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We're going to end the year with a bang...ten new bottles. And that bang just might come from the bullet of the Pistolero Shooter... Chilli Pepper and Vodka. Actually the label states "mit vodka" so you know this one comes from Germany. The German companies certainly do know how to create humorous labels. We couldn't have a label like that in the U.S. as it would never be approved. With all the neo-prohibitionists running around, you can't make anything associated with liquor look like fun. Just ask Budweiser as their frogs are already in hot water!

The little Maxim's features a label showing the famous painting associated with the Maxim's name. You've seen Maxim's scotch and cognac, so now add a pastis.

## Let's Talk

Year number twenty-two comes to an end...and we're looking forward to many more!

To finish this year we've got some really good articles for you with many of our regulars: Butch, Tony, Mike, Holm, and John. I personally find Tony Natelli's articles on theme collecting quite interesting. One of my little sub-collections is bottles with nautical themes. What makes it fun is that you can add a bottle from any area.

Had some interesting response to the column last time in talking about the Internet. 1996 is the year and if all goes well, we'll be joining

up in a short time.

Incidentally, I've heard some moaning lately about their not being enough bottles out there to find. Well, guess you haven't traveled much lately. In mentioning the set of new Distingt bottles to a Georgia collector, he smiled and told me he'd bought them in Atlanta. Do you know our favorite bottles our now legal in Georgia? I didn't.

Butch Jones shows us this time something you can find in Virginia. AND if eight new ones at a crack isn't a good find, I don't know what is. Next time the What's New column will feature only bottles recently found in Florida and not

seen elsewhere.

Finally, although it won't be shown for two more issues, keep your eyes open for the new Johnnie Walker Gold 18 Year Old Scotch. It's been sighted in New Jersey!

--DMS--

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#### Our Cover

Thought you'd might enjoy something a bit different this time. The miniature in the lower right hand corner was issued this year by Suntory as was the large bird. The ceramic bird bottle has become a tradition for Suntory. This all began back in 1977 wth a Birdie, then an Eagle, and an Albatross. Suntory also sponsors a golf tournament in Hawaii for which they also make a different ceramic bottle.

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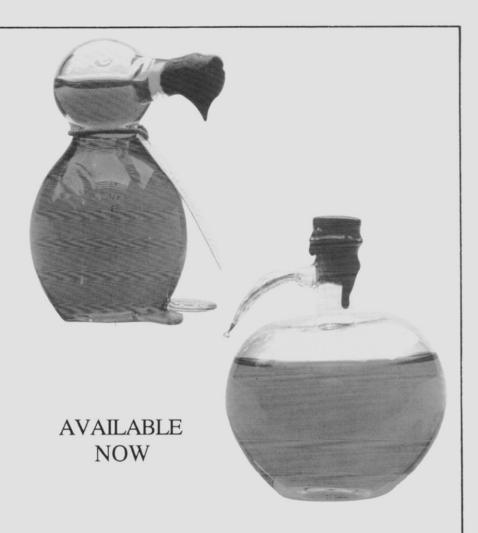
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Another vodka but this time unflavored is the new Volganaya. Touting itself as "Old Russia's Finest" this one comes from Estonia. It was found in a grocery store in Carmel, California.



The set of three Distingt are found in a number of states. These are a normal tequila and two flavored ones, orange and lemon. Nice tall frosted glass bottles with uniquely designed labels.

The Canadian Club black label was exported to Japan. It's glass but very similar to a plastic version. Since the label is a bit dark, it may not turn out too well.

Our last two are French products, the Alize' (a mixture of passion fruit juice and cognac) and the new Raynal Brandy. The former is known for its contents while the Raynal is known for its brandy and now also a marvelous glass bottle.

Can 1996 offer as many new goodies? You bet...and you'll see them here!

# **POTT**





Is there a rum collector out there without a bottle of Pott in his collection? It's certainly doubtful. However, who can say that he or she has this particular bottle of Pott?

Both sides of this ceramic have been photographed for you. The front shows the little distillery house and has the following embossed around the edge: The Sunniest Rum in the Virgin Islands H H Pott Distillers, St. Thomas.

The obverse has a large "Vi"

embossed with Hilton beneath it. Around the edge of this side the embossing states: Happy Holiday The Virgin Island Hilton Hotel. On the bottom of the bottle between the two feet it says: V.I. Ceramics St. Thomas U.S.V.I. The bottle is a nice lime green color.

If anyone can add any more information on this one, please let us hear from you.

(Aren't you proud of me, no jokes like one about drinking Pott instead of smoking it!)

## **BOWMAN**

by Butch Jones



Something a little different this month and ones that I am sure will be new to many of you. This is a set of Bowman's Spirits. These were produced and distributed by A. Smith Bowman Distillery, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

Picture number one depicts the vodka (80°), the 80° blended scotch, an 80° gin and the Virginia Gentleman's Virginia Whiskey at 80°.

In the second picture, you see the 80° blended Canadian Whiskey, 80° rum, 80° tequila, and finally, a 53° light vodka.

This set was a gift from a friend in North Carolina and very much appreciated. If you get to Virginia (the only place this set is sold), you might want to look for this set in the state liquor store.

--B.J.--

so turn the magazine



# FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI







This time I would like to present to you some American Whiskey miniatures which have appeared in Japan.

To my regret, almost all of the bourbon miniatures from the U.S.A. are made of plastic. Now there are available three plastic American whiskey miniatures in Japan.

The first is FOUR ROSES. It is 10.5cm tall in a clear round bottle and contains 50ml at 40% alcohol. There are four red roses on the yellow label (as usual) with a gold line frame. The four roses are on the top of the cap, too.

OLD FORESTER, the next one, is also the same plastic



miniature...10.5cm, 50ml but 43% alcohol. The white label has a gold belt frame and double oval around a light green tree. In the right side of the label which you can't see in the picture there is some information about this whiskey which is usually found on the back label. For example, this includes the importer name, material, etc.

The third one is not a bourbon, but Tennessee Whiskey, GEORGE DICKEL ORIGINAL NO. 12. It has the same label as the U.S. version except for the Japanese word which means 'Whisky' on the bottom of the label. It was available only with a 750ml



bottle and the importer stated:
"At first please taste the miniature Whisky and if you would not like it, please return the Whiskey."

The last miniature, BLANTON BLACK, is a very interesting one. It is a trading sample and was available only in a very limited quantity. There are available three types of 750ml Blanton bottles in Japan: Blanton Black, Blanton, and Blanton Gold. Only Blanton is available in the stores as a miniature. Black The Blanton sample miniature was launched in April 1994 and is clear glass with 50ml at 40% alcohol.

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

## **CREAM**

of the



Our favorite liqueurs are back once again and it seems as if they are becoming as ubiquitous as all the schnapps bottles. Some are only regionally available but they should be in your neck of the woods (distributors willing) fairly soon.

The "king" or grandpa of the entire group is, of course, the Baileys. The one shown here is a plastic version; however, a slightly taller glass version with the exact same label also exists.

Devonshire is another of





the older names with a good many different bottles. Here are the two newest, Royal Cream and Royal Peaches and Cream. These are both glass bottles with highly colorful labels.

The Caymana Banana Cream is a new one which so far is only known in Pennsylvania. Absolutely top notch die-cut label with even a palm tree. Imported from the Caribbean, right? Nope, this is a product of Ireland!! Oh yes, it's a glass

bottle.

Last on the list this time is the Kahlua Royale. This particular one was sent to me by Vic Visalli who found it in New Jersey. The large bottle is available throughout the U.S. so this one should find its way everywhere too. Like the initial Baileys, it's also a plastic or PET bottle.

Wonder how many new creams will be introduced in 1996? -- DMS--

# **STAGS**

by TONY NATELLI



Finishing up what was begun a few issues back, there are an even dozen "Stags" today including Gin & Old Genever, Tequila, Bourbon and Cordial versions as well as four more Scotch.

Hart's 8 Year, Hart's, White Hart, and Clan Blend are not in the class of those shown in Part I; however, they're very nice bottles. Hart's 8 Year Old is the most recent while the others have been available in similar versions over the past 30-40 years or more. However, they may have been discontinued in the recent past.

The second group includes Hertekamp, Genever (Belgium), Garvey Gin (Spain) and Cazadores Tequila (Mexico) are all hard to find miniatures with lovely labels. The first Hertekamp is the better one and it's even an old corker!

The final picture of German cordials, Mafurengeilt 56, Jagermeister, Horrido and Old Stagg Bourbon finish us off. The Mafurengeilt 56 has a spectacular stag on its orange and tan label. Of all these, only the Jagermeister was ever sold here.

The Old Stagg is a 1950's U.S.A. bourbon. A couple of slightly different versions existed from the 1930's to the 1960's and it's not too difficult to find.

--T.N.--





### BEER

#### ...from the Philippines

by John Wyss



Today I'd like to update you on some fine mini beers from the Philippines. Picture one shows two variations of Red Horse - Extra Strong Beer and Malt Liquor. The Malt Liquor version is the import version and has different wording on the back, also. Red Horse Beer is listed as PHIL-7 in R. Kay's Mini Beer update.

Picture one also shows two versions of San Miguel Beer. The first version (made in 1965) is listed by Kay as PHIL-1 while the newer 1985 version is now listed as PHIL-5.

The second picture shows the

new (as of 1985) Lagerlite Beer now listed as PHIL-8. Also shown is the 1965 version (PHIL-3) of San Miguel Dark Beer and the newer 1985 version now listed as PHIL-6.

The last picture shows Cerveza Negra (PHIL-4), San Miguel Pale Pilsen (PHIL-2) and the newly listed Gold Eagle Beer (PHIL-9). Many small label differences have shown up on the Cerveza Negra and Pale Pilsen so keep your "eyes peeled and magnifying glass ready". I can account for four variations of each already!

Cheers!

--J.W.--





## FROM MEXICO



After a great many years of specialty ceramics here in the United States and now almost nothing, we look to South of the border and find a new ceramic.

It's not terribly distinguished; however, it still is interesting and very worthwhile. The bottle is an off-white and while not exactly

hexagonal, it isn't round either. The label states that it contains Licor de Cafe or Cafe Mexicano. Either way it's a competitor of Kahlua. The name, of course, is Cancun and the label depicts one of the pyramids there. So, if you or a friend are traveling to Mexico, watch for this one!

# **DRIOLI**



The picture above will be familiar to you long-time collectors. It was one of several which feature older ceramics by some Italian and French companies. The pictures were sent by Bob Snyder as he knew we'd all like seeing some of these bottles once again.

The particular Driolis shown here were originally available in the

1950's. They were sold around the world in both large and small sizes but with the largest portion of the sales being made in the Caribbean to people from the various cruise ships.

MBC is certainly due to have a reshowing of the Drioli line, which unfortunately, no longer produces fancy bottles.

# melo's minis

by Mike Olson



In this article we'll lead off with a pre-pro rye and take another look at West Penn Rye which did not reproduce well in M B C #128. Also, I would like to feature three from Old Rose and close with three of my all time favorites.

The first bottle has an interesting recent history beginning at a 1980's Chicago bottle show which is a story all by itself. It is Susquehanna Rye Bottled in Bond 1903-1907 by Susquehanna Distilling Co. of Kentucky and has a white label printed in gold, black and red. The West Penn Rye story may be found back in issue #128.

The three from Old Rose Distilling Co. of Chicago all have 1934 Illinois tax stamps and came from the fine collection of Verne and Rena Brinker. The Old Rose Brand Bourbon is 90 proof, more than four years old and has a dark blue label with gold and red. The Old Settler Blend is 90 proof and has a light and dark blue label printed in red, gold and tan. The Twentieth Century Straight Whiskey is 90 proof, less than one month old and has a white label printed in blue, red and gold.

Finally I have included the last three whiskeys because



they have sensational multicolored labels. I know they look familiar having been previously shown, but my point is that all of these have been upgraded to near mint condition. The bottles are out there if you keep on looking.



## HAMMER BRENNEREI

by Holm Hars



Today I will show you some bottles of the company Hammer Brennerei. The firm is now closed, but in its prime produced or imported some fine bottles.

- 1. Club Whisky (Scotch type) 43%
- 2. Captain Grog, West Indian Rum, 40%

- 3. Jamaica-Rum Verschnitt, 40%
- 4. Jamaica-Rum Verschnitt, 40%
- 5. Boonekamp, Magen-Bitter, 40%
- 6. Doppel Stern, Bramtw. Verschnitt 32%
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- 8. Mintje, Menthe (from Belgium sample), 17%



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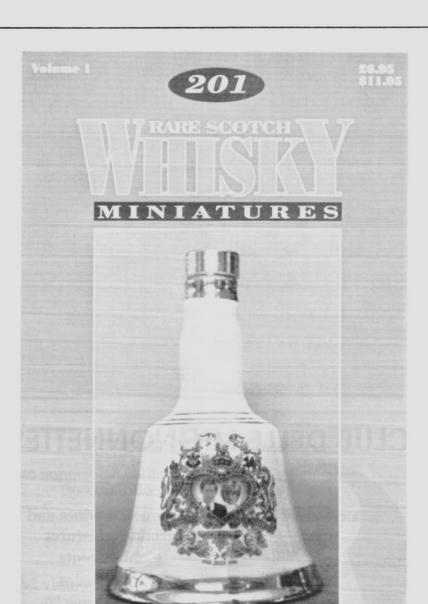
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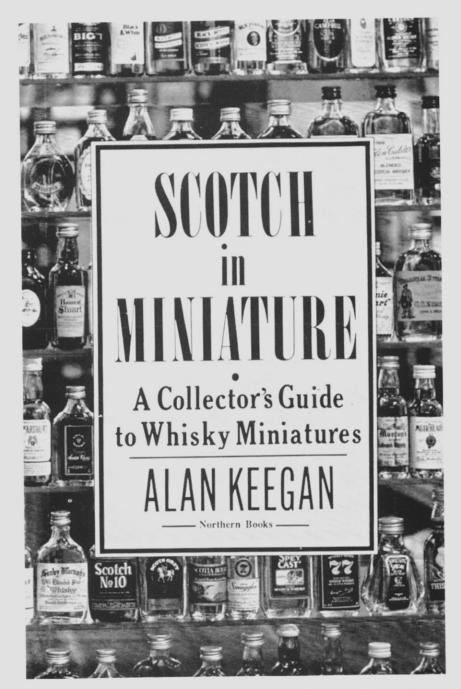
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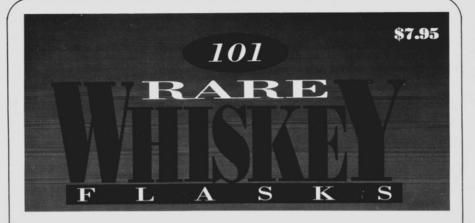
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