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WHISKY SOCIETY

## September Outturn (part 2): How will you choose yours?

Dear <Sal><Surname>

If you are searching for the perfect tittle, we've created an array of delightful devices and curious inventions to help you decide on your dram (skip to the end for more details).

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(And now to...) September Outturn:

### Highland Northern

#### 26.69 Cliff top extreme ironing

£42.40 inc. P&P

The first sniff brought freshness with hint of **smoke**; "menthol cigarette smoke", remarked the Whisky Meister; then **lemon** and orange sweets, and ironing fresh **laundry** on **chalky** cliffs. The neat palate was sweet with **chewy nougat** and **salty** with **almonds**; traces of sun dried **tomatoes** and balsamic vinegar sliced through the salt. Adding water exposed subtle smoke to the nose; **chimneys** and **church candles**, apple cores and linen. The reduced taste developed into a palate cleanser with lemon and **lime**, **grappa**, **freshly shucked oysters** and **margheritas**. This distillery, founded in 1819, is located in the fishing and golfing resort of Brora.

**Colour:** Oaked Chardonnay

**Date distilled:** April 2000

**Cask:** Refill ex-bourbon hogshead

**Alcohol:** 57.0%

**Drinking tip:** Enjoy outdoors by the coast

**Age:** 10 years

**Outturn:** 252

### Highland Island

#### 121.36 Delicious adult chocolate box joy

£43.70 inc. P&P

The nose had us in **raptures** – dark barley sugar, muscovado, vanilla; the **nuttness** of amontillado and walnut toffee, then hints of pepper. The palate had a **favourable** impact too – **cherry lips**, blackcurrant, liquorice and treacle toffee; the savouriness of **balsamic** and the heat of white **pepper**. With water, the nose developed **medicinal** elements, like Friar's Balsam; we also found pistachio, nougat and coffee beans. The reduced palate, with **Booja Booja** chocolates, peanut brittle, **espresso** and violet creams, was a **delicious** adult chocolate box **joy**, leaving glowing, **happy**, warm **smiling** faces. This relatively new distillery was the brain-child of Harold Currie.

**Colour:** Deep ginger gold

**Date distilled:** April 1997

**Cask:** Refill ex-bourbon hogshead

**Alcohol:** 57.0%

**Drinking tip:** With chocolate – no kids allowed

**Age:** 12 years

**Outturn:** 224



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### Campbeltown

#### 93.40 Clay and pork sausages

£42.20 inc. P&P

We found an odd mix: grain silos at a seaside farm, the penguin enclosure at Edinburgh zoo, freshly caught oily mackerel with hints of tarred rope, **brine**, aniseed and **smoke**. The neat taste was sweet (**caramel**), and smoky (burning leaves and **heather**), although one Panellist had warm **clay** straight from the kiln. With water it turned savoury: sausages, **caramelised Chinese pork** and herby pork stuffing, but the dominant aroma was of **diesel engines** and more clay. To taste the **pork** became charred, the clay wet and the smoke was now **delicately floral** –flowering heather or dried lavender. Owned by Loch Lomond Distillery Company.

**Colour:** Dandelion gold

**Date distilled:** Jul 1999

**Cask:** Refill ex-bourbon barrel

**Alcohol:** 61.9%

**Drinking tip:** Versatile, to be enjoyed while fixing engines, making clay pots or barbecuing pork

**Age:** 10 years

**Outturn:** 228

### Islay

#### 23.66 First of the day

£57.50 inc. P&P

A **dry** nose overall – salty **beaches**, coarse **dune-grass**, bleached **stones** – and even the **fruity** notes are dry –**under-ripe pineapple**, and **hard melon**, with a trace of **virgin olive oil**. The last comes through in the finish, when tasted straight, after a **sweet** and **slightly salty** start, but the overall flavour remains dry. Water introduces **breakfast cereals** –**fruit n'fibre muesli**, **hazelnuts**, **Shreddies** – and this sweet, nutty, cereal theme continues in the taste, although now much more **creamy**: **"Miika with hazelnuts"**, **nougat**, perhaps **dried raspberries**. A typical example of the make from Islay's proudly independent distillery, whose cheeky motto is 'The Dogs Bollocks', in Gaelic.

**Colour:** Spun honey

**Date distilled:** May 1993

**Cask:** Refill ex-bourbon hogshead

**Alcohol:** 53.5%

**Drinking tip:** A healthy breakfast

**Age:** 17 years

**Outturn:** 217

#### 53.144 Buckets of tar and brine

£63.40 inc. P&P

The nose had **buttery** tablet and vanilla **ice-cream**, followed by salted peanuts, fabric **Elastoplasts** and Golden Virginia **tobacco**; we also detected seaside smells, which someone suggested might be **boat sheds** (canvas, rope, wood, oil, petrol). On the spicy, **long-lasting** palate, smoke swirled around everything else, including dark **chocolate**, mint, honey, lemon and lime, **orange peel**, soot and "Buckets of tar and brine". The reduced nose suggested Nuttall's Mintoes, **tarry** driftwood, chicory, swimming pools and **bonfire** smoke, while the palate became sweeter and smoother, with **refreshers**, greengages and chipotle smoked **chillies**. The distillery is named after the ever-restless Sound of Islay

**Colour:** Liquid sunshine

**Date distilled:** Dec 1989

**Cask:** Refill ex-bourbon hogshead

**Alcohol:** 56.4%

**Drinking tip:** For stormy afternoons or when the kids have finally gone to bed

**Age:** 20 years

**Outturn:** 255

*How do you choose to choose?*



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