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## Stroopwafel placed on a mug of hot coffee

**Cask No. 30.75** **DKK 855,-**

We were greeted by a very strong coffee aroma, a liqueur coffee – possibly an Italian Classico (with Amaretto); marzipan, sugared almonds, burnt caramel wafers and sugar puffs. In the background is a hint of polished wood, old leather and mild tobacco. The taste neat; toffee sauce, overripe sweet strawberries and a Dutch Stroopwafel set over a cup of coffee. On the nose with water, next to the now milky coffee, is a slightly burned toast with runny honey as well as coconut cream and peach syrup. The taste is now of white grape juice but also a spiciness reminding some of teriyaki sauce. One panel member even visualised a Melba toast with salted butter and venison pate – one for me please, from the distillery with the same name as a town in Fife.

**Region: Speyside Spey**

Colour: **Sparkly pale gold**

Date distilled: **24-Sep-90**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Strength: **59,1%**

Age: **22**

Outturn: **278 bottles**

## Complex and mysterious

**Cask No. 39.90** **DKK 855,-**

The nose started with putty, linseed oil and varnished wood – then becoming nutty (sugared almonds, walnuts) and musty (old lavender-scented wardrobes) – sweetening all the while with cinder toffee, fig, sultana, raspberry ripple, charred pineapple and honeycomb. The palate was unctuous, juicy and chewy, with spiced apple, nectarines, toffee apple and plum jam – also hoisin duck, tobacco, perfumed wood, cinnamon and clove. The reduced nose – pot pourri, dried flower shop, spring meadows, floral soaps and nutty toffee – complex and mysterious, while the palate developed pleasing sweetness, mild spice, dry wood, liquorice and blood. This sample, like the distillery, has a wood reference.

**Region: Speyside Lossie**

Colour: **mango wood**

Date distilled: **29-Oct-90**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Strength: **47,6%**

Age: **22**

Outturn: **232 bottles**

## Velvety vanilla meets seductive citrus

**Cask No. 35.88** **DKK 730,-**

The nose had an innocent attractiveness – velvety vanilla (Victoria sponge, custard-filled Danish, milk chews) meets seductive citrus (strawberry lollies, orange sherbet, lemon puffs, lemon sorbet); other assorted aromatics stood by (honeysuckle, passion-fruit, cherry tunes). The palate was as sweet as French Fancies, with abundant zingy, citric tang (lemon barley water, sherbet lemons, marmalade, rhubarb crumble) and liquorice allsorts in the finish. The reduced nose seemed fresher and the laundry, frozen strawberry yoghurt, hayfields and peach melba gave it pleasant summery appeal. The palate now suggested sugar on grapefruit and some dry, tongue-tingling woodiness. The distillery is near Elgin's 'gallows hill'.

**Region: Speyside Lossie**

Colour: **pale lemon gold**

Date distilled: **27-okt-95**

Cask: **1st Fill Barrel**

Strength: **55,1%**

Age: **17**

Outturn: **233 bottles**

## Rabbit in soured cream sauce

**Cask No. 41.56** **DKK 870,-**

A mild nose, thick and creamy (crème fraiche, cream soured with lemon juice) with traces of Caramac and a light gamey note, more rabbit than pheasant. The taste at natural strength is sweet, with light acidity; a refreshing mentholated note and a hint of white chocolate. Water continues the meaty/creamy theme, now reminiscent of Caboc Highland cheese; the texture is smooth, creamy/buttery; sweet throughout, with a trace of salt and soft fudge in the finish. The distillery is situated on the Spey at Caron and has a large dark grains plant attached.

**Region: Speyside Spey**

Colour: **Pale gold**

Date distilled: **28-aug-88**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Strength: **51,9%**

Age: **24**

Outturn: **280 bottles**

## Caribbean fruit with tingly spice

**Cask No. 35.91** **DKK 585,-**

The early nose had sharp fruits 'from Caribbean fruit stalls' (apparently) – pineapple, mango, peach, watermelon; then sweetness developed (honey, marzipan, tablet, date slice); also creamy vanilla, jasmine and significant insinuations of wood (tree bark, hessian, pencil shavings). The nose became more complex with water, adding candy floss, toffee cake, fudge, geranium leaf and fresh sawdust. The palate was sweetly viscous (honey, tablet, toffee waffles, Hershey bars) – sufficient to stand up to the powerful woodiness (oak chips, carpenter's workbench, raspberry jam seeds) and the warm, tingly spice attack (chilli, white pepper, nutmeg, liquorice, Victory Vs). This distillery used to belong to Glenmorangie.

**Region: Speyside Lossie**

Colour: **glowing honey gold**

Date distilled: **10-dec-02**

Cask: **1st fill sherry Butt**

Strength: **59,9%**

Age: **10**

Outturn: **222 bottles**

## Sea salted caramel pebbles

**Cask No. 44.57** **DKK 855,-**

The nose neat starts of with a bag full of confectionery; water melon and grape bonbons as well as sea salted caramel pebbles. There is also some burned orange peel, crystallised orange and lemon as well as the meatiness of a salty gammon steak. The taste follows on, salty smoky bacon crisps with pickled onions and gherkins and a spicy chutney next to a beach bonfire made out of driftwood. With the addition of water aromas of sweet bbq spare ribs, herring with a lemon dressing, candid apples and a bacon roll with HP fruity sauce appear. The taste is that of a roasted ham studded with cloves, crispy bacon almost burned and bbq bananas wrapped in foil. This sample comes from the distillery named after the village which is the home of the Speyside Cooperage.

**Region: Speyside Spey**

Colour: **well used brass button**

Date distilled: **13-aug-90**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Strength: **52,9%**

Age: **22**

Outturn: **305 bottles**

## A magician's hat of flavours

**Cask No. 37.53** **DKK 870,-**

On the nose, initial paint eventually transformed into peach, tinned pears, green banana and gooseberry – also perfumed notes (parma violets, Lenor fabric softener) – all underpinned by honey, beeswax, chocolate, scented wood and Old Virginia tobacco. The sweet, fruity palate gave tutti-frutti ice-cream, damson crumble, fruit cake and dark chocolate orange, with lively oaky spice underneath – 'Like chewing on a stave', someone said. The reduced nose evoked new wood, new carpets and floral perfumes. Flavours continued popping out, like rabbits out of a hat – ice-cream with monkey's blood, refreshers, grape Cremola Foam, fudge sundae and a woman's perfume. From the Ballindalloch distillery.

**Region: Speyside Spey**

Colour: **Francisco Scaramanga's gun**

Date distilled: **24-apr-85**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Strength: **53,8%**

Age: **27**

Outturn: **219 bottles**

## A Bittersweet Sensation

**Cask No. 44.58** **DKK 635,-**

All of us, well the not so young ones, were transported back in time to an old fashioned sweet shop, wooden floor boards, saw dust and glass jars absolutely everywhere. There are so many aromas let's mention a few; saltwater toffee, rhubarb and custard swirly lollies, apple and pear bonbons and strawberry chewits. The taste neat red berry jam, ripe Morello cherries and chocolate like Green&Black's Dark Chocolate Cherry Bar. After a tiny splash of water initially quite dusty – opening a book after a very long time on the shelf, then sweet notes reappear quickly; fruity jelly beans, strawberry gelatine and Hubba Bubba chewing gum. An enticing fruity/sour combination with a creamy finish of rhubarb crumble and vanilla custard.

**Region: Speyside Spey**

Colour: **Honey Gold**

Date distilled: **24-Aug-99**

Cask: **Refill sherry butt**

Strength: **59,1%**

Age: **23**

Outturn: **560 bottles**

## Inviting boudoir charms

**Cask No. 59.42**

**DKK 1025,-**

Starting as a decorator's cupboard, the nose eventually became a boudoir (roses, perfume, candles) as paint turned to masses of exotic fruits (mango, nectarine, charentais), flying saucers and white chocolate. The gentle, sophisticated palate delivered glossy magazines, sweet fruits (orange, strawberry), flowers and hints of oak or star-fruit bitterness and peppery tickles on the finish. We thought the reduced nose just fantastic – complex, subtle and inviting with real charm – orange zest, orange blossom, syrup, polished furniture and leather-bound books. The palate now gave us baskets of flowers, vanilla, honey, caramelized sugar, beeswax and gentle spices. The distillery is near Allness.

**Region: Highland Northern**

Colour: **light shiny gold**

Date distilled: **8-nov-83**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Strength: **44,7%**

Age: **29**

Outturn: **254 bottles**

## Mountain days and fun on the beach

**Cask No. 59.44**

**DKK 1050,-**

Our nose impressions ranged from mountain days (trees, flowers, airy, breezy) to a carpenter's workshop (sawdust, polished wood) but we all got tangy fruits (sherbet, Tangfastics, lime marmalade, baked apple, duck a l'orange, flying saucers) and we all got leather. The palate had citric fizz and other textural delights, with plenty of interesting sweetness – maple syrup, marmalade on toast, cinnamon on melon, chocolate limes and shortbread. With water, the breezy nose shifted to a beach (beach balls, windbreaks, Cream Soda); the palate now balanced green leaf tartness with sweet, nutty, woody spices. Captain Hugh Munro built the distillery in 1817.

**Region: Speyside Spey**

Colour: **pilgrim father's hat buckle**

Date distilled: **8-nov-83**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Strength: **48,9%**

Age: **29**

Outturn: **272 bottles**

## Sweetness gently tickled by oak

**Cask No. 71.39**

**DKK 720,-**

The nose had a sweet centre-piece (caramel chocolate biscuits, marzipan, marshmallows) around which lay scattered floral perfumes, sharp fruits, cherry-scented tobacco, polished furniture, sherbet dib-dabs and spicy lamb tagines – pleasant and complex. Water turned it more floral for a while, eventually resolving in fruity pleasures (marmalade, Demerara on grapefruit) – really rather seductive. The neat palate's definite oaky spice (chorizo, leather, pepper, nutmeg, coconut) was balanced by fruit, flowers and sweetness – Green & Black's Maya Gold came to mind. With water – vanilla, star-fruit, shortbread – the wood gently tickling the sweetness to make it happy. This distillery was completely re-built in 2004.

**Region: Speyside Lossie**

Colour: **orange gold**

Date distilled: **28-May-85**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Strength: **56,2%**

Age: **27**

Outturn: **220 bottles**

## Picnic on the meadow

**Cask No. 72.26**

**DKK 1050,-**

The nose neat transported us outdoors walking in a conifer forest approaching a meadow with the sweet floral scent of snowdrops, lavender and honeysuckle. Take a rest, sit on the bench, and you will be rewarded with deeper fragrant and aromatic aromas of sandal and cedar wood; even a hint of smoke from a distant wood fire. Have a picnic, the taste neat is like sweet chicken chilli bites and a slightly burnt malt loaf with butter and thick honey, a rich deep mouth-coating texture. Be careful adding water; the nose is turning a lot sweeter, compost, honey nut cereals but also fruity with apples, white grapes and pears. The taste sherbet lemon, icing sugar and a bunch of fresh cut flowers collected from the meadow.

**Region: Speyside Lossie**

Colour: **Orange Blossom**

Date distilled: **15-dec-83**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Strength: **53,3%**

Age: **29**

Outturn: **198 bottles**

## Bouquet of flowers in a new car

**Cask No. 72.27**

**DKK 1075,-**

We immediately encountered sweet aromas – toffee, caramel, millionaire's shortbread, lemon drizzle cake, apricot and almond galette – nicely complicated by expensive new car, new leather and varnished wood; with time a floral bouquet flourished (freesias, lily of the valley, spring flowers). The palate had toffee yoghurt, sweet malt, honey and impressions of a leather handbag containing linen hanky, floral perfumes, toffees, mints and ganja weed. The reduced nose brought out lychees in syrup and some herbal notes. The palate now delivered lemon cheesecake and warm nutmeg spice – sweet, interesting and undamaged by its long maturation. The distillery has connections with Pluscarden Abbey.

**Region: Speyside Lossie**

Colour: **antique brass**

Date distilled: **11-Jun-82**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Strength: **49,8%**

Age: **30**

Outturn: **244 bottles**

## Something Old, Something New

**Cask No. 72.31**

**DKK 1050,-**

The Panel was greeted with a lot of 'new' aromas; the inside of a new car, new leather and a newly varnished wooden floor. With time deeper and 'older' notes appear; like a very old dusty leather bound library book in a new shiny cover. It does not stop there - tobacco leaves, caramelised apples, brandy butter and waxy lavender candles are also mentioned. The taste has an enticing combination of wood, nuts and spices; ginger, cardamom and paprika powder. With water oily like hazelnut syrup lacing a coffee as well as almonds, figs and dried cherries. The taste now sweet and juicy like a mango smoothie or an apricot frangipane tart. The never ending finish is that of a Peshwari naan bread with mango chutney.

**Region: Speyside Lossie**

Colour: **Buttercup gold**

Date distilled: **15-Dec-83**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Strength: **48,3%**

Age: **29**

Outturn: **206 bottles**

## Luscious, delicious and summery

**Cask No. 76.104**

**DKK 900,-**

It was a fascinating nose – we found spun sugar, Crunchie Bars, hay-bales in the sun, Dewberry perfume, blueberry muffins, lemon, vanilla, fresh-baked bread and shoe shop leather – quite summery. The palate was warm, comforting and lip-smacking – delightful dark fruits (damson, bramble, Ribena) raspberry Ruffle Bars, liquorice, polished wood, salty caramel, ginger, tablet and lots of coconut – we all made positive comments. The reduced nose became more citric and developed cigarette tobacco. The palate found orange zest, dark chocolate, exotic fruit and perfumed wood – sweetly delicious with lasting luscious fruitiness – a rewarding dram from the distillery with the wee witchy still.

**Region: Speyside Spey**

Colour: **brilliant bullion**

Date distilled: **5-Oct-88**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Strength: **48,5%**

Age: **24**

Outturn: **258 bottles**

## A continuous snow-fall of curiosities

**Cask No. 76.105**

**DKK 760,-**

The nose spread a smear of sweetness (Danish pastries, Victoria sponge, Wagon Wheels) textured by a continuous snow-fall of curiosities – aniseed, Kummel, grappa, sandalwood, conifers, grass, leather, raisins, pineapple and sherry – complex and intriguing. Adding water brought out the fruitiness – strawberry, pear, kiwi and tinned fruit cocktail. The palate, though big and hot, had sweet juicy fruits and a succession of mouth-watering flavours – apple skins, blackcurrant Starburst in waxed paper and egg-custard tart. The heat came from ginger, nutmeg and pepper spice, but (especially with water) this was a refreshing, smooth and enjoyable dram from the first of Dufftown's seven stills.

**Region: Speyside Spey**

Colour: **hay in the moonlight**

Date distilled: **31-May-93**

Cask: **Refill butt**

Strength: **59,3%**

Age: **19**

Outturn: **540 bottles**

A black and white photograph of a bartender in a dark uniform pouring whisky from a small metal cask into a snifter glass. The bartender is in the background, slightly out of focus. The foreground shows the hand holding the cask and the stream of whisky falling into the glass. The glass has a circular logo on it that reads "THE SCOTCH MALT WHISKY SOCIETY".

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## Salivating sweetness; savoury whispers

**Cask No. 77.32** **DKK 950,-**

Salivating sweetness hit the nose – panellists listed Twix, golden syrup, toffee éclairs, walnut whips, honeycomb, marmalade on toast, marzipan, iced gingerbread and treacle; we also identified pineapple, plum, dates and orange blossom, all on freshly polished wood. The palate had generous ginger, orange peel, tobacco leaf, perfumed candles, coffee grinds and assorted chocolates. With water, sherbet, refreshers and lemon drizzle cake arrived on the nose – hot-cross buns suggested Easter but clove and honey-roasted ham whispered Christmas. The palate followed the savoury route – gammon with pineapple and cherry and steak and mustard flavoured crisps. From the only remaining Black Isle distillery.

**Region: Highland Northern**

Colour: **deep honeycomb gold**

Date distilled: **13-aug-87**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Strength: **58,2%**

Age: **25**

Outturn: **246 bottles**

## Lamb kebab with apples and peppers

**Cask No. 93.55** **DKK 685,-**

This sample, from the lesser known distillery in Campbeltown, made us all very hungry. The nose reminded us of salty smoky bacon crisps, bbq sauce on spare ribs, pork cracklings, fried ciabatta bread with balsamic oil and tempura prawns. Every now and then a whiff of Worcester sauce and that of burnt sparklers make an appearance. The taste is ashy, bbq embers, like fat dripping on coal but at the same time it leaves a creamy and fresh mouth feel. With water we were rolling the orange rind for a cocktail, waxing our chopping board with oil and barbecuing a kebab with apples and peppers. In the taste the kebab has additional lamb pieces with some thyme and chives, next to cold smoked mackerels and marinated carrots - Delicious!

**Région: Speyside Lossie**

Colour: **Gold leaf**

Date distilled: **31-jul-99**

Cask: **Refill barrel**

Strength: **61,4%**

Age: **13**

Outturn: **217 bottles**

## Marmite XO

**Cask No. R3.5** **DKK 605,-**

After the initial soapy Fairy original washing up liquid start we get various fishy aromas of grilled mackerel, salmon sushi, tuna sashimi and dolphin ('not a dolphin'). Carrying on in the oriental theme, spring roll, sweet potato tempura but also spring onions, chives, Vegemite and Marmite XO. Ouch!!! Only for the brave to taste neat. Adding water, Chai spiced milk tea, rye bread with butter, spicy caraway seeds but also sweet, vinegary and salty like Rollmops. Much more approachable now on the palate, sweet dumplings and a thick crusted slightly burned blue cheese and onion chutney pizza covered with olives and anchovies. This most peculiar rum comes from the Caribbean island believed to be the home of the oldest rum distillery from 1703.

**Region: Barbados**

Colour: **Mystically lucid green gold**

Date distilled: **1-jan-02**

Cask: **Refill butt**

Strength: **74,8%**

Age: **11**

Outturn: **427 bottles**

## Interesting nooks and crannies

**Cask No. 121.60** **DKK 635,-**

The nose seemed multi-faceted with interesting nooks and crannies – freshly sawn wood, tarpaulins, faint embers and grow-bags; toffee, golden syrup on pancakes, banana smoothie, wine gums and jam on toast. In reduction it became settled and more attractive – baked apple, spiced pear, pumpkin pie, gingerbread and pavlova providing the centre and biscuit tins, glossy magazines, chopped wood and sweet tobacco the fringe. The neat palate gave luscious, chewy flavours of fig rolls, dates, plums, syrup sponge, nut brittle and ginger nut biscuits with light smoke and pepper and clove spice from the oak. Water brought out some savoury and zesty notes.

**Region: Highland Island**

Colour: **khaki gold**

Date distilled: **28-Sep-99**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Strength: **56,4%**

Age: **13**

Outturn: **298 bottles**

## Promises sweet indulgences

**Cask No. G10.3** **DKK 700,-**

The nose evoked a breakfast buffet – bran-flakes, porridge, honey, marmalade (lots of orange notes) and maple syrup on waffles. We also identified random hints of carrot cake, ginger nuts, faint perfume and laminate flooring. The palate was immediately attractive, promising sweet indulgences – butterscotch, toffee éclairs, orange creams and floral perfumes, with ginger, cinnamon and clove not far behind. The reduced nose was very sweet, just held in check by gentle spices. The palate was now a silky, velvety experience – millionaire's shortbread, crème brûlée – liquid honey sunshine filtering through a filigree trellis of oak. This Gorbals-based distillery was built in 1927.

**Region: Grain**

Colour: **yellow gold**

Date distilled: **15-jun-88**

Cask: **Refill barrel**

Strength: **59,6%**

Age: **24**

Outturn: **171 bottles**

## Summer garden parties

**Cask No. C4** **DKK 525,-**

This pioneering Somerset-based cider maker and artisan distiller, hold the first cider distilling licence ever issued. This delightful offering noses soft treacle toffee, Demerara, plum chutney, cinnamon, vanilla and a scattering of fallen green apples on the orchard floor. With water it is gentler, with pears, cognac and the burnt edge of crumble. The neat taste is sweet, nippy-hot and apple-like with old-fashioned boilings and rubber in the aftertaste. Fruity, toffee flavours come with water, but for a real treat throw in an ice-cube; it's fantastic – an adult ice-lolly! Perfect for summer garden parties.

**Region: Allocation**

Colour: **Unburnished copper**

Date distilled: **28-May-79**

Cask: **Refill sherry butt**

Strength: **46,8%**

Age: **10**

Outturn: **420 bottles**

## Fascinating reminder of a bygone era

**Cask No. G3.6** **DKK 1000,-**

Everyone in the Panel relaxed and felt very comfortable with nosing this rare sample from the now closed Edinburgh distillery built in 1855. Very deep wood and new leather aromas are all very well integrated; smoked aromatic wood, polished wood but also freshly cut wood and sawdust. There is an underlying sweetness best described as breakfast waffles with vanilla ice cream. The taste surprises with a sweet smoke and a volcanic ashyness to start, then very smooth, floral and sweet; chocolate honeycomb, muscovado sugar and Black Jacks. With water the aroma becomes slightly chalky and soapy and the taste ashy, fruity (apples and watermelons) and a Starburst candy sweetness.

**Region: Grain**

Colour: **Tarnished Bronze**

Date distilled: **28-May-79**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Strength: **53,2%**

Age: **33**

Outturn: **197 bottles**

## Thanksgiving dram

**Cask No. G10.1** **DKK 870,-**

A fascinating nose – we imagined homely American kitchens – honey-glazed ham and pumpkin pie, fresh from the oven – a housewife doing her nails – ice cream, toffee apples and Daim bars lined up for dessert. The taste evoked Thanksgiving – pumpkin pie (with Demerara and cinnamon), vanilla, toffee, corn candies, sweet potato and marshmallows. The reduced nose became more integrated – chocolate chip cookie and cinnamon spice bound together by light glue, inhabiting a haze of happiness. The palate was flavoursome and bourbon-like; oaky spice, Dentyne and root beer – was it filled into a cask or a pumpkin? Pernod Ricard's grain distillery is in Glasgow.

**Region: Grain**

Colour: **grade 1 maple syrup**

Date distilled: **31-aug-89**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Strength: **59,6%**

Age: **23**

Outturn: **280 bottles**



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## Sophisticated, delicate and feminine

**Cask No. 1.172** **DKK 760,-**

The nose had sweet freshness (elderflower, apple strudel, white jelly babies) with a tantalizing feminine feeling – powder puff and heather-scented soap. Further interest came from malt loaf, tobacco leaf, soft leather, marmalade, toffee and aromatic duck. On the palate we caught intense fruity sweetness, spices and perfumes – people mentioned spiced apple chutney, poached pears, Greek yoghurt with honey, star anise, ginger, clove and flower stems. The reduced nose picked up the sophisticated, delicate threads of dewberry (Body Shop) geranium, pot-pourri, apple and scented candles. The palate now balanced toffee with sandalwood, blackcurrant and flowers. Another gem from the Marypark maestros.

### Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: **pale gold lamé**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Age: **19**

Date distilled: **23-sep-93**

Strength: **55,7%**

Outturn: **230 bottles**

## A fascinating waltz

**Cask No. 1.173** **DKK 760,-**

A fascinating nose – cereal sweetness (turned malt, toasted granary bread) – and more – butterscotch, honey, chocolate fudge, banana chips, melon, cherry, orange, walnut, Madeira and hints of menthol. On the palate – warm glowing flavours of buttered toast, jam and dates waltzed easily with spiced pear and cough sweets on the tongue; the finish – a fleeting flick of leather and quinine. The reduced nose turned gentle and pacified but still teased us with fresh-baked morning rolls, lime cordial and sealing wax. The reduced palate – an easy, enjoyable equilibrium between sweet barley and dry oak. From a family-owned distillery just below Ben Rinnes.

### Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: **sun-kissed golden barley**

Cask: **Refill Hogshead**

Age: **19**

Date distilled: **23-sep-93**

Strength: **55,2%**

Outturn: **223 bottles**

## The sea is getting rougher on the Puffer

**Cask No. 3.207** **DKK 700,-**

We found ourselves on a Clyde Puffer heading to the harbour of the largest village on Islay where this sample comes from. Aromas of diesel oil, smoke, tar, salty old fishing ropes and well used lobster creels are prevalent. In the taste smoked kippers, salty pork scratchings, but also the sweetness of beech smoked almonds and salted caramels. Adding water brings out initially a whiff of a burnt matchstick or having just fired a pistol-like flare gun. The sea is getting rougher now and we all get wet - wet clothes, wet leather and the salty sea spray in our hair. So we go inside and taste smoky bacon frazzles, liquorice allsorts, Pontefract cakes and wash it all down with a blackcurrant cordial.

### Region: Islay

Colour: **Lemon Marmalade**

Cask: **Refill sherry butt**

Age: **15**

Date distilled: **25-Sep-97**

Strength: **58,1%**

Outturn: **550 bottles**

## A Caribbean adventure

**Cask No. 7.88** **DKK 825,-**

The nose was Caribbean – coconut, Bounty bars (or was that the South Seas?) peaches, lemon, piña coladas, sun cream, honey, flowers, leather and wood – Captain Sparrow tied to the main-mast (would the whip fall or would he be rescued?). The lively palate delivered margaritas, dark chocolate gingers, cherry liqueur, salty caramel, green wood, loadsa fruit, leather and tobacco – ‘Loving it!’ was a typical comment. The reduced nose added pineapple dipped in dark chocolate, custard Danish pastries, mango and sandalwood. The palate was now exquisitely tropical – pineapple humps, tutti frutti and fat figs – Sparrow’s ‘leisurely breakfast’ (distillery clue) after being set free.

### Region: Speyside Lossie

Colour: **Jack Sparrow's buckle**

Cask: **Refill barrel**

Age: **20**

Date distilled: **20-Apr-93**

Strength: **54,3%**

Outturn: **209 bottles**

## Sweet decadence and indulgence

**Cask No. 9.70** **DKK 730,-**

The nose was homely and attractive – apple pie, vanilla custard, peaches, toffee, buttered scones, crème caramel, fudge yoghurt and tablet – also new oak shavings and freshly ironed linen. The palate was pretty much in line with that – toffee sauce, caramel, golden syrup on porridge, rhubarb and pear sweets, ginger, maple and pecan Danish pastries, crème brûlée and rose Turkish delight – sweet decadence and indulgence. With water, the nose developed flowers, light tobacco and toasted coconut. The palate just got nicer – cooked pears, Bounty Bars and butterscotch with Black-jacks in the finish – easy-going and comforting stuff from the original Rothes distillery.

### Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: **russet pear gold**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Age: **17**

Date distilled: **25-Apr-95**

Strength: **53,5%**

Outturn: **230 bottles**

## Menthol tobacco and sugared almonds

**Cask No. 9.71** **DKK 715,-**

Initially a mild nose, somewhat closed, then reveals blackcurrants and other dark fruits, with mentholated pipe tobacco (making it lightly nose-cooling), sweet roasted nuts and Crunchy Nut cereal. A smooth and viscous texture; sweet then tart, with a trace of pressed apple mint. Water closes it again, then introduces cork-backed table mats and sugared almonds. The mouthfeel remains soft and creamy, the taste much sweeter, but now with some ash and ‘leather satchel’ in the finish. Until recently this malt was scarce in the U.K. – it all went to Italy, where, from the mid-1960s, it has been the best seller.

### Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: **Mid gold with deep lights**

Cask: **Refill hogshead**

Age: **16**

Date distilled: **23-Apr-96**

Strength: **60,4%**

Outturn: **241 bottles**

## Seaside holiday dram

**Cask No. 17.34** **DKK 605,-**

A nose ‘picture’ emerged of a fish and chip van and an ice-cream van in a lay-by near the links – fried whitebait with lemon and teriyaki salmon; vanilla ice-cream and puff candy; smells of tar, charred wood, gorse and heather. The neat taste had fiery ginger beer and tempura prawns with chilli sauce; fresh grape juice, lemon sherbet, jellied fruits, chocolate fudge and wood. The reduced nose offered seawater, tobacco smoke, pickled ginger and toasted marshmallows. The palate now had chalky textures; sweet juicy fruits, light smoke, teasing spices and suggestions of a boat-builder’s yard. From the smaller of Orkney’s distilleries

### Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: **straw hat in a disco**

Cask: **2nd fill Hogshead**

Age: **11**

Date distilled: **23-Jan-02**

Strength: **55,5%**

Outturn: **251 bottles**

## Ballet shoes and distributor caps

**Cask No. 29.137** **DKK 870,-**

The nose had fruit (lemon, pineapple, marmalade, apricot jam) and loads of other stuff – ash, smoke and herbal medicines; seafood platter and clamato juice; barbecued pork, stretchy bandages, ballet shoes and hot distributor caps. The palate had big citric smoke, cigarette ash and hot, salty savoury flavours – cooked sausages, brown sauce, wasabi and teriyaki. The reduced nose suggested hot dogs (brine, mustard) and mineral notes – then tutti frutti, vanilla and honey surfaced. The palate’s syrupy fruits, baked apple, marmalade and raisins stood up reasonably well to the ash, charred wood and peat smoke. From the ‘beautiful hollow by the broad bay.’

### Region: Islay

Colour: **strawberry blonde**

Cask: **Refill barrel**

Age: **18**

Date distilled: **4-Apr-95**

Strength: **58,9%**

Outturn: **215 bottles**