# OUTTURN

November 2013 Rottling List

# ATERIA CHRISTIAS

"SLÁINTHE MHATH"

21 new single casks to tempt your nose



#### Tour of a stately home

#### Cask No. 35.96

# DKK 635,-

Some of us found ourselves outside cutting the grass whilst others just finished inside varnishing a wooden floor. We were then all transported into a stately home with dusty Persian rugs, leather bound books in the library, an old well-travelled sea chest on the landing and antique wicker furniture in the conservatory. In the taste we moved to the Victorian kitchen with its solid oak table and trays of oven warm blueberry scones with runny honey on top, as well as figs, dates and cinnamon sticks. With water we have moved outside and are walking through the rose and herb garden, and eventually, in the taste, ending up at the bowls and croquet lawn enjoying a dry ginger ale with a slice of lime.

Region: Speyside Lossie

Colour: Yellow gold Date distilled: 15-Feb-00

Cask: 1st fill barrel Strength: 59,7%

Age: 13 Outturn: 192 DK 6 btl

#### Sweet and salty combo

#### Cask No. 36.68

DKK 840,-

We were eventually rewarded by a nose of honey on toast, spun sugar, tablet, Oddfellows and Danish pastries with almonds and pecans; also rose petals and pear. The neat palate had warm spices, understated strawberry, chocolate, caramel and popcorn – but wait! Was it salted popcorn – yes, even smoky bacon too – unexpected but nice. The reduced nose offered light pipe tobacco and hickory barbeques but the main development was tropical fruit (mango, pineapple, melon) in a basket of grass rushes. The palate now combined tobacco, fruit cocktail and gentle, tingling spices (clove, cinnamon, nutmeg). The distillery was once destroyed by floods.

Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: 18 carat gold Date distilled: 29-okt-91

Cask: 2nd fill hogshead Strength: 50,7%

Age: 21 Outturn: 229 DK 6 btl

#### Jellybean Dream

# Cask No. 59.46

DKK 1050,-

This unusually old example of the make is mellow, with a fleeting trace of hemp ropes, then flap-jacks, Granola breakfast cereal, fresh orange juice, apricot jam and maple syrup, and aged base-notes of pencil box, planed oak and dunnage warehouse. The taste is very sweet (honey) and mouth-coating, with a light oakiness and a dash of allspice. When you add water, the aroma is of 'hot toddy in an enamel mug', with new furniture (a show house) and white jelly beans. The latter come through in the taste, with a hint of planed oak and a long finish. The owners recently announced that they are planning another mega-distillery close to this one.

Region: Highland Northern

Colour: Full gold, copper lights Date distilled: 8-Nov-83
Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 52,4%

Age: 29 Outturn: 194 DK 12 btl

# Sticky apricot tarts at an Indian Market

#### Cask No. 71.40

DKK 870,-

Hessian Sacks, musty broom cupboards, sheepskin coats and a joiner's work bench greeted us on the nose initially. Wild figs, fresh jasmine, dried roses and hot humid spice at an Indian market followed shortly after. Someone had left the door open to a deserted florist shop, complete with dry dusty floorboards. The palate was hot (warning: does need water) with fragrant wood, pot pouri and peach custard all ebbing through the prickle. Like a different whisky altogether water presented our mystified noses with Mr Whippy ice-cream drizzled with toffee sauce, cardamom pods, coconut husks, over-ripe bananas and bay leaves: like a herb crusted exotic fruit tart. Rich chewy mahogany came through on the reduced palate, accompanied by sticky apricot tarts, orange pastry, flax seeds and dusty muesli. Irresistibly dark and exotic, with a wax paper finish.

**Region**: Speyside Lossie

Colour: Yellow Date distilled: 20-sep-89
Cask: Refill butt Strength: 56,3% DK 12 btl
Age: 23 Outturn: 432

#### **Tropical Punch Pop Rocks**

#### Cask No. 72.34

DKK 1075,-

The Panel was greeted by a mixture of chocolaty and nutty aromas like whole Brazil nuts covered in milk chocolate. There are also freshly crushed walnuts and split conkers next to the warm spiciness of a Jamaican Ginger cake. With time fresh mint leaves appear and overall there is the smell of a 'special occasion perfume' in the air. The taste neat with plenty of green, floral and woody aromas – entering a tropical green house. At the same time there is a firm and fresh green grape acidity besides crystallized sugar swizzle sticks. With water like a fresh fruit salad, grapes, melon, mango and green apples sprinkled with Demerara sugar. The taste juicy and fruity, Haribo Tropifrutti, as well as golden syrup on toast and a sweet oakiness in the finish.

Region: Speyside Lossie

Colour: Sand dunes Date distilled: 17-Nov-82

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 55,6% Age: 30 Outturn: 138 DK 6 btl

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4.183	35.96	121.63
4.184	36.68	125.69
5.36	59.46	125.71
7.96	71.40	127.37
7.97	72.34	127.38
9.75	76.108	X-MAS Trio
27.104	76.110	X-MAS Deluxe
30.79	76.111	

#### **Raspberry Ruffles**

# Cask No. 76.108

DKK 605,-

A very interesting nose; vibrant, fresh, fizzy, fragrant and fruity – all at once. Green apples, peaches with vanilla custard, orange and lime flavoured refreshers, sherbet lemon, fresh cut grass and in the background an aroma of menthol cigarettes. On the palate hot, fresh, minty and sweet, all sensations rather than flavours but you will not get bored. Eventually rhubarb flavoured boiled sweets, freshly pealed apple skins and a dark chocolate Bounty Bar. With water sweet and fruity; cherries, bananas, mangos and pineapples and Raspberry Ruffles (chocolate covered coconut and raspberry fondant creams). The taste is soft and fruity, nicely balanced with sweet cereal notes and a hint of macadamia and hazelnuts – very interesting indeed.

Region: Spevside Spev

Colour: Classic yellow topaz Date distilled: 25-Apr-02

Cask: 1st fill barrel Strength: 57,9%
Age: 11 Outturn: 235

DK 6 btl

#### Summer Fruit salad with cream

# Cask No. 76.110

DKK 1000,-

The aromas which greeted us were deep, warm and relaxing like entering an earthen floor dunnage warehouse or a library with antique books and furniture. Notes of walnut and pecan next to dark chocolate with honey crumble and gooey caramel apple cake develop followed by fruity notes of rhubarb and polished plums. A surprisingly sweet, fresh and fruity taste neat; mango, peach, pear, pineapple all with a sprinkling of cinnamon as well as toffee and fudge. Water releases more sweet aromas, Bourbon vanilla essence and fruit scones with clotted cream and raspberry jam. The taste is sweet and refreshing like a summer fruit salad with cream.

Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: Polished Brass Date distilled: 24-apr-86
Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 58,8%

Age: 27 Outturn: 242

DK 12 btl

#### **Boisterous and exuberant**

#### Cask No. 76.111

# DKK 540,-

The nose had hints of banana chips, vanilla, mandarin, honeydew melon and golden syrup but the main impressions were of spring meadows, flowers, grass and hay combined with polished wood, pine shavings and cigar boxes. The neat palate was like an adolescent boy pretending to be grown up – almost succeeding – pineapple, rhubarb, banana and gooseberry, with vanilla and marzipan – tasty indeed, but with assertive, drying, tannic heat. The reduced nose had butter shortbread, Juicy Fruit gum, peaches and perfume – and barley dancing in the wind. The still lively palate had sarsaparilla sweetness with subtle warm spices to finish. Dufftown's oldest distillery.

Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: old polished brass Date distilled: 17-maj-04

Cask: 1st fill barrel Strength: 57,6%

Age: 9 Outturn: 225 **DK 12 btl** 

#### Gentle and reserved - but fascinating

# Cask No. 121.63

DKK 730,-

From the first year of this distillery's operation – the nose was just so sweet! – golden caster sugar, sticky toffee pudding, chocolate éclairs, almond croissants, brandy-soaked raisins and freshly baked sponge – besides that we found perfumed flower meadows and blossoms, ginger nuts and hot-cross buns – fascinating stuff. The palate was gentle and reserved – Danish pastries, choux buns, toffee, fig rolls and fudge, with spiced wood and ginger after-tingles. The reduced nose opened up to vanilla custard, tropical fruit, picnic baskets and oiled cricket bats. The taste now resembled dried mango and maple syrup on pancakes, with a suspicion of ash and smoke.

Region: Highland Island

Colour: golden syrup Date distilled: 15-nov-95

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 50,4%

Age: 17 Outturn: 328 **DK 6 btl** 

# A delicious 'Easy Pleaser'

#### Cask No. 125.69

DKK 525.-

A fresh, grassy and floral note greeted the Panel, like a picnic in a meadow on a dusty rug enjoying Danish pastries with a custard filling. With time richer aromas appear; we moved to a fairground and the smell of warm waffles, freshly baked cinnamon doughnuts, candyfloss and popcorn fill the air. The taste is very refreshing and aromatic with a hint of bitterness like the zest and pith of a lemon combined with the sweetness of candied lemon peel. With water, light honeysuckle and fresh laundry drying in a summer's breeze. The taste is now very creamy, lemon cheese cake or vanilla custard and in the finish a malt-cereal and dry hoppy note.

Region: Highland Northern

Colour: Vinho Verde from Portugal Date distilled: 8-feb-05

Cask: 2nd fill barrel Strength: 58,8%

Age: 8 Outturn: 219 DK 12 btl

#### **Chocolate Coke Float**

#### Cask No. 125.71

DKK 495,-

What a sensational colour given the age. The nose lives up to the colour, rich, sweet and spicy like grilled tofu in hoisin sauce, grill-charred vegetables and pickled onions with balsamic vinegar and honey next to an orange cake with a brown sugar glaze. The taste does not disappoint either; chocolate plum pudding with raisins, walnuts and figs, spare ribs covered in barbeque sauce and accompanied by Fentimans Curiosity Cola. Careful adding water; aromas of a mozzarella tomato salad with a salted buttered fruit malt loaf followed by chocolate covered coffee beans. The taste now is like a coffee liqueur with cinnamon and nutmeg. A most unusual and fascinating example from this distillery famed for the tallest pot stills in Scotland.

Region: Highland Northern

Colour: Coke Float ice lollies Date distilled: 16-maj-07

Cask: New French oak hogshead Strength: 58,7%

Age: 6 Outturn: 265 DK 6 btl

#### **Dinosaurs dancing to Stravinsky**

#### Cask No. 127.37

DKK 665,-

The nose – muscle rub, curry sausage, hickory pulled pork, Branston pickle, roasted nuts, smoked salt, horse grooming brushes and tarry ropes on Duncan McGillivray's puffer. The palate, immense as a mastodon in your face, was carbolic, tarbolic, herbolic (complete bolics?) – hell's spawn and brimstone, smoke rising in a kiln, prunes, pickled black cherries and barbecued jelly fish – sensual, dark and mysterious – some might have fled the field, but we absolutely loved it. The reduced nose was filmic – humid prehistoric jungle (Ice Age 3), dinosaurs dancing to Stravinsky (Fantasia), while the palate (tincture of clove, charcoal, sugar-coated fennel seeds) was 'totally impressive'.

Region: Islay

Colour: auburn toffee gold Date distilled: 20-aug-03

Cask: **Refill butt** Strength: **66,5**%

Age: 9 Outturn: 649 DK 12 btl

#### Enticing fume of a peat reek

#### Cask No. 127.38

DKK 680,-

This nose is big and with so many facets that it will be difficult to describe with the limitations of a tasting note. Sweet smoke, bacon crisps, pork cracklings, honey and soya sauce, slightly burnt corn on the cob, oily mackerels, Germolene and tarry drift wood. The taste was absolutely huge, stunning, WOW! Sweet, smoky, ashy, briny; like a peat fire blazing in a croft house by the edge of the Atlantic grilling mackerels and honey smoked bacon. With water less intense sweet peat smoke with earthy (compost), herbal aromas like that of a good fish stock. The taste now Mediterranean pork with sage plums and oven roasted tomatoes rolled in herbs.

Region: Islav

Colour: Honeycomb Date distilled: 20-aug-03

Cask: Refill butt Strength: 66,3%

Age: 10 Outturn: 618 DK 12 btl

#### X-MAS Trio

Cask No. 76.98

Cask No. 125.71

Cask No. 129.4

DKK 1550,-

#### X-MAS Deluxe

Cask No. 127.37

Cask No. 129.4

Cask No. 76.96

Cask No. 125.66

Cask No. G7.5

Cask No. R.3.5

DKK 3450,-

#### **Something for Everyone**

# Cask No. 4.183

DKK 635,-

Where do we start - sweet like an apple flan or a Garibaldi biscuit or heather honey, savoury like roasted tomatoes with basil or a Miso soup or Bovril. At the same time briny, smoky, sooty and ashy with perfume notes of exotic cedar. The taste is a mouth-watering mixture of toasted peanuts, treacle tart with clotted cream and a balsamic tahini dressing over a salad with toasted sesame seeds. Water adds maritime aromas of fish boxes, driftwood and seaweed as well as sea salted dark chocolate and berry Pavlova topped with vanilla whipped cream. The taste is now burnt toast with salted butter and marmalade as well as garlic Indian Nan bread.

Region: Highland Island

Colour: Red Gold Date distilled: 2-jun-00

Strength: **62,1**% Cask: 1st fill barrel DK 6 btl Age: 13 Outturn: 201

#### Restrained smoke in a gun room

#### Cask No. 4.184

DKK 635.-

The nose started sweetly (syrup sponge, crème brûlée, toffee, banana loaf), then heather, gorse and restrained smoke, before entering a gun room (leather, Barbour jackets, Dubbined boots, varnished wood). Again, sweet to taste, we found over-brûléed crème brûlée, toffee, custard pots and salted caramel, along with assertive spices - white pepper, aniseed and ginger, with clean drying smoke. With water, autumn bonfires and well-done apple pie arrived on the nose; the palate found some honey-glazed hog roast, but mainly it delivered lip-smacking toffee sweetness with a touch of tangerine, rolling spice and gentle smoke. Magnus Eunson would be proud of it.

Region: Highland Island

Colour: sunset through an almost empty whisky glass

Cask: 1st fill barrel Age: 13

Date distilled: 2-jun-00

Strength: **62,0**% Outturn: 217

DK 6 btl

# Rubbing White Tiger Balm on your forehead

# Cask No. 5.36

DKK 650.-

We were greeted by a wonderfully fresh aroma like a menthol and eucalyptus inhalation or the smell of a small amount of Tiger Balm White rubbed into our foreheads. We carried on very relaxed and discovered baked plums, bananas on burnt toast and peppered oat cakes. The taste was fresh and juicy like very ripe strawberries with a sprinkling of pepper and a deeper note of mace essential oil blended with coriander. Adding water we found ourselves in an old barn making artisan French cider, eating classic Greek Feta cheese and drinking a hoppy German Pilsner. The taste now is sweet like pineapple syrup and as juicy as a pink grapefruit.

Colour: Gold Christmas wrapping paper Date distilled: 8-mar-99

Cask: 2nd fill Sauternes hogshead Strength: 59,8%

Age: 14

Outturn: 211

DK 6 btl

# Subtle quality in a lady's handbag

# Cask No. 7.96

DKK 840.-

The nose delivered instant reassurance, with old familiar scents of a lady's handbag - soft leather, fag packets, sherbet lemons and perfume - then we got well-cooked fruit cake, nectarine, peach and plum, pine trees, varnish and triple sec. The palate similarly suggested 'old-fashioned' perfumes (Dior, Tweed) lipstick and leather - with polo fruits, mint Toffoes and caramel bringing sweetness to balance the perfumy bitterness. With water, the nose shifted to laurel hedges, geranium and cognac, followed by Twister ice-lollies and meringues. The reduced palate exuded quality and subtlety - passion-fruit, grape and garden peas - a flavoursome, pleasant offering from John Duff's 1894 distillery.

Region: Speyside Lossie

Colour: Jurassic amber Date distilled: 10-apr-92 Cask: Refill barrel Strength: 55,1%

Outturn: 229 Age: 21

DK 6 btl

#### Cedar, sandalwood and cinnamon

#### Cask No. 7.97

DKK 825.-

We found rich aromas of dark honey, vanilla, coconut, chocolate, menthol, abundant leather and the deep woodiness of a cooperage, but somehow the nose also drifted towards tropical fruits and garden impressions with fresh flowers and herbs. The neat palate tingled the tongue nicely with leather, orange zest, wood, green herbs and aniseed and ginger spice - sweet tobacco and floral perfumes kicked in to create a wonderfully balanced and rather sexy experience. Water brought cedar, sandalwood, cinnamon and candy floss to the nose and pleasant pot-pourri perfumes to the palate. An attractive offering from this Chivas distillery south of Elgin.

**Region:** Speyside Lossie

Colour: golden banana skin Date distilled: 20-apr-93

Cask: Refill hogshead Strength: 53,9% Age: 20

DK 6 btl Outturn: 201

#### Imperial Leather in a boat chandlery

# Cask No. 9.75

DKK 715,-

The nose seemed rounded and attractive - dusty hay and pepper on mashed banana - something reminiscent of a boat chandlery (wood, canvas, brass) and the sweetness of sherbet straws, coconut and American Cream Soda. The neat palate delivered milk chocolate coffee creams, champagne truffles, custard cream biscuits and fruit crumble, light spices, tea and toast and a lovely fruit syrup texture. The reduced nose developed vanilla, banana and strawberry blancmange, nutty toffee, buttered cherry scones and some floral soap (chamomile, Imperial Leather). Water lifted the fruitiness of the palate (peach, pear, white grape) - a well-balanced dram from the oldest distillery in Rothes.

Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: golden chintz Date distilled: 3-apr-97

Strength: **55,3**% Cask: Refill hogshead

DK 6 btl Age: 16 Outturn: 285

#### Cowboy's delight

# Cask No. 27.104

DKK 700,-

Warm and welcoming. A polished leather saddle (and saddle soap), then marinated pork and a hint of dry tar and burnt buttered toast. Sweet then savoury to taste, with light salt and canvas; charred pork crackling. The latter becomes a gammon grill, when qualified with water, with singed pineapple and olive oil. An oily texture; sweet (pineapple again) then tannic, with a long, warming finish, lightly mentholated. A classic example of Campbeltown's finest!

Colour: Polished conkers Date distilled: 31-maj-98

Cask: Refill gorda Strength: **55,6**%

Age: 15 Outturn: 659 DK 24 btl

# Wherever I hang my jacket...

# Cask No. 30.79

DKK 870,-

The aromas invite you to free your imagination. Following a short sharp rain shower you are hanging your jacket out to dry, settling into a comfortable camping arm chair thinking back on the adventurous day you had and looking forward to tomorrow. The sun is about to set, birds of prey circle overhead and you open an ice cold bottle of Hungarian Tokaji sweet wine. The taste is juicy like a tropical fruit salad with banana, mango and kiwi combined with a sweet oakiness. Water adds fresh floral aromas, like a late spring carpet of wild flowers on the machair beside the Atlantic. The taste is now that of a Pina Colada accompanied by warm banana bread with butter and honey.

Region: Speyside Spey

Colour: Lightning bugs Date distilled: 15-mar-90

Cask: Refill butt Strength: **57,1%** Age: 23 Outturn: 531

DK 6 btl