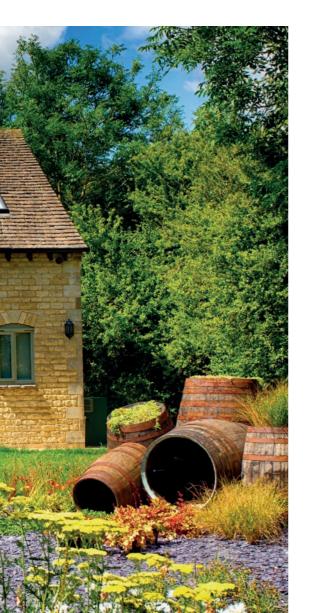


# Outturn



# COTSWOLDS DISTILLERY





In this month we present the first Cotswolds Distillery Society bottling; **146.1:** *Orangudram*. In a short interview, the distillery's founder and CEO explains how it came about and what makes this distillery so unique. As always, the bottlings from the first barrel of a distillery are extremely sought after and since we only have 18 bottles for Switzerland, we will hold a raffle draw for members.

As a society we believe in the symbiotic relationship between different distillates. This is best shown when barrels of other distillates are used to achieve complex aromas and flavours. For Blended Malt *BAT.9: Black Oak*, the Armagnac barrels made of black Gascon oak from the A6.1 and A7.1 bottlings were used to develop the whisky's fruity aromas. Let us surprise you.

You will also find all tasting dates until next June in the hope that we will be able to hold them as before. I am still optimistic.

Have a great time and Slàinte Mhath.

Patric Lutz

## DANIEL SZOR

#### FOUNDER AND CEO OF COTSWOLDS DISTILLERY

It's only 14 years since the first casks of whisky were laid down to start maturing on English soil. But since then, the distilling scene south of the Scottish border has boomed. With the launch of the first cask from Cotswolds Distillery, *146.1: Orangudram* we asked Daniel Szor, founder and CEO of Cotswolds Distillery Est. 2014, how his enterprise came about and what he is doing to stand out in an increasingly crowded field.

It's all down to an SMWS tasting I went to when I was working in Paris around 2000 or 2001. It completely blew my mind, trying whisky right out of the cask and saying: «This stuff is so much better than anything you ever see in trade. Why is that?» That set me off on this adventure, making trips with friends to Speyside, and then to Islay. That's where I got talked into buying a cask of Bruichladdich by Jim McEwan, who could talk anyone into anything in a matter of minutes!

Fast forward 10 years and I was living and working in London, and fell in love with the Cotswolds, where I bought a farmhouse. Then it all basically came down to this one epiphany that I had in the summer of 2012. The place I'd bought was surrounded by a 600-acre farm and that year they were growing spring barley. I had this mesmerising moment one Sunday afternoon looking at it. And I suddenly thought, well they grow a lot of barley here and they get 30 million visitors a year in the Cotswolds, but if no one's ever made any whisky here maybe we could do it, and that would be more fun than selling derivates.

The only person who could tell me whether I was nuts or not was the guy who sold me that cask in Islay.

Off I went to see Jim, who was very much a believer in «follow your dream» and he introduced me to his old boss who used to run Bowmore, Harry Cockburn. Harry became my mentor and helped me take this idea to the



next step. He also introduced me to Forsyths in Rothes.

So that was how we ended up getting not only our stills but our whole distillery, because they ended up doing everything for us. And then the final piece of the puzzle was another Scot, Dr Jim Swan.

Harry was more of an engineer by background, whereas Jim was all about flavour profile and wood specifically.

Between those two gentlemen I was able to learn enough and we went into production in the fall of 2014.

But what makes us different: It's completely manual — it's done with guts, with passion. Terroir is also really important to us and what more could you ask for than to be the first-ever to make whisky in this part of the world? We don't have the high peaks, we don't have the crags, the glens. We don't have the crashing surf. There's less drama in the landscape here, but it's the kind of landscape you'd see in a Turner or Monet painting. It's an incredibly

### **ORANGUDRAM**

**SPICY & SWEET** 

CASK NO. 146.1 CHF 105.-

Only 18 bottles available, raffle on 6 November in Basel, registration to take part: WWW.SMWS.CH/EN/COTSWOLDS/



REGION	England
CASK	1st Fill Re-Charred Barrique
AGE	4 years
YEAR	2016
OUTTURN	287 bottles
ABV	62.4%

The nose was sweet and fruity with vanilla and fudge joining honeydew melon, baked oranges and mango while toasted pine nuts and macadamias merged with roses and apple blossom. The palate delivered a big hit of spice with a balanced sweetness that suggested nut chocolate, vanilla sponge cake and icing sugar. A dash of water released fennel, tarragon and sage with accentuated candied orange, marmalade and kumquat plus creamy textures of butter and croissants. Ripe mangoes and satsumas followed on the palate with liquorice and chocolate orange before hints of camphor and spearmint rounded out the finish.

soft, lush and gentle landscape and so, so beautiful. It seemed as though the whisky should be of a gentleness that is commensurate with the Cotswolds but it should be full of flavour.

It's a very agricultural area, mainly fruits and cereals. So to me, fruit and grain are really what vou're trying to express in the whisky. Also, Dr Jim Swan's STR (shaved, toasted and recharred) cask that he developed for Kavalan has become a staple of our wood programme. We use American oak ex-red wine casks that had been shaved on the inside, toasted and then recharred, set on fire and allowed to burn. That was a brilliant conception and it ended up being kind of the house taste. It's hard for a lot of people to believe that a whisky this young tastes the way it does, but the two reasons that the three-year-old tastes the way it does is because you're starting with an extremely clean newmake spirit.

Then you're putting that in really good quality wood. If you put good new-make into good wood, you don't need 12 years. Three years, sometimes, can be enough.



Christmas is coming, and it's time to start thinking about what gifts to buy for the important people in your life.

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As a member of the SMWS you already know the delights of being part of our all together unique group of whisky lovers. So why not share the Society experience with your nearest and dearest by giving them the gift of membership this year?

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book "The Founder's Tale" or the society tasting kit to get them started on their Society journey, it's bound to be the most heart-warming and lips-smacking gift in their stocking this year — and one that keeps on giving.

TO ORDER VISIT smws.ch/en/gift-membership



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NEW MEMBERSHIP with an individual whisky bottle



NEW MEMBERSHIP with book «THE FOUNDER'S TALE»



NEW MEMBERSHIP with society tasting kit

## WHISKY CALENDAR 2020

Offer or treat yourself with a variety of drams over 25 days, all aged between 5 and 31 years, and representing most of the Society's taste profiles.

This time, at the request of some members, there are two versions: one with the usual labels on the bottles, and the other with numbers only. This way, those who are up for the challenge can see how they fare; a sealed envelope contains the answers.

CONTENT: 25 x 5cl
PRICE: CHF 299.TO ORDER VISIT: shop.smws.ch

**DELIVERY:** From mid November

## WHISKY CALENDAR WITH INFORMATIONS



## WHISKY CALENDAR NUMBERED ONLY



### **BLACK OAK**

**BLENDED MALT** 

CASK NO. BAT.9 **CHF 77.**-



## **ELOQUENT SILENCE**

SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW



REGION Scotland	
AGE 8 years	
YEAR 2011	
OUTTURN 1007 bottle.	S
ABV 50.0%	

We believe that there is a symbiotic relationship between all Society spirits. This is realised through the sharing of casks to develop complex flavours and aromas. In the creation of this small batch single malt, we made use of some armagnac barrels fashioned from Gascon black oak (Society no's A6.1 and A7.1) to further develop the fruity flavours of the whisky and add a French oak counterpoint to the American oak influence of first fill bourbon barrels. The result is an estery, sweet and spicy concoction, with perfumed notes and a silky texture. Hugely hospitable aromas embraced oaky and toasty notes before a wave of sweetness delivered white chocolate on sponge cake. The soft fruits of apricots, banana and ripe pears mingled with heartwarming spice as ginger cake and pink peppercorns arrived. On the palate we found crumbled walnuts, hazelnuts and chocolate-covered Brazil nuts along with croissants, apple strudel and pain au chocolat. With water came an aromatic deluge of fragrant pears, orange blossom and apple orchards framed by chamomile tea and madeira cake. Milk chocolate-covered gingerbread fused with cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice while caramel slowly filtered into black tea on the finish.

REGION	Highland
CASK	Refill Ex-Bourbon Barrel
AGE	30 years
YEAR	1989
OUTTURN	174 bottles
ABV	50.2%

Like a soft, sweet and sensual kiss – our bodies were flooded with oxytocin – the brain's happy chemical! On the palate neat initially, as expected, well-mannered but this was soon followed by a surprisingly youthful liveliness, like an old wizard who still has that glint in his eye. With a small amount of water, it appeared to undergo a miraculous rejuvenation, reminding us of Riesling wine grown from old vines in a bumper year with those intense aromas of lemon and layers of minerals. The palate was complex and balanced with candied fruits, gingerbread and in the sneaky finish a delightful citrus freshness.

## **CARPE DIEM**

#### **OLD & DIGNIFIED**

**CASK NO. 53.322** 



REGION	Islay
CASK	Refill Ex-Sherry Butt
AGE	30 years
YEAR	1989
OUTTURN	444 bottles
ABV	51.7%

Wow! Words cannot do it justice but imagine a winter's afternoon walk along the beach and, when the sun dipped below the horizon, you started to feel the cold and walked towards the cottage where a crackling log fire and this dram awaited you. Sit back, relax and reflect. After a drop of water, you immersed yourself in a free-standing Victorian bathtub filled with lavender-infused hot water. In this almost elated state of mind you could even hear the heavenly choir of 'greedy angels' in what must have been one of those blissful moments of your life – 'Carpe Diem'!

## FLUTTERING FAN-WAFT OF FRUIT

**SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW** 

CASK NO. 77.66 CHF 95.-



REGION	Highland
CASK	Re-Charred Hogshead
AGE	12 years
YEAR	2007
OUTTURN	219 bottles
ABV	59.2%

A complex nose of jasmine, hibiscus flowers, refreshers, delicate waxiness and a fluttering fan-waft of fruity aromas – dried mango, peaches, raspberry and Kir Royale. It had a fruity palate too – strawberry, cherry, redcurrants, pomegranate, lemon and young calvados – plus wild flowers and gorse, wood and tobacco. The intriguingly aromatic theme continued with water – rose gardens, Earl Grey tea and beeswax – and still cascading down that fruit chute – pineapple syrup, lemon curd, fruit leathers and raspberry Ruffle bars. The reduced palate – tutti frutti, juicy fruit chewing gum, guava, and apple crumble with custard – then sugar-coated fennel seeds, tea chests and pink peppercorns to finish.

## FRISKY, FEISTY AND FULL OF PEP

**DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS** 

CASK NO. 1.229 CHF 96.-



REGION	Speyside
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	New Oak Heavy Char Hogshead
AGE	8 years
YEAR	2011
OUTTURN	224 bottles
ABV	63.3%

The nose, bold as a ballsy brigadier, had sherry, toasted oak and cinnamon; Christmas cake, molasses, dates and cherries in syrup. The palate tingled with chilli, ginger, clove rock, charred oak and leather – while its brown sugar, syrup and dried fruits kept us smiling. The reduced nose ranged from honey and stewed fruit to black bun and dark chocolate, through to polished wood and over-done bread from a wood-fired oven. The palate now – singed orange peel, liquorice root and treacle – dark, sweet, frisky, feisty and full of pep. After 7 years in ex-bourbon wood, we transferred this into heavily charred new oak.

## TROPICAL MARMALADE

**SWEET, FRUITY & MELLOW** 

CASK NO. 59.63 CHF 84.-



REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	Refill HTMC Hogshead
AGE	10 years
YEAR	2010
OUTTURN	291 bottles
ABV	57.8%

Sweet and malty notes combined freshly milled barley with buttered rye bread and nutty aromas as toffee apples merged with banana skins and marmalade. The palate was vibrantly fruity with a barrage of mango, papaya, guava and pineapple before biscuity notes returned in treacle and maple syrup. With water came elements of soft leather and antique wood covered with beeswax polish and dripping candle wax as fermenting apples joined soft pears. Strawberry jam and plums now emerged on the palate with banoffee pie and fruit scones coated with cinnamon butter. Nut and cereal flavours returned on an endless finish that incorporated mint chocolate with hazelnuts and polished oak. After spending 8 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead this was transferred to a heavy toast refill hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

### A LEATHER CYBERMAN

**DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS** 

CASK NO. 9.178 CHF 210.-



Speyside
Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
1st Fill Ex-Oloroso Hogshead
23 years
1996
335 bottles
55.3%

A dense, leathery and resinous style of sherried whisky. We immediately found lots of anthracite, bacon jam, raspberry coulis and chocolate-covered pecans and Brazil nuts. Earthy, unctuous, deep and leathery. In time it revealed a salty oloroso edge and notes of maraschino cherry juice and furniture wax. With reduction we found fruit scones, mixed nuts, Battenberg cake, cherry Bakewell and rosewater. The palate was immediately rich and stodgy with notes of Guinness cake, dark umami liquid seasonings, medicinal travel sweets, rosewood shavings and Lapsang Souchong tea. Water brought out a more sumptuous and easy richness of treacle sponge, nutmeggy rice pudding, boozy dark chocolates and stem ginger in syrup. Back in 2016, we combined selected hogsheads from distillery number 9 before returning the single malt to first fill oloroso hogsheads. This is one of those hogsheads.

## TO SET YOUR COCKLES AFLAME

**DEEP, RICH & DRIED FRUITS** 

CASK NO. 112.66 CHF 95.-



REGION	Highland	
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead	
FINAL CASK	New Oak Heavy Char Hogshead	
AGE	13 years	
YEAR	2006	
OUTTURN	267 bottles	
ABV	64.4%	

The nose was deep, dark and mysterious — Demerara, treacle scones, rum and raisin, melted roofing tar, cough syrup, Euthymol toothpaste and polished wood. The palate didn't just warm our cockles — it set them aflame — Madeira cake, black pepper, Fernet Branca, dark chocolate and marmalade cake, leather, liquorice root and clove-infused Muscovado. The reduced nose had medjool dates, malt loaf, molasses and manuka, Jamaica ginger cake and espresso dregs with brown sugar. The palate — syrup of figs, pipe tobacco, crème de cassis, treacle, dark cherries and venison cooked in port. After 11 years in ex-bourbon wood, we transferred this into a new oak, heavy char hogshead.

### **SUNSHINE IN HEAVEN**

**JUICY. OAK & VANILLA** 

CASK NO. G10.24

**CHF 89.-**



REGION	Lowland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	2nd Fill Hogshead / Heavy Toast
AGE	14 years
YEAR	2005
OUTTURN	93 bottles
ABV	57.3%

Otherworldly aromas of toasted pine nuts, walnut and butterscotch merged with ripe fruits and milk chocolate covered Brazil nuts. Buttery hazelnut croissants then joined linseed oil as we approached a big and mouth-coating palate adorned with dried apricots, thick cut marmalade and peanut butter. Fragrant wood emerged in the form of sandalwood polished with rose scented beeswax while with water appeared the personification of toffee apples, coconut milk and elderflower cordial. Soft and buttery notes incorporated vanilla custard and coated cinnamon and nutmeg as cocoa powder formed a dusting over marzipan and beech sap found orange zest on the finish. After spending 11 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead this was transferred to a heavy toast and medium char 2nd fill hogshead for the remainder of its maturation.

## A DARK PALETTE PALATE

LIGHTLY PEATED	
CASK NO. 4.256 CHF 139	
MAX. ONE BOTTI PER MEMBE	

REGION	Highland
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
FINAL CASK	1st Fill Ex-PX Hogshead
AGE	15 years
YEAR	2005
OUTTURN	261 bottles
ABV	56.0%

After 13 years in ex-bourbon wood we transferred this into a first-fill PX hogshead. The panel didn't catch the smoke right away, but it soon become evident — smoked pork, kippers, smouldering peats and beach bonfires. Otherwise, the nose gave us the sweetness of toffee, marzipan, raisins and manuka honey; some nuttiness; dried seaweed and whelk saltiness and just a hint of something industrial, like a mechanic's oily rags. The palate offered blackcurrant jam, malt extract, black bun, coffee, dark chocolate, fruit leathers and stir fried cavolo nero — altogether a symphony of deeper flavours — if palette, not palate - the colours would be dark.

## BLACKADDER'S COSMIC TARDIS

**LIGHTLY PEATED** 

CASK NO. 93.143 CHF 370.-



Campbeltown			
Refill Ex-Bourbon Barrel			
28 years			
1991			
179 bottles			
55.9%			

The nose was furrowed with a dissonant mish mash of fresh salinity and pickled onion crisps. Funky young calvados, pear cordial, baked goat cheese, lanolin, bandages drizzled with seawater, smoked pinecones, frying bacon and mineral salts. A distillate like no other! Reduction offered banana liqueur, mandarin jelly, vapour rubs, lemon thyme, herbal cough medicines and dried seaweed. Superbly unique, fragrant and complex. Undiluted, the mouth was very medical and full of light, salty and nervy peat smoke. Gently tarry, antiseptic, syrupy and extremely herbal and rather fatty. Wonderfully mineral, funky and vibrant. Water brought a whole spectrum of complex flavours: heather flowers, carbolic soaps, fragrant oily peat, herbal waxes, spicy pork scratchings, smoked fennel, malt vinegar, chip fat, newspaper ash and ramen broth. Majestic and totally unique!

## **PEAT FIRE IN A STORM**

**PEATED** 

CASK NO. 10.198

**CHF 99.-**



REGION	Islay		
INITIAL CASK	Ex-Bourbon Hogshead		
FINAL CASK	2nd Fill Ex-Moscatel Hogshead		
AGE	6 years		
YEAR	2013		
OUTTURN	301 bottles		
ABV	61.0%		

Imagine lighting a peat fire on the beach in glorious sunshine then out of nowhere dark stormy clouds, that indicate an arriving thunderstorm, fill the sky. On the palate the first flash of lightning – powerful and menacing, «like coal dressed with vinegar and Dijon mustard»! With the addition of water, a sweeter side surprises us and we find a mojito cocktail with a dash of Lapsang Souchong tea while the palate has charred berries, dark sweet cherries and macadamia nut oil - most unusual but certainly enjoyable. After four years in an exbourbon hogshead we transferred this whisky into a second-fill Mocatel hogshead.

## THE QUAY TO SUCCESS



REGION	Islay
CASK	Refill Ex-Bourbon Hogshead
AGE	12 years
YEAR	2007
OUTTURN	253 bottles
ABV	55.6%

Standing at the fishing harbour we filled our lungs with the evocative aromas of sea salt, rock pools and lobster nets. The sweetness of brioche bread fused with irresistible applewood smoke, as oily smoked salmon and mackerel arrived on a bed of sugared seaweed. A refreshing haze of vinegar sizzled into the air as it was sprinkled over hot beer battered fish. The palate carried the intense and sweet smoke of a beach bonfire as burnt toffee melted with thick tar. The taste of the sea became summarised by fresh oysters with sweet vinaigrette served with a glass of fino sherry. A framework of driftwood surrounded the finish alongside the distant whiff of burning gorse.

### THE FINE PRINT

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### TASTINGS



At our tastings 5 whiskies will be presented. Some of them might have appeared in the Outturn, some might be surprises. We will also serve you bread and cheese.

You will then have the opportunity to buy drams of other whiskies from the currently available range and purchase bottles.

Price per person CHF 6o.-.

DATE	CITY	LOCATION
Wednesday, 4 November	St. Gallen	Militärkantine, Kreuzbleicheweg 2
Friday, 6 November	Basel	Zunftsaal im Schmiedenhof, Rümelinsplatz
Friday, 13 November	Berne	Gesellschaft zum Distelzwang, Gerechtigkeitsgasse 79
Saturday, 14 November	Zurich	Zentrum Karl der Grosse, Kirchgasse 14
Thursday, 3 December	Lucerne	Hotel Schweizerhof, Schweizerhofquai
Friday, 4 December	Basel	Zunftsaal im Schmiedenhof, Rümelinsplatz
Wednesday, 9 December	Zurich	Zentrum Karl der Grosse, Kirchgasse 14
Thursday, 10 December	Berne	Gesellschaft zum Distelzwang, Gerechtigkeitsgasse 79
Friday, 11 December	Lausanne	La Ferme du Désert, Chemin Pierrefleur 74
Wednesday, 3 February	Lucerne	Hotel Schweizerhof, Schweizerhofquai
Thursday, 4 February	Basel	Zunftsaal im Schmiedenhof, Rümelinsplatz
Thursday, 11 February	Berne	Gesellschaft zum Distelzwang, Gerechtigkeitsgasse 79
Friday, 12 February	Zurich	Zentrum Karl der Grosse, Kirchgasse 14
Wednesday, 3 March	Geneva	Bar du Nord, Rue Ancienne 66, Carouge
Thursday, 18 March	Berne	Gesellschaft zum Distelzwang, Gerechtigkeitsgasse 79
Friday, 19 March	Zurich	Zentrum Karl der Grosse, Kirchgasse 14
Saturday, 20 March	Basel	Zunftsaal im Schmiedenhof, Rümelinsplatz
Wednesday, 21 April	St. Gallen	Militärkantine, Kreuzbleicheweg 2
Thursday, 6 May	Basel	Zunftsaal im Schmiedenhof, Rümelinsplatz
Friday, 7 May	Zurich	Zentrum Karl der Grosse, Kirchgasse 14
Saturday, 8 May	Berne	Gesellschaft zum Distelzwang, Gerechtigkeitsgasse 79
Thursday, 27 May	Lucerne	Hotel Schweizerhof, Schweizerhofquai



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