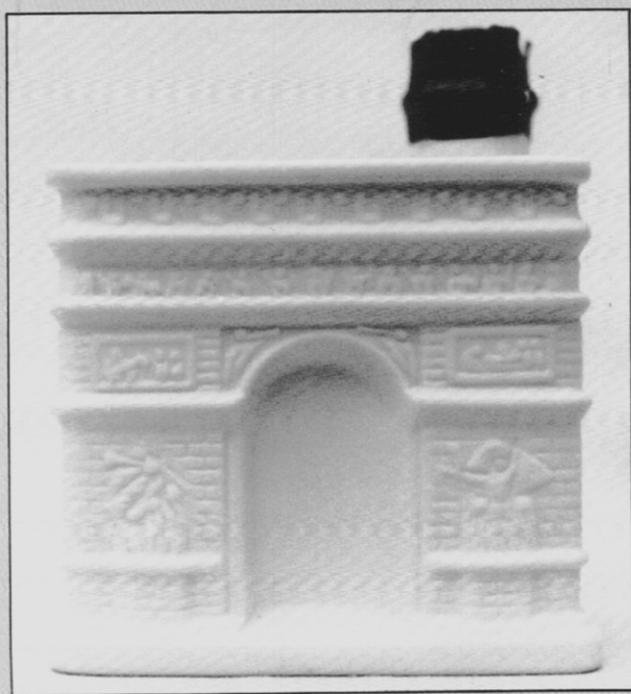


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# Let's Talk

The 1993 shows are now things of the past. Certainly hope you were able to get to either Skippack or El Segundo. Have heard good things about the former and know first hand about the success of the latter. Our first ad for the St. Louis April show is in this time so you may begin to make plans. Undoubtedly the Del-Val club will let us know about the first of their two shows also.

As this is written the Indian Summers are over and the first snows are falling. Winter time is always the best for doing all those things with the hobby that you put off over the summer. How about making one of your resolutions to get to some club meetings. On just a selfish note, with the quality of what's being released here in the U.S., the clubs and shows are about the only place you're liable to find interesting items.

As promised, Fred Hawley has some unseen Alabama bottles and Tony Natelli has all the new Vedrennes. The other South African pieces got shoved back due to space limitations. Jacques Rollet from Paris is new to our pages, but you'll surely find the bottles of interest.

Now we'll finish up with something we've never done before. It seems that the Classified page got filled early this time, so following are two which couldn't be squeezed in.

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## Our Cover

On the cover of this issue is a nice small version of the Arc De Triomphe in Paris. This is just one of the many bottles issued during the last few months by the Pascal Dumont Cognac Company of Jarnac, France. Next time we'll have a special article on several of their bottles. In fact, there are so many interesting ones that we'll probably have to have two articles!

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# WHAT'S NEW



Many months ago I wrote a series of articles about many different Schnapps bottles. At the time I felt as if they were multiplying faster than creatures from a horror movie. Was I wrong? I still feel that way as I have three more for you. Yes, three more from the Schnapps factory. This time it's DeKuyper with Buttershots, Key Largo, and Hot Damn. Just be glad I didn't add in Fire Water, another one you can find if you're so inclined.

To balance off these three, take a look at the nice neat, clean set of cognacs from the Daniel Bouju Company. These are V.S.O.P., Empereur, and Extra. They are shown in order of "class" as well as expense. Have you noticed the cost of collecting cognacs lately?

Several years back Audi ran a series of television ads called The Mysteries of the Seas. This poked fun at BMW and Mercedes because

they and Audi all cost relatively the same in Germany but once here the Audi retained its price while the other two jumped their costs appreciably. Well, it's the mystery of economics today. When the dollar goes down, the franc goes up and prices for cognac increase. However, what happens when the dollar goes up and the franc goes down? Noticed the price coming down on cognac? Hmmm?

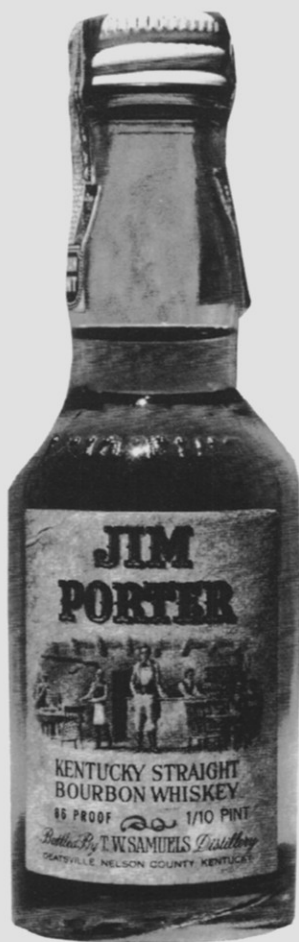
We'll finish up this time with two new ones from Germany. Even though these can't be found in the U.S., they are certainly interesting enough to seek out. The Tee-Likor mit Rum is a very thin bottle and unlike anything else (I've seen) being sold today. The other bottle speaks for itself...because I don't know what it says. C'mon, somebody tell us about this one. Please. --DMS--





# ELUSIVE SOUTHERN BELLES

By Fred Hawley



I would like to feature eight mini whiskeys that were sold in Alabama. They were sold there during the 1950's, 60's, and 70's and are very difficult to obtain.

The first bottle is Old Stanley Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 90 proof, 7 years old, bottled by Old Stanley Distillery, Stanley, KY. It has a white label

with black and red printing.

Bottle number two is Old Repeater Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 86 proof, bottled by Old Repeated Distillery, Stanley, KY. It has a white label with red, black and gold printing. (Ed. note: Wonder how many distilleries there were in Stanley, Kentucky?)



Next is Stag Hunt A Blend of Straight Whiskies, 80.6 proof, 5 years old, bottled by M.S. Walker Inc., Boston, MA. It has a white and green with yellow printing.

Bottle number four is Jim Porter Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 86 proof, bottled by T.W. Samuels Distillery, Deatsville, Nelson County, KY. It has a brown





label with gold and black printing.

The fifth bottle is Old Eagle Blended Whiskey, 80.6 proof, 4 years old, bottled by M.S. Walker, Boston, MA. It sports a black label and white and gold printing.

Next comes Old Homestead Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, bottled in Bond, 100 proof, 5 years old, bottled by



Shawhan Distillery Co., Bardstown, Nelson County, KY. It comes with a black and white label with red and black printing.

The seventh bottle is Quebec Royal Canadian Whiskey A Blend, 86.8 proof, bottled for Foreign Vintage Inc., New York, NY. It has a white label with black and gold printing.



The last one is McCall's Canadian, 86 proof, bottled by Baltimore Liquor Co., Baltimore, MD. It has a white label with purple and gold printing.

All eight of these minis have Alabama tax stamps. I lived in Alabama from 1972 through 1978 and never saw nor heard of any of them!

# FROM JAPAN

by **TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI**

This time I would like to present to you the new version of Cognac BRILLET. Remember the MBC issue number 98 which showed "Special" Cognacs introduced into the California market.

The Japanese version is a set of five Brillet Cognac miniatures imported by Hiroya Co. Ltd. which is a very long-established liquor wholesaler (since 1716). The bottles are HERITAGE, TRES VIEILLE RESERVE, GRANDE RESERVE, RESERVE AND SELECTION. They are 12.5 cm tall in clear round glass and contain 50 ml at 40% alcohol. As you can see, they have different labels from the U.S. bottles. The letters of each label are printed with a different color: Selection is black, Reserve red, Grande Reserve green and the others brown. These miniatures

were used almost exclusively for trade samples and have never been sold in the stores. However, a very limited quantity of Grande Reserve, Reserve and Selection were available only at a store in Osaka.

The other set of five Brillet miniatures is available in Hong Kong. These bottles have completely different grade names and labels from the above two sets, except the Selection. They are Hors d' Age, XO, Napoleon, VSOP and Selection, all in a wooden box. The XO has a reddish-brown label with golden letters (unfortunately it would not photograph well). The labels of Napoleon and VSOP are very beautiful too with a shading green and yellow with golden, red and blue letters for each.

Until next time...

--T.S.--



# VEDRENNE Glass!

By Tony Natelli



Coming a year or so after their fabulous "Grand Dames du Louvre" set (MBC #110), Vedrenne has done it again! Twice!! Two fabulous sets, "Les Chateaux de la Loire" and "Les Hauts Lieux de Bourgogne" are now available and, like the "Grand Dames", they are knockouts.

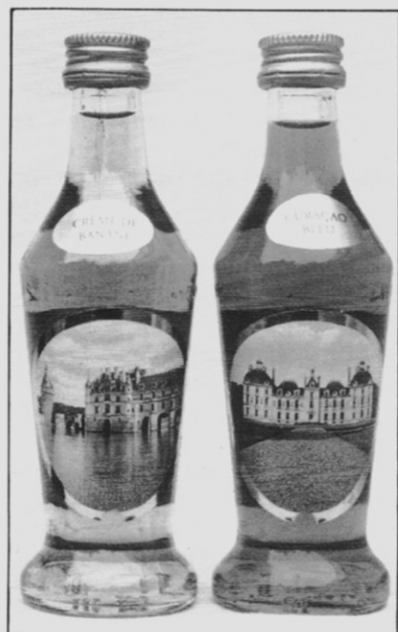
The first set shows five very famous chateaux: Saumur, Azay-le-Rideau, Chambord, Chenonceau, and Cheverny. These range from the 14th Century (Saumur) to the 17th Century (Cheverny). The back of the presentation box notes historical

facts on each.

The second set features photo reproductions of old monuments of Bourgogne taken from postcards available at the beginning of this century. The monuments are from: Dijon, Cluny, Les Hospices de Beaune, Vezelay, and Le Clos de Vougeot. As with "Les Chateaux", the box lists many interesting comments on these monuments which are steeped in French history.

Both sets, like the "Grand Dames" are printed in five languages and are certain to be great favorites of collectors.





# SCOTCH

David Maund



At various times I've promised you a look at some of the older bottles. We can't just rush into these things, so we're easing in this issue with four interesting older scotches.

Scott's Special goes back to the 1950's and fascinates for two reasons. It is a 2 oz. bottle which was produced for Panama. Nothing else about this one seems to be special, but that two ounce size surely stands out and says, "Here I am."

The Black and White and the St. James from Berry Bros. were both made for the American market so you Yanks should watch out for these 1930's bottles. I personally am partial to St. James because of the scene on the label. It also is a 91.4

proof bottle which you don't see every day either.

The last of the older ones this issue is Old Smuggler. Some call this the double pinch bottle. The shape makes this one special. For those who appreciate this sort of thing, Old Smuggler was of a product of the Stodart Company.

Now to the newer products which you can much more easily find. I'll begin with one I've been told is going to be sold in the U.S. any day now. We've had it for a bit here in the U.K. Of which one am I speaking? The Glenmorangie 18 year old is the answer...but you'd guessed. This one comes in its own tube.

The newest of the bottles here is



the Glenshiel Highland Malt with its nice colourful label. This is from the Loch Lomond Distillery.

Our only non-malt this time is the Isle of Skye. However, what makes it special is that hand number (45 in this case) from their 18 year old Private Stock. Isle of Skye is often seen, but surely not this one.

Of the remaining two bottles, the Findlater's Mar Lodge is definitely more interesting. The Tomintoul Glenlivet is a nice flat bottle, but Mar Lodge stands out by comparison. Tomintoul is a product of Whyte & Mackay while the Findlater's name has been well known as long a miniatures have been in commerce.

See you next time.



# melo's minis

by Mike Olson

Sooo, let's get to the monarchs. Bottle number one is 100 proof, 12 months old and is from 1936. The next one is 90 proof, 12 months old and is from 1935. Bottle number three is 86 proof, 12 months old and from 1937.

The first of the barrel shaped labels is 90 proof, 12 months old and is copyright 1937. The next in this group has a tear off cap, "Straight" has been added to the label, is 86 proof, 18 months old



In this article, I would like to feature Brown-Forman's KING, or more precisely, the early and late years of this brand. I say it this way because during the mid 1930's Brown-Forman at Louisville in Kentucky marketed King of Kentucky as a Bourbon Whiskey. Beginning in the early 1940's, King was reintroduced as a Blended Whiskey with both as Red and Black label version. The Black Label designation lasted longer and was finally dropped by the early 1950's. (Note: these variations were shown in an article in MBC number 68.)

and is from 1938. The last of these is 86 proof, 12 months old and from 1937.

In the last group of four, the first of the Blends is 86 proof, 4 years old and is circa 1954. Bottle number eight is also 86 proof, 4 years old and is from 1957. Next is probably the last King issued. This one is 86 proof, 4 years old and from 1964. The last bottle is again 86 proof, 4 years old and is from 1959.

Finally, bottle number five eluded me for number of years. I eventually acquired it when I bought a bunch of old whiskeys because they were cheap. Sometimes you get a break!



# Beauties From The ORIENT



We'll interrupt our three part visit to Hong Kong and China and this time to detour to Japan. (That's what happens when pictures must be reshot.)

From St. Valentine's Day of 1992 to earlier this year, some very nice glass figurals have been issued in Japan. Just before February of last year, Suntory issued the sun, moon, and a star. These are all 30 ml bottles which contain V.S.O.P. Brandy. You may not be able to tell from the pictures, but there are faces on each bottle and they are extremely clever pieces. As a little added attraction, the pilfer proof cap on each is a different color with the sun being red, moon yellow and the star a blue.

We'll change companies now to

Nikka. Known for their whiskies and brandies, Nikka also produces wine. And what better container to sell wine than an apple. Naturally selling two is better than one, hence the pair. You might not be able to tell but on the right bottle of the pair, there is a little green stem.

A few months ago Suntory issued its musical brandies. We have a guitar, violin and piano. These are 100 ml bottles so a few of you purists might be put off; however, they are beautifully done. Photographed here in their cases, they make a harmonious trio.

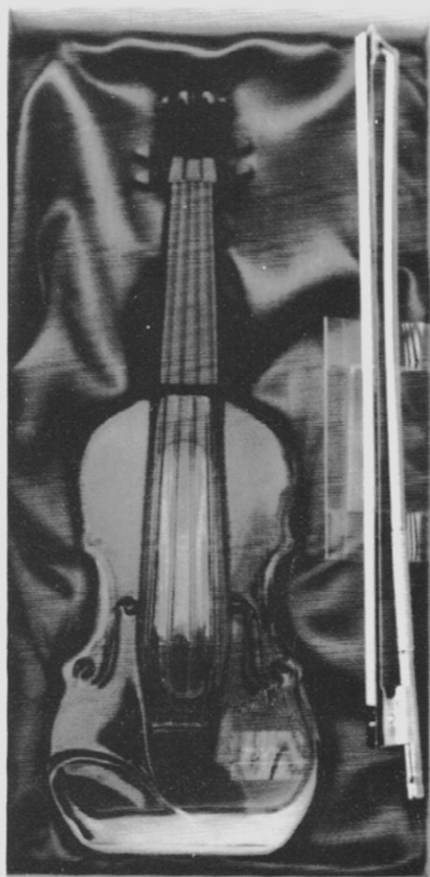
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# MINI WORLD

by

Jacques Rollet



For most collectors, this is a new name. However, for those fortunate enough to vacation in the Caribbean, Dormoy is well known on the island of Martinique. This article shows the entire line now marketed by Dormoy as well as some of the labels from years ago.

Originally the liqueurs went only by their own name. Today the series is sold under the name Tropical Lady with the exception of one bottle, loosely translated as Seventh Heaven. If you have a good magnifying glass, take a look at the label. You may be in for a surprise.

Possibly one of the most interesting items is the name of each

liqueur. The first three pictures show the twelve which are currently produced. In picture one we have Daiquiri, Punch Banane, Punch Passion, and Punch Planteur. The colors in the labels are marvelous...reds, yellows, orange, green...they're all in evidence.

The second picture shows Punch Letchis, Punch Ananas, Pinacolada, and Punch Sapetille. The remaining four are Punch Coco, Shrub, Coco Cristal, and 7eme Ciel. Shrub is a popular Caribbean drink made from oranges. Of all the summery drinks which have come from this part of the world, Shrub has never gained



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popularity in the U.S.

The fourth picture shows three of the older labels: Punch Passion, Punch Planteur and Daiquiri-Punch. The similarities are definitely there. By using the last picture you may make a complete comparison. Both versions of Punch Passion and Punch Planteur are seen. Which is your preference?

Finally, if you take a look at the Daiquiri bottle(s), note fruit shown on the label. This is identified as Citron Verte. That's a green lemon, folks, otherwise known as the popular Limon. And you thought that such a thing didn't exist!



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