that binds us all together, the love of full-flavoured whisky.

In recent years since the Gathering's inception, it's been customary for each branch to receive the full bottle allocations from a single cask of whisky. For 2025, I had the honour of tasting several cask samples, right at the start of the year, knowing that what I selected



would be shared and enjoyed with our entire membership base here in Australia.

Interestingly enough, what I thought would be the pick (based off spec), was not even close, and it was a tight race between two different samples. After tasting it again recently (now that it's been bottled and labelled), I can confidently say I am happy with the choice I made, and I hope you all are too. Cask 95.105 Into the carpenter's kitchen is what the panel eventually named my pick and what is your 2025 Australian-exclusive Gathering bottle.

After 11 years of maturation in an ex-bourbon barrel, Euan (our Head of Whisky in Scotland, who oversees all our maturing casks) saw fit to transfer it to a 1st fill HTMC (Heavy Toast, Medium Char) barrel, and I'm glad he did. I'm confident that's what gave this whisky its unique factor, from this distillery that would be pronounced wrongly if you tried to say it as it's spelt...

The Gathering bottle goes on sale on October 17th — but you can try it at a slew of Partner Bars around Australia first at a really fantastic price per dram! So, I encourage you all to

visit your local Partner Bar and embrace the Gathering spirit; you can find a full list of bars stocking 95.105 on the bar further along in this issue. Plus, we've got a very special virtual tasting on offer with the bottle AND four **very** exclusive bottlings that Matt Bailey himself has had shipped over (you can even win a full set of them if you grab yourself a Gathering bottle...more on that further in this issue!).

There's a lot going on this month — and there are many more bottles on offer in this Outturn (check out our first *Two to One* range whisky launching this month!), so be sure to have a proper look at everything that's going on and embrace the Gathering spirit! We'll see you at one of our many Gathering experiences happening across the country, or maybe even at one of our Partner Bars!



ADAM IOANNIDIS ~

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AROMAS FROM THE CARPENTER'S KITCHEN...

INTO THE CARPENTER'S KITCHEN

DEEP. RICH & DRIED FRUITS

CASK No. 95.105 \$199

REGION	Speyside	
CASK TYPE	Ex-bourbon barrel <i>into</i> a 1st fill HTMC barrel	
AGE	14 years	
DATE DISTILLED	15 September 2010	
ABV	64.4%	
OUTTURN	190 – Full allocation!	

TASTING NOTES

Watching as a distinguished carpenter sprinkled lavender flowers over an apple turnover, we noticed a platter of honeycomb chunks topped with vanilla pods. To taste, we were gifted the texture of runny honey, with flavours of blancmange and freezedried strawberries. Water warms the dram. Oven-fresh apple strudel, baked orange and vanilla ice cream with mace and dark cherry jam delighted the nose, while the palate was Belgian fries, truffle mayo and oregano. It had a dry finish. After 11 years in an ex-bourbon barrel, we transferred this to a first fill, heavily toasted, medium charred barrel for the remainder of its maturation.



FROM THE TEAM

This is a super cool malt and we're really excited to share it with you all as our second Aussieexclusive for 2025. This was selected by our team's Marketing Manager, Adam Ioannidis, way back in February. You can expect some charred BBQ and BBQ Samboy chip notes on the palate; leave it in the glass long enough and you might even detect some of the 7-11 slushie syrup coming out. The palate gets even better with smoked, honeyed cashews coating your mouth. A 14-year-old HTMC-matured cask-strength whisky. Available for just \$199; this bottling is available to purchase midway through October — on Friday, 17th. Get down to your local Partner Bar (or event) and try it by the dram and taste the magic, then pick up a bottle on October 17.



III GATHERING

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Why not grab both the 2025 & 2024 Gathering bottles at the same time with our **Gathering duo bundle for \$389?**











BLISSFUL BOUNTY
OF FRUIT

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 39.280 **\$179**



REGION	Speyside	0,000
CASK TYPE	1st Bourbon fill barrel	
AGE	11 years	
DATE DISTILLED	5 December 2011	11
ABV	59.8%	
OUTTURN	198 (30 in Australia)	

Some characteristic potpourri and rose petal aromas were there, along with sweet fruity notes (tarte tatin, strawberry jam) and subtle hints of woody spice. The palate exploded with intense maple syrup and caramel sauce sweetness, continued with a blissful bounty of fruit (strawberries and cream, cherry liqueur, nectarine coulis) and a healing finish of chamomile flowers. The reduced nose found fruit salad and raisins, shea butter and cocoa nibs, plus hints of pine forest and high rye bourbon. On the palate, we now discovered crème brûlée, orange peel and oaty flapjacks, with a finish of wood char, cinnamon and mace.

"I NEVER PROMISED

YOU ..."

YOUNG & SPRITELY

CASK No. 35.330 **\$149**



REGION	Speyside	
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon barrel	
AGE	8 years	
DATE DISTILLED	1 August 2013	
ABV	57.7%	
OUTTURN	237 (36 in Australia)	

We imagined sitting on a newly varnished wooden bench in a rose garden in full bloom eating caramelised figs with honey, thyme and yoghurt while drinking ginger wine. On the palate we added dried sour cherries to a bag of trail mix – a tasty combination of sweet, savoury and sour. Following reduction, the nose turned sweeter like a walnut whip or a rhubarb sorbet with pistachio brittle; to taste, apricot ice cream with caramelised almonds and strawberry milkshake jelly sweets. A line from Lynn Anderson's song Rose Garden came to mind: "So smile for a while and let's be jolly".

AS EASY AS RIDING A BIKE...

EFFORTLESS MINDFULNESS

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 19.102 \$359

REGION	Highland	
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon hogshead	
AGE	21 years	
DATE DISTILLED	17 February 2003	
ABV	53.2%	
OUTTURN	241 (18 in Australia)	



This dram left us feeling calm and collected, meaning free of agitation and able to concentrate the mind on eliminating distractions – carpe diem. We conjured up childhood memories of entering a sweet shop with its vintage glass jars in rows on dusty, wooden shelves making it so hard which to choose. We decided on two Scottish classics – caramel log wafers with roasted coconut, and milk chocolate tea cakes. On growing up with them you knew life was good. With a tiny drop of water we moved into a Victorian palm house to admire all the exotic plants and, in particular, the graceful pink waterlilies effortlessly floating on the pond.



FROM THE TEAM

This one might just take you back to your childhood memories and the confectionary adventures embarked on. We had a small break from Distillery 19, but it's back with a bang in the form of one of the last few black-label *Premium* bottlings we'll see for a while...this is now an obsolete range! Matured for 21 whole years in a single 1st fill ex-bourbon hogshead, this malt-driven whisky is one to sit on and let unravel over time. Grab yours on outturn day — Friday 3rd!



IT'S HAY SEASON!

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 38.39 **\$1,195**

VAULTS
COLLECTION
EXTRA
MATURED



REGION	Speyside	
CASK TYPE	2nd fill ex-bourbon barrel	
AGE	30 years	
DATE DISTILLED	17 June 1992	CLOSED DISTILLERY
ABV	49.3%	DISTIE
OUTTURN	198 (24 in Australia)	

We imagined sitting by a river on a warm, sunny day and watching hay being baled in a nearby field. On the palate, sweet fruity flavours of ripe peaches and juicy pears met a super-smooth mouthfeel coming from caramelised apricots with an almond cream. A drop of water and we were presented with a bowl of lychees served in a lemongrass syrup. To taste, tropical fruits galore, with a scoop of delicate bourbon vanilla ice cream. At 26 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.

PEACHY	ASSAM
LATTE	

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW

CASK No. 134.12 \$299





REGION	Goa, India
CASK TYPE	Refill Bourbon barrel
AGE	5 years
DATE DISTILLED	30 November 2016
ABV	59.2%
OUTTURN	201 (18 in Australia)

The first impression was a sweetness coming from a coconut panna cotta with pineapple salsa, which was then followed by Turkish delight and Calvados-glazed apples. A lovely texture neat, now the apples were baked with pecan and maple syrup before a fruity, peppery zing surprised us in the finish. Water added on the nose a red onion, carrot and hazelnut tatin as well as brownies filled with sweet red-wine raisins and toasted walnuts. To taste, cherries soaked in rum as well as chai-spiced banana bread and spiced cinnamon buttered popcorn followed by a peachy Assam latte, using rich coconut cream and vanilla-infused sugar

INVIGORATING AND REFRESHING

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 162.5 **\$179**



REGION	Highland	
CASK TYPE	New Chinkapin oak barrel	
AGE	5 years	
DATE DISTILLED	4 October 2019	
ABV	61.1%	
OUTTURN	265 (72 in Australia)	

There was plenty going on here with aromas of blackberry citrus cranberry jam, cloves, tobacco and high cocoacontent chocolate next to wood glue and staves dipped in maple syrup. On the palate we took a large bite of a cherry cola cupcake and washed it down with an old fashioned cocktail garnished with orange zest and two cocktail cherries. After reduction we stewed rhubarb in red wine, found oak shavings in our wild cherry fruit tea and had a slice of blackcurrant, lime and coconut cheesecake. This was mouthcoating like a mango lassi with yoghurt, cardamom, lime and honey – very invigorating and so refreshing!

BISCUIT-DUNKING DELIGHT

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 138.21

\$225



REGION	Taiwan
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon barrel
AGE	7 years
DATE DISTILLED	6 August 2015
ABV	53.6%
OUTTURN	191 (24 in Australia)

Sweet aromas of caramel, toffee and cream soda danced with malty notes of cereals and biscuits, while a fresh tingle of menthol combined with green grass. The palate was equally biscuit-based but now with crushed hazelnuts, nutmeg, cinnamon and ginger. Once we added water, intensely floral notes took us for a stroll through a flower show eating a lemon peel-topped vanilla cheesecake. Flavours were now fresher and juicier, as crunchy green apples mixed with pineapple cube sweets, and a light dusting of icing sugar coated a finish that combined chalky textures with malted biscuits and sea salt.

SPRING AFTERNOON AT THE SPICE MARKET

LIME JUICE ON ROSE PETALS

SPICY & SWEET

CASK No. 35.356 **\$159**

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	1st Bourbon fill barrel
AGE	9 years
DATE DISTILLED	1 August 2013
ABV	57.2%
OUTTURN	214 (30 in Australia)

TASTING NOTES

Dried petals of roses, carnations and lavender rained down on to fresh pomegranate, hazelnut praline and the earthiness of spinach and leather. The palate was a tongue-twisting arrangement of spicy, sweet and sour as ginger, chillies and toffee rolled into gooseberries, lime juice and sour cream. The floral fragrance continued after adding water, now with Turkish delight and orange blossom honey. Sweet brioche and pain au chocolat joined toasted chestnuts and coconut husk before wine flavours emerged. The sweet and sour spice had now transformed into maple syrup, crystalised ginger and fudge, with a building warmth that finished with dry oak tannins and grape seeds.



FROM THE TEAM

Plenty going on in this 9-year-old single cask from Distillery 35 — a distillery that continues to be an Aussie-member favourite — with plenty of fragrant spices emanating from the glass, transporting you to a Turkish spice market in the middle of spring. Following the chillies and ginger from the spice market, a late patisserie stop is in order with some cream-filled brioche pastries and hard toffee on the side. You absolutely cannot go wrong with this bottling — especially not at \$159!





HEAVEN IN A LEATHER HAMMOCK

SPICY & DRY

CASK No. 12.80 **\$1,599**





REGION Speyside

CASK TYPE Oloroso butt into a 1st fill Spanish oak Pedro Ximenez butt

AGE 34 years

DATE DISTILLED 12 April 1989

ABV 59.2%

OUTTURN 452 (12 in Australia)

Tied between two coconut palm trees, the hammock gently swayed in a breeze that mixed wafts of fragrant tobacco and polished tropical wood with soft leather. Falling into the comfort of rhubarb and custard, we drifted into a sweet dream lined with treacle and plums. Cranberries, strawberries and cherries fell like gifts from the gods into mounds of dried cinnamon and ginger. With a dash of heavenly water, waves of rum and raisin ice cream washed hazelnuts and dried petals beneath our swaying hammock. Then we awoke, perfectly timed for another mango lassi. After 26 years in an oloroso butt this was transferred to a first fill Pedro Ximénez butt for the

REGION	Speyside
CASK TYPE	Ex-bourbon hogshead <i>into</i> a 1st fill Spanish oak Oloroso hogshead
AGE	15 years
DATE DISTILLED	13 December 2007
ABV	56.1%
OUTTURN	184 (42 in Australia)

We smelled rich, dark sweetness (Christmas pudding, Eccles cakes, treacle toffee, black bun) and also a dusky, exotic note, like belly dancers in an antique bookshop. The gloriously sweet palate had marrons glacés, dates and demerara, sticky toffee pudding, caramel and cocoa; then warming clove, chilli and oak to finish. The reduced nose – funky, fascinating – was still dark and sweet, with additional hints of shellac, tarry timbers and cigars in ashtrays. On the palate now, the oak loomed larger, aniseed appeared, and we reported "eating biscuits from a pencil case" and "chewing elderberries off the twig". This spent 11 years in ex-bourbon wood, before being transferred into a first fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead.



INTRODUCING OUR

RANGE

BY RICHARD GOSLAN

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in and yang. Light and dark.
A jigsaw puzzle that comes
together to create something
more than the sum of its parts.

Those are some of the examples that the SMWS's ever-curious head of whisky creation Euan Campbell uses to illustrate the thinking behind the Two to One series.

The concept is straightforward: Two to One means taking two casks of single malt from the same distillery and seeing how they can fit together to create an ultra-small-batch bottling. The whiskies could have different ages and have undergone maturation in different wood types before being married and bottled at natural cask strength.

Each one of the Two to One bottlings demonstrates the Whisky Team's skills in experimentation, flavour creation and innovation, with the whisky in each bottle coming from a different journey through a range of cask types to create something unique and delicious.

The actual concept isn't entirely new — the Society has been marrying single casks as far back as 1991, when Cask No. 63.3 was created by marrying fino sherry casks. More recently, 2023's Cask No. 6.72: Fruitful mellifluosity started life as two bourbon hogsheads before the Whisky Team transferred them separately to a 1st fill Spanish oak oloroso hogshead and a 1st fill American oak Pedro Ximenez hogshead. Then after a couple of years in those casks, they were married prior to bottling at cask strength. But now, the Two to One programme is ramping up both in scale and in variety.

"We have two routes that we take with our Two to One bottlings," says Euan. "Either we will select casks at the peak of their maturation, and marry them together just



"TWO TO ONE MEANS TAKING TWO CASKS OF SINGLE MALT FROM THE SAME DISTILLERY AND SEEING HOW THEY CAN FIT TOGETHER TO CREATE AN ULTRA-SMALL-BATCH BOTTLING."

prior to bottling. Or we can put two casks into one larger cask – for example two bourbon hogsheads or barrels into a larger sherry butt where that then undergoes a period of additional maturation. That would be for a minimum of two years, as is our normal policy. At the end of that period we'll sample the whisky and if the Tasting Panel approves it then that's what gets bottled.

"The range is about taking complementary flavours that fit together to explore them and present them to our members in a different way," he says. "We love a single cask expression, and the journeys that it



ULTRA SMALL-BATCH SERIES

BOURBON HOGSHEAD

SOCIETY NO: 78.91 A RUGGED HIGHLANDER

FIRST FILL AMERICAN OAK PX HOGSHEAD

MARRIED BEFORE BOTTLING NEW AMERICAN OAK HTMC HOGSHEAD





TWO TO ONE WORKS

can take you on. But this is a different kind of adventure for the Whisky Team to go on, to see how two casks can come together and how that combination can create layers of flavour."

On average there will be around 500 bottles of each Two to One release available, basically the contents of two hogsheads or barrels. Each bottling will be in the Society's usual green glass with a regular bottling code, but look out for a Two to One stamp on the label. There will also be information about its history and the journey that the whisky has undertaken in its Tasting Notes, as well as detailed infographics to clearly outline that journey.

"Two to One is like stepping up one level from our single casks but on a much smaller scale than something like our 'Heresy' small-batch range, where we work with multiple casks to create up to around 2,000 bottles per batch," says Euan. "So, this is a new adventure for us. We love the end result and we hope everyone else does as well."

Cask 78.91 A rugged highlander is the first *Two to One* bottling we're releasing locally in Australia — which is a marriage of a 1st fill ex-American oak PX hogshead and a new American oak Heavy Toast, Medium Char hogshead (both of which were previously filled from ex-bourbon hogsheads). The result is a singed citrus dram with brûléed custard — available on Outturn day, October 3rd.

A RUGGED HIGHLANDER

SPICY & DRY

CASK No. 78.91 **\$220**





REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	New American oak heavy toast medium char & 1st fill American oak PX Hogsheads
AGE	12 years
DATE DISTILLED	22 November 2012
ABV	57.4%
OUTTURN	568 (36 in Australia)

The medley of aromas ranged from dry farmhouse cider to fenugreek and samphire, to finally beef cranberry gravy and waxed jackets. On the palate we found burnt orange oil, heather smoke and wood char while in the background was always that fruity element coming from a berry compote. After careful dilution the scent of candied orange peel, cinder toffee and blowtorched custard appeared, while to taste this was waxy and chalky, like quince paste on pumpernickel bread. The starting point for this small batch was two bourbon hogsheads of single malt Scotch whisky. Each was then transferred to new casks at eight years old. One cask was a first-fill American oak PX hogshead, while the other was a new American oak hogshead with a heavy toast and a medium char. The casks were then married together before bottling.

SUMMER GARDEN MEMORIES

LIGHT & DELICATE

CASK No. 60.39 **\$169**





REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	2nd fill Bourbon hogshead
AGE	10 years
DATE DISTILLED	24 October 2013
ABV	57.5%
OUTTURN	258 (24 in Australia)

A slice of warm coconut sponge arrived topped with lemon zest and served alongside a glass of cold-pressed apple juice. The light, delicate nose was full of summer garden memories. To taste, the Panel enjoyed the zest and tang of grapefruit rind, plum sauce, pear tarts dusted with mace, and wild fennel shavings. Water championed delicate aromas of tinned peaches, thyme blossom and heather honey. The palate, too, was elegant, with lemon sherbet, cane sugar and marzipan floating across the tongue.

A SUSURRATIO	\
OF SUMMER	

JUICY. OAK & VANILLA

CASK No. 28.106 **\$169**





REGION	Highland
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon barrel
AGE	9 years
DATE DISTILLED	11 May 2015
ABV	60.9%
OUTTURN	208 (36 in Australia)

The nose was a susurration of summer, with strawberries, pineapple, under-ripe pears and candied orange and lemon slices, flower meadows and blossom, refreshers, honey and vanilla marshmallows. The palate was spritzy and lively, with peach melba and melon, apricot, green apple and bitter lemon, finishing with hazelnut shells, almonds, cardamom and oak. Adding water enhanced the floral aspects of the nose and also gave us candied orange peel, toffee bonbons, caramel, brown sugar and sweet tobacco. The palate sweetened – acacia honey, toffee apples, marrons glacés and pear frangipane – before subtle hints of cinnamon, cumin and coriander to finish.





DOON AROON THE TOON

OILY & COASTAL

CASK No. 93.224

\$199



REGION	Campbeltown	
CASK TYPE	1st fill Bourbon barrel	A
AGE	8 years	
DATE DISTILLED	16 June 2016	
ABV	59.9%	
OUTTURN	221 (36 in Australia)	

First nosing revealed superb freshness, with the Panel noting vitamin tablets fizzing in soda water, beach pebbles and then minty and salty aromas that further underscored the freshness. Some impressions of pasta water and harbour jetty maintained these recurring ideas of coastal character. With water it became more aromatically broad and generous, with gorse flower, sandalwood, maritime air, lemongrass and preserved lemons drizzled with olive oil. Neat, the palate was similarly bright, fresh and coastal, with white flowers, starched linens, big grassy olive oil vibes and background impressions of farmhouse cider and sheep's wool. Reduction brought out lemon oil, menthol and camphor balm, wax, and playful notes of cloudy lemonade and shellfish broth.



WELCOME BACK **DISTILLERY 10!**

LIFE'S A RIOT

HEAVILY PEATED

CASK No. 10.274 **\$220**

REGION	Islay
CASK TYPE	2nd fill Spanish oak Sherry butt
AGE	10 years
DATE DISTILLED	17 October 2013
ABV	60.5%
OUTTURN	446 (36 in Australia)

TASTING NOTES

The neat nose suggested to us such appealing things as caramelised ginger, heather ales, buttered pumpernickel bread and salted Dutch liquorice. With time a really deep and potent peat smoke aroma unfurled itself, along with impressions of kerosene, roof pitch, bitumen and exploded first aid kits (we thought, anyway). With water we got a campfire topped up with camphor, plus burnt heather, salted honey, smoked meats and fruity chutney sharpened with sherry vinegar - what a riot ... what a beast! The palate was alive with raw seawater, petrol, hot and salty chips, green olives bobbing in a sea of dirty martini, pure iodine and industrial-strength mouthwash. Water could not tame this serpent, instead it swaggered all over the place, nonchalantly throwing off notes of pickled tarragon, smoked goat's cheese, browned butter with capers and smoked mussels, and lashings of hessian soaked



in soy sauce. Silly and amazing whisky. At six 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, a second fill Spanish oak sherry butt that previously matured SMWS bottling 30.111.

FROM THE TEAM

It's been a while, but Distillery 10 is BACK on Aussie shores with 10.274 Life's a riot, a heavily peated malt further matured in a sherry butt for four years (a sherry butt which previously matured SMWS Cask 30.111), Need we say more? Not really, but we will anyway. Soy sauce, kerosene, and salt and vinegar chips, with a bit of honey for good measure. This is not going to last long with only 36 bottles having landed in the country. Welcome back Distillery 10, and welcome back to the Heavily Peated profile!



60.5% VOL70de



ESTERICAL

JAMAICAN RUM

CASK No. R11.18 **\$220**



REGION	Jamaica	(gas	
CASK TYPE	Refill bourbon barrel		
AGE	9 years		
DATE DISTILLED	1 November 2012	211	3
ABV	66.3%		
OUTTURN	234 (24 in Australia)		

A typical and classy initial aroma that included bicycle inner tube, pencil eraser, heather flowers, dried seaweed, fruity red chilli and pickled onions bobbing in expensive olive oil. Reduction added boiler fumes, natural tar, roof pitch and black olive tapenade. The mouth was straight away big, hefty, tarry and full of lemon juice and seawater. Hints of dark and stormy ginger beer cocktails with lime juice. Water brought out notes of smoked limoncello, crushed aspirin, gauze, a prickle of chilli heat, mustard oil and further fresh salinity and brininess.

SCARLETT MARZIPAN

SMALL BATCH BLENDED MALT

Batch 22 **\$169**





REGION	Blended Malt	
CASK TYPE	lst & refill American and Spanish Oak Oloroso butts	
AGE	10 years	
DATE DISTILLED	13 June 2013	
ABV	50.0%	
OUTTURN	2,798 (120 in Australia)	

On the neat nose we described it as a Scottish-Spanish alliance. Chewy highland toffee, oatmeal porridge with dried fruit compote and apple crumble were met by churros and a glass of oak-aged rioja. The initial taste certainly had those expected tannins but was almost immediately brimming with flavours of red fruits and toasted vanilla. Following reduction, the aroma of terracotta pots, sautéed wild mushrooms and salted almonds, plus farmhouse cider and red-wine pear frangipane tart, made this an utterly entertaining experience. The taste was like traditional Welsh cakes, a cross between a cookie, a scone and a pancake.

THE ESSENCE OF CREATIVITY

MADE IN COLLABORATION WITH WASTED DEGREES BREWING

SPRUCE ON THE LOOSE

SMALL BATCH BLENDED MALT

Batch 28 **\$220**

REGION	Blended Malt
CASK TYPE	1st fill barrel & 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)

TASTING NOTES

Sticks of calligraphy ink joined slices of dried papaya in maple syrup as autumn leaves fell upon school textbooks. 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.



FROM THE TEAM

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. Another perfect example of the creativity and innovation that goes into our Heresy range — a perfectly balanced 17-year-old blended malt on sale in September!









TRYTHE GATHERING BOTTLE AT YOUR LOCAL BAR!

In the spirit of Gathering month — coming together, sharing our love of whisky with members and friends — we invite you to wander down to your local Partner Bar and try this year's Gathering bottle — Cask 95.105 Into the carpenter's kitchen — before it's released on October 17.

Several Partner Bars around the country have taken at least one bottle of Cask 95.105 for their backbar so members can enjoy it at an attractive price by the dram and half-dram. This is an opportunity to get down to your nearest Partner Bar with some friends and enjoy the flavours of this HTMC-matured bottling selected to be shared across our entire membership base.



WHERE TO FIND CASK 95.105 AROUND AUSTRALIA

WHISKY & ALEMENT - Melbourne
BENEATH DRIVER LANE - Melbourne
THE WHISKERY AT BELLARINE

DISTILLERY - Geelong

BAR 26 - Sydney

CAPTAIN'S BALCONY CROW'S NEST - Sydney

ARCHIE ROSE - Sydney

NEW SYDNEY HOTEL - Hobart

MALT'N GOLD - Fremantle

TERRARIUM - Perth

SAVILE ROW - Brisbane

HAINS AND CO - Adelaide

RALPH LOUIS FREDERICK - Adelaide

SPIER & WRIGHT - Adelaide

JOIN WITH OUR AUSTRALIAN-EXCLUSIVE GATHERING BOTTLE!

Join us in the carpenter's kitchen this October and discover all the flavours on offer with the world's leading whisky club, where single-cask, cask-strength whisky reigns supreme, and the cowmmunity is global.

We're offering complimentary membership with every purchase of our 14-year-old Australian exclusive Gathering bottling — Cask 95.105 Into the carpenter's kitchen! That's a \$120 saving AND a full-flavoured, cask-strength bottle of Society malt to start your flavour journey off on the right foot!

Simply navigate to our website and purchase our limited Gathering membership option for \$199, and you're all set! But this offer is only valid between the 17th of October and the 14th of November — so don't miss out



This membership option is only available between Friday, October 17, and Friday, November 14 inclusive. Membership welcome pack and bottle are sent separately. Cannot be exchanged for any other bottle or used in conjunction with any other offer or code. Available to non-members, or to lapsed members whose memberships have lapsed prior to September 19



A VIRTUAL GATHERING OF FLAVOUR FROM ACROSS THE OCEANS

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER @ 7PM AEDT

Gather one, gather all! Look what we have here! For the October virtual tasting this month, we have a *very* special line-up featuring our 2025 Australia-exclusive Gathering bottle selected by our own Adam loannidis just for our members! But it doesn't end there, because we have not one...not two...not even three...but FOUR UK-exclusive bottles that we have procured and have chosen to share with our members.

These four UK bottles are unavailable to taste anywhere else in the country, and cannot be purchased, except from the SMWS venues they're all bottled for in the UK. 5x 30ml drams of rare cask-strength, special-label bottles for the incredible price of \$119 — grab your pack and join Adam, Lachie and Alex Moores live on Wednesday the 29th of October at 7pm AEDT!





GRAB YOUR VIRTUAL TASTING KIT AND JOIN IN: SMWS.COM.AU/SHOP

CASK 55.95

A BOWL OF TRAIL MIX AND A GLASS OF MALBEC **CASK 52.47**

JUGGLE LEMONS ON

THE BEACH

CASK 10.270

VINEGAR THREE WAYS

95.105

INTO THE CARPENTER'S

KITCHEN

CASK 121.113

IMMERSIVE BEACHSIDE BUFFET



BOTTLE SET GIVEAWAY



Flavour connects us all — it's one of the beautiful things about this club, and in the spirit of sharing flavour, we're offering up a special prize this month: a four-bottle set of UKexclusive SMWS bottlings valued at over \$1000!.

These four bottlings were released in the UK exclusively to celebrate our four venues across Edinburgh, Glasgow, and London — these weren't even available online to UK members, but exclusively through the venues they're bottled for! We have managed to secure a very small allocation of each of these bottlings and have decided to give away one full set to one of our lucky Australian members.

All you must do to win this pack, is order an Australian Gathering bottle — either the brand-new Cask 95.105 Into the carpenter's kitchen, or 2024's 59.86 The beneficence of bees — between October 1st and November 14th! Any order during in this timeframe which features Cask 95.105 or 59.86, will automatically go into the running to win the full set — that's 4x 700ml bottles of these UK-exclusive whiskies which can only be bought at the venues themselves!

Get around this year's incredible HTMC-matured Gathering bottling selected by our branch's Marketing Manager Adam loannidis, or last year's ex-bourbon, honeyed liquid gold Gathering bottled selected by Branch Director Matt Bailey, and you could win this set of UK-venue-exclusive SMWS malts.



Offer runs between October 1 and November 14 inclusive, only orders containing Cask 95.105 or 59.86 will be considered for entry. The winner will be announced on Friday, the 21st of November via livestream. Prize cannot be exchanged for vouchers or other items. Available only to members of SMWS Australia.

SOCIETY EXPERIENCES



SYDNEY

GATHERING '25 — GUESS THE DRAM IN SYDNEY!

An evening of blind tastings, food, stories, and good company. Join us at the RACA for our Sydney Gathering rendition of "Guess the Dram".

Thursday, October 16, 6:30pm Royal Automobile Club of Australia (ISC Room), 89 Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000

BRISBANE

GATHERING '25 — STORIES AT COMMON VICE

Stories and drams over a two-course dinner (plus sides!), a welcome beer, and 5x SMWS drams (including a 31-year-old sherried Vaults Collection bottling and our 2025 Gathering release) — tickets are on sale now!

Saturday, October 25, 6:30pm Common Vice; 2/75 Welsby St, New Farm QLD 4005

MELBOURNE

AN EVENING WITH JACK CHAMBERS, SMWS JAPAN DIRECTOR

For one night only, we welcome Jack Chambers, the Branch Director for SMWS Japan, to Australia to tell his story from Bruichladdich to the Society.

Thursday, October 9, 6:30pm Whisky & Alement (Upstairs), 270 Russell Street, Melbourne 3000

MELBOURNE

GATHERING '25 — MELBOURNE DINNER AT THE KELVIN!

A classic Kelvin whisky dinner — twocourses, 6x Society drams (including the Gathering bottle and a VC bottling) all hosted by your local Ambassador Alex Moores. Tickets are on sale now!

Saturday, October 18, 6:30pm Kelvin Club, 4-30 Melbourne Pl, Melbourne VIC 3000

ADELAIDE

GATHERING '25 — ADELAIDE SOCIETY GATHERS!

Join your brand-new SA Ambassador Lily Arnott at Partner Bar RLF for an evening of food and tasty bottlings as we celebrate the 2025 SMWS Gathering! Tickets are on sale now in limited quantities!

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30pm Ralph Louis Fredrick, Level 1/21 Gilbert Pl, Adelaide SA 5000

HOBART

GATHERING '25 — HOBART BOILERMAKERS ON THE BUS!

Join us on the Bus at the iconic Preachers for burgers, fries, and SMWS drams; Our Gathering cask + a 31-year-old peated Vaults bottling are amongst the incredible line-up that will make up this memorable Sunday afternoon.

Sunday, October 26, 12:00pm Preachers, 5 Knopwood St, Hobart, 7000

LAUNCESTON

GATHERING '25 — LAUNCESTON BOILERMAKERS AT SAINT JOHN

Boilermakers, chicken, chips and DRAMS! Our Gathering cask + a 31-year-old peated Vaults bottling are amongst the incredible line-up at our Lonnie Gathering experiences this October.

Saturday, October 25, 12:00pm Saint John Craft Beer Bar, 133 St John St, Launceston 7250

FREMANTLE

GATHERING '25 — SUNDOWNER BOILERMAKERS AT MALT'N GOLD

Flock down to our Freemantle Partner Bar Malt'n Gold to discover a series of specially selected boilermakers paired with new Society releases (including this year's Gathering bottle) with your WA Ambassador Xander Stucken! Grab your tickets now!

Sunday, October 26, 3:30pm Malt'n Gold, 20 Wray Ave, Fremantle WA 6160

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





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