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Last time I began by talking about the mistake of the "fallen bottle" in issue #124. This time I begin with pointing out that yes, I do know the end of an article from the beginning. However, the printshop gremlins struck again and the third page of the Rum article became the first page. So apologies to Tony Natelli (again) and let's hope that this issue comes out with nary a mistrake (sic).

A number of readers have asked about the big summer bottle shows put on by the Federation of clubs whose members collect the antique bottles. Well, here's the info.

The 1995 show will be held from August 10-13 at the Clarion Hotel in Rosemont, IL. The 1996 EXPO (this is the grand daddy) will be held from August 1-4 in Nashville, TN at the Nashville Convention Center. For info on the 1995 show, contact John Panek, 1790 Hickory Knoll, Deerfield, IL 60015 (708) 945-5493. For the 1996 show, contact Claude Bellar, 1750 Keyes Road, Greenbriar, TN 37073 (615) 643-0290.

And speaking of shows, please note not only the dates for the 1995 St. Louis show, but also the first of shows put on by The Western New York Miniature Liquor Bottle Club. We can hope that this show will become a regular yearly affair. I personally am pleased because it gives many Canadian collectors an opportunity to become more involved.

We're working on a special Canadian theme issue for next year with special help from the Seagram Museum in Waterloo, Ontario... a place you'd love!

See you in '95.

DMS

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Our Cover

Everyone seems to enjoy looking at the old Giveaway bottles or German Porcelains. However, rarely do you get an opportunity to see all the sizes on any one piece. So, for your delight, take another look at the four Uncle Sams on the cover. I thought this was particularly apt since we've just had the November elections.

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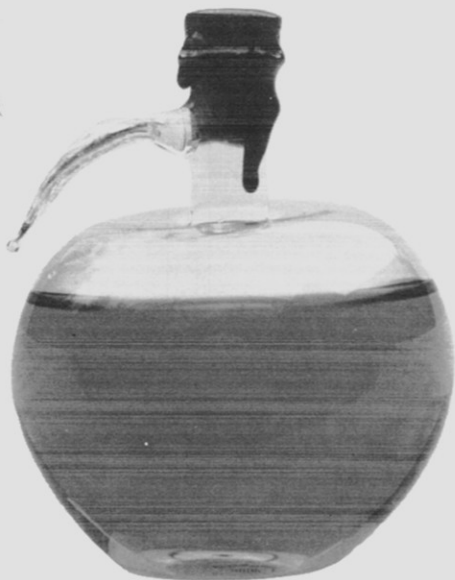
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WHAT'S NEW



On the cover last time was the new set of glass bottles from T.G.I.Fridays. They are clever and deserve a wide audience. And...so does our first bottle this time. Also with a tear off cap, this is the Kahlua Bandido. This is a blend of Kahlua and Sauza Commemorativo Tequila. If it isn't in your area now, it should be soon.

Next we have a plastic bottle from Holland via England. This is the new Cadbury's Cream Liqueur. This is due to be imported by a Florida firm any day now if it already hasn't. It's an interesting shape, but I want a second one for tasting.



Cadbury chocolate is wonderful for a sweet tooth.

Our third bottle this time is a new glass piece from Clear Creek Distillers of Oregon. This is their new Kirschwasser Liqueur made from Oregon and Washington cherries. This one was found right here in Southern California.

The fourth bottle is another glass and the most interesting of the entire group. This is the French Vernier Cognac A La Rose. It's a little bigger (100ml) and a bit more expensive than most (about \$10 many places), but it's a beauty. The label is silk screened and then the red



roses are hand painted onto the label. This is found in all parts of California.

Our last three bottles are all plastics. Feeney's is a new Irish Creme Liqueur, the Aalborg Akvavit is simply a new label and the RonRico sports a very colorful label for its new Spiced Rum. These three were found in northern California early in October.

Thought you'd enjoy an issue where all the bottles are available (or soon will be) in the U.S. It's nice to know that we haven't been completely forgotten by the companies!!

--DMS--

SCOTCH

David Maund



I'm back with the first of two articles featuring some special bottles which have been issued in the last few months. Already you've noticed the special page to the right of this one. This is the Still Man's Selection.

The bottle is here on this page, and you can read about it on that page! The mini is actually the smaller version of a specially created Allt A Bhainne 70cl bottle. The only

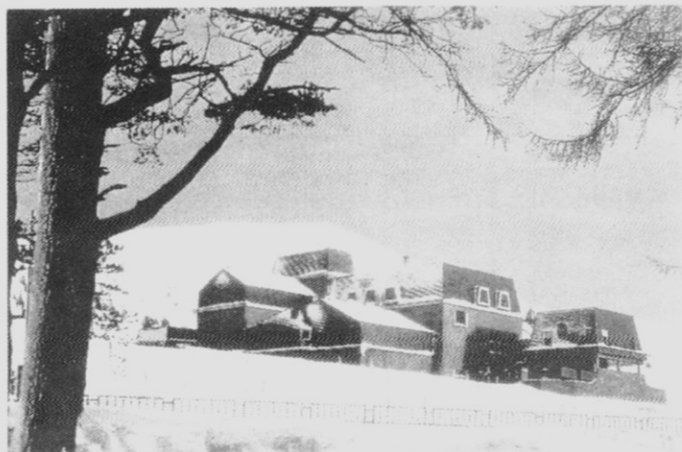
difference in the two (allowing for size) is that the small one is one of 500 produced while the larger version only had 200 produced.

Another commemorative is the one for Operation Overlord or D-Day, the 6th of June. This year marked the 50th Anniversary of the day when the tide turned in World War II. Only 500 of this special bottle were also created for world

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wide marketing.

We now turn to two more commemoratives; however, these don't denote an event quite as important as D-Day. The first of this pair is from a run of 1000 bottles which note the 200th Anniversary of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The other bottle was done for the Derbyshire County Cricket Club and celebrates the 1993 Brown & Hedges Cup Winners. Both of these bottles were produced by Arthur Ingham & Co., Perth, Scotland.

The last is a group of four

bottles produced for the Signatory Co. of Edinburgh with whom you should already be familiar. Each of these bottles has a silk screened label with various animals shown...hence the Scottish Wildlife appellation. All contain a ten year old single malt scotch and are respectively from left to right: Port Ellen, Mortlach, Strathmill, and Balmenach

The second of our two parts will deal with the 500 Anniversary of Scotch minis issued by various companies. See you after a bit of Auld Lang Syne.

SOUTHERN SALES

by
"BUTCH" JONES

This piece of blown glass is one of the better pieces that I have been able to add to my collection. We picked this up at the MMBC bottle show in April in St. Louis.

This sword was made by the Southern Sales Company of Jacksonville, Florida. The bottle is 6 3/4" long and contains Creme de Rose Cordial. The handle on the sword has red stripes while the guard is blue. Any collection would be enhanced with this hand blown glass sword. Don't you agree?

Until next time..... --B.J.--



melo's minis

by Mike Olson



California whiskeys from the 1930's. In this article I would like to show their multifariousness. How's that? Actually all I am saying is that the six bottles I am featuring range from gorgeous to rather plain. This could be expanded to state that California bottles from this time period are some of the very best and also among the worst!

Anyway, bottle number one is Premier Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled for United Cigar Stores San Francisco and distilled by Three G Distillery Corp. Burbank. It is 90 proof, 1 year old and has a yellow,

purple and blue label with red. Next is Yacht Club Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled by Top Notch Products Co. San Francisco and distributed by Glaser Bros. It is 90 proof, 2 years old, has a nice seascape label with red and gold trim and has a paper California tax stamp.

Unfortunately the Straight Bourbon on the label has been over printed in black and gold and is not very distinct. The other Yacht Club was Bottled by Whitehall Distilleries with whiskey distilled by the Old Quaker Co. and is not nearly as attractive. It is 93 proof, has a



yellow and black label with red and was again distributed by Glaser Bros.

The first in our second set of three is Highgate Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled by Whitehall Distilleries Inc. San Francisco. It is 85 proof, three months old and has a white label printed in black. Next is Old Miner Straight Whiskey at 93 proof with a white label trimmed in red and gold. It was distilled by the Old Quaker Co. and Bottled for Thrifty Drug Stores, Los Angeles. The last of these is Yankee Clipper Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled by San Angel Wine & Spirits Corp.

Los Angeles. It is 80 proof, six months old, has a green label and is a ship's decanter bottle in amber glass. (It also comes in clear glass.) This is a difficult bottle to photograph and the spots on the label are reflections.

Finally, to the best of my knowledge the Premier Brand has never been in any of the mail auctions. I think this is interesting because I use the auctions as a source of information on price and availability. I will elaborate on this in my next article.

Until next time. . . M E L O . .

FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present to you some of the Scotch Whisky miniatures which appeared in Japan during the second half of 1993.

The GLENDRONACH TRADITIONAL 12 year old and GLEN MORAY 12 year old, as you know, had already appeared in the U.K. a few months ago. In Japan their labels have the

Japanese word which means 'WHISKY' and also they are at 43% alcohol. However, Glen Moray has '43%' only on the back label.

MILTON DUFF 12 year old has a slightly different label from the Swiss version. There is the Japanese word 'WHISKY' instead of a 'thistle' on the lower part of the label.



KNOCKANDO 1977 also was available in the U.K. and appeared in Japan a year later, as there was a change of agency in Japan. Therefore this Japanese version was bottle in 1992, not 1990.

The next miniature SPRINGBANK CAMPBELTOWN 10 year old was launched only for the Japanese market. It is a normal clear round bottle with a familiar light tan label and

contains 50ml at 46% alcohol.

GLEN ELGIN, the last miniature, is a very interesting one. It is a trading sample and was available only in a very limited quantity. It is 9cm tall in a clear dumpy round and contains 50ml at 43% alcohol. The label is light gray and has a light blue cap seal which has 'Glen Elgin' with the White Horse mark.

Until next time..... --T.S.--





RUM

Specialties

by TONY NATELLI



In a previous article, we discussed some fabulous rums that featured natives on their labels. Today we are back with another baker's dozen.

NEGRITO (Mexico), RHUM DU NÈGRE (Bordeaux, France), CARIBE (Mexico) and JAMAICA BELLE (Jamaica) start us off. All are reasonably rare, with Rhum du Negre the prize of the

lot. Negrito and Caribe, both from Mexico, come wrapped in straw to prevent breakage. We are evenly split between native men (1 & 2) and women (3 & 4)

FIGARO (U.S.A.), TEDDY (Jamaica), SAN JUAN (Spain) and two MORITA (Jamaica) are next. These are somewhat more common than our first four, but just as nice looking. Teddy and

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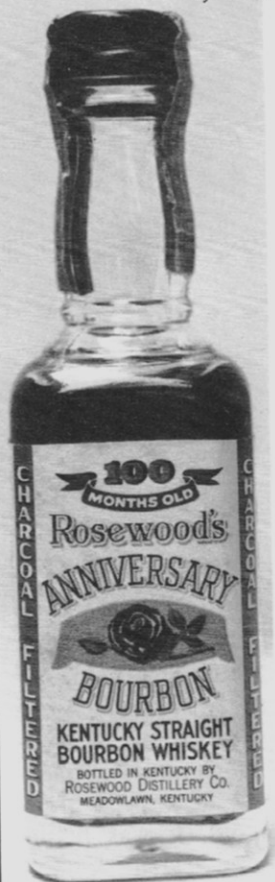
San Juan have native men while the other three the more popular native women.

We close with one of the most popular brands in the world, NEGrita. Produced by Bardinet of Bordeaux, France, it is sold in many countries in any number of varieties. Pictured here are OLD NICK (Black label), DRY & LIGHT (white label), INTENSO (red

label) and OLD NICK PLANTEUR (yellow label). They're most famous for their dark rum which comes with a black label almost identical to the first Negrita shown today. This brand is by far the most common of the rums pictured in both articles, most of which will prove scarce but worth searching for. --T.N.--

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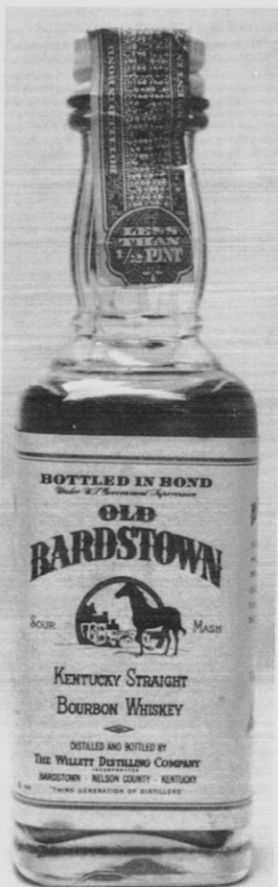
by Fred Hawley



I would like to share with you eight "off the wall" mini, square bottle whiskeys. These minis were sold in several southern states during the 1960's and 1970's. All of these minis have Alabama tax stamps.

Bottle number one is Rosewood's Anniversary Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. This one is 86 proof, 8 eight years and 4 months old. Bottled by Rosewood Distillery Co., Meadowlawn, Kentucky, it has a white label with multi-

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colored printing.

The second bottle is Old Distiller Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It is also 86 proof, 4 years old but bottled by Fairfield Distillery Co., Meadowlawn, Jefferson County, Kentucky. It has a gold, red and black label with white printing.

Bottle number three is Kentucky Gold Sour Mash Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. Another 86 proof and bottled by Kentucky Gold Distillery Co., Lawrenceburg, KY. It has a white label with

gold, red and black printing.

Most collectors know bottle four in a round version. This is O'Shaughnessy's American Blended Whiskey. 86 proof and 10 years old, it was bottled by the James Walsh & Co., Lawrenceburg, KY. This label is black and white with green, red, and gold printing.

The fifth bottle is Old Bardstown Bottled in Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. This one is 100 proof, 4 years old and distilled by the Willett Distilling Company Inc.,



Bardstown, Nelson County, KY. It has a white label with red, gold, and black printing.

Next is another Old Bardstown but this is an 86 proof, five years old but again distilled by the Willett Distilling Co., Bardstown, Nelson County, KY. It has a white label with red, gold and black printing.

Bottle number seven is Old Hapy Hollow Bottled in Bond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It is 100 proof, 4 years old and distilled



by Old Happy Hollow Distilling Co., Lawrenceburg, KY. This is red, green and black printing on a white and gold label.

The last bottle is Kentucky River Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It is 86 proof, 4 years old and distilled by the Kentucky River Distilling Co., Nicholasville, Jessamine County, KY. It has a white and gold label with red and black printing.

Next time I'll share eight more of these unusual square whiskeys with you.

Glass!



Today I will show you some bottles from the company C. K. Heinrich & Co. GmbH of Berlin. The firm is closed for a long time now, but in form times they produced many fine bottles. All minis are glass and have gold or white metal pull tabs.

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2. Lowen - Reiter, dark liqueur, 32%

3. Jolka Wodka, 40%
4. Boaka Wodka, 40% (blue label), red label 50%
5. Schwarze Johanna Liqueur, 32%
6. Curacao Triple Sec, 32%
7. Aprikot Liqueur, 32%
8. Edelkirsch Liqueur, 32%

All bottles contain 0.02 litre.
See you soon. --H.H.--

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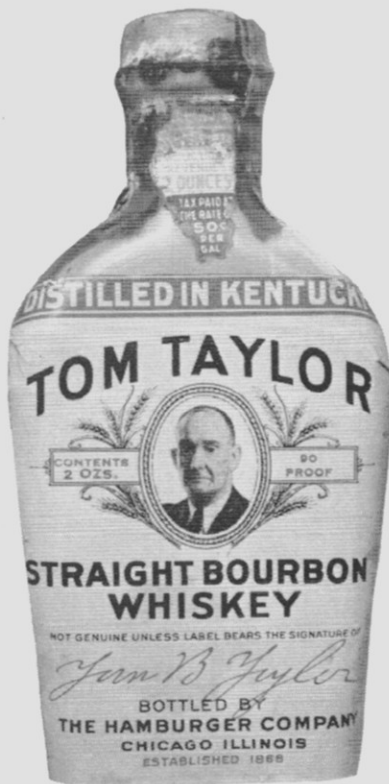
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