

Dear Member,

The sunny skies and warmer weather are truly welcomed and traveling about has become more bearable (with the exception of the airlines). Last summer, our friends at The Glenlivet held their annual Glenlivet Gathering, a three day gala at their distillery in Scotland. They invited Maddie and I, and also reserved 20 spots on the trip, exclusively for US members of SMWSA. It was the best distillery experience I've had the pleasure to enjoy. This year, they are holding 30 spots for our members on the trip. If you ever thought of making a trip to Scotland, this could be a great opportunity for you. Information about the Gathering can be found on their website, www.theglenlivet.com.

Our associates in Edinburgh have just shipped us two new Society whiskies that I know you'll savour. The first new Society whisky, Cask #64.13, originates from Speyside and has spent 13 years maturing in a refill American Bourbon barrel. Mid-gold in colour, the first nose of this complex malt is sweet and nutty, with dark chocolate and a slight prickle on the end. With water, it opens, and a bit of fresh fruit and liquorice is detected. The taste neat begins sweet and fruity with a touch of aniseed. The addition of water brings forth a creaminess and then chocolate. It leads to a slow, smooth finish of medium length. "Complex and surprising" noted our tasting committee.

The second new Society whisky is Cask #53.109. Islay devotees will take special note of the title bestowed upon this exceptional whisky "Poetry and Midnight". Fifteen years in a refill hoggie have given this whisky a light gold colour. The unreduced nose is astringent, with medicinal notes and the scent of freshly laundered sheets. The addition of water elicits soot, maritime aromas and maple sap. The flavour at cask strength is sweet, smoky and spicy with a mint freshness. With water, the taste is emboldened with additional smoke and creosote. It finishes clean, like an Islay should, with the flavour lasting for eternity.

Enjoy your Society whiskies in good health and moderation.

Best regards,

A Ian Shayne

President, SMWSA

... Smells like a Speyside to me!



CASK #64.13 – FIZZY SWEETS AND NUTTY CHOCOLATE

This distillery was built in 1971 and runs an alternating production cycle with its neighbor in the valley of the Lossie. Uncommon as a single, this refill American barrel is mid-gold in colour. This subtle nose has a very light prickle and is sweet with nutty chocolate. The flavour at full strength is fizzy sweet with vanilla sherbet. With water, it is fresher on the nose with creamy fruits and a sweet aniseed. It has a chocolate medium length finish on the palate. This challenging dram is complex and surprising with a very satisfying finish.

Dist: June '92

13 Years Old

Alc/Vol: 57.1%

Proof: 114.2°

*\$105.00 (120 Bottles Available)**

CASK #53.109 – POETRY AND MOONLIGHT

This distillery, established in 1846, draws water from Loch Nam Ban ('loch of the women). Is it the mysterious women who bathe there, or the 35ppm that gives it such power? This is pale yellow from a refill hoggie. The nose has the sharpness of grapefruit, the freshness of laundry, the earthiness of Hessian and the medicinal quality of first aid boxes along with soot, salt and sap. The taste is tooth-scouring at full strength, sweet and smoky with spice (liquorice sticks) and a mint freshness; a nice crisp palate with long-lasting flavours. A lovely, powerful dram that evokes romantic visions of poetry and moonlight.

Dist: Aug. '91

15 Years Old

Alc/Vol: 54.5%

Proof: 109.0°

*\$115.00 (180 Bottles Available)**

** ONE BOTTLE PER MEMBER*

To arrange receipt of your Society whiskies, please call toll free 800.990.1991.

Void where prohibited by law. Visit our website: www.smwsa.com

04/14/2008