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Take a good look at the ads in this issue. They all seem to have something in common. No, I'm not talking about the bottle ads, but the show ads. We have ads for four different shows and next time the October Lilliputian Show and Jim Beam Bottle/Wade Fair Show will be added.

Shows a lot of interest doesn't it! There are any number of collectors who are looking to connect with others so they may add more bottles to their collections. You, however, don't need to wait for a show, use the classified ads... they get results.

Not only is this the beginning of a new year and volume, it also marks the beginning of our involvement with the Internet. Next time we'll have all the necessary info for you to download us from the Internet.

Aha, you say, why bother when I've got the printed copy right in front of me. Simple answer, the articles will be different. AND, you all know how I've wanted to do things in color. Well, with the Internet you'll see all the bottles and labels in color. Imagine how those Murano pieces this time would look in color. Now you'll know.

This will also be a boon to those who want to meet others via the classifieds. All those closet collectors no one knows about but log on to the Internet will now be at your disposal.

It's exciting and there will undoubtedly be tiny problems to iron out, but just wait until you see that home page! Until then...or next time...

--DMS--

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Our Cover

The two figural bottles on the cover this time are from one of the companies which issued bottles from Certosa, Italy. Certosa is a suburb of Firenze (Florence) and has seen a great many figural and glass bottles through the years. These two would seem to date back into the 1950's and although rather crudely done would be considered quite valuable due to their rarity. (See Murano article.)

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WHAT'S NEW



Sometimes when you go on a short vacation you don't expect to find many bottles. And then other times you are able to bring back a magnificent horde. Recently a trip to Florida resulted in a great number of delights to add to my collection.

There was both a mixture of glass and plastic and only one older bottle...so we'll start with that. I'd never seen the Strega Sambuca before but since it doesn't carry any of the more recent government warnings, it must be a few years old.

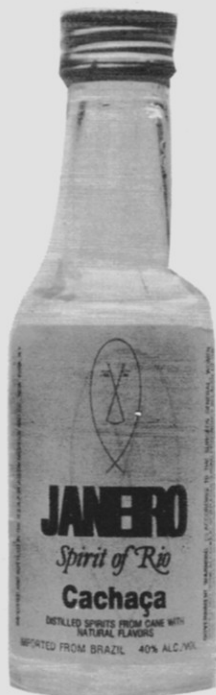
Eight of the dozen bottles shown are plastic, but many of them have other quite interesting characteristics. Stalingrad Vodka (pardon picture) comes to us via a bottling plant in Jacksonville, Florida, and it ain't never seen Russia, no how! It's probably made exclusively for Walgreen Drugs as that's the only place it was seen.

Go to the head of the class if you've seen Popov Gin. Tons of vodkas, but never a gin. Sambuca di Amore is imported from Italy and then bottled in



Kentucky by United Distillers Production, Inc.

Gordon's Wildberry is another flavored vodka which seems to be currently popular. The Janeiro, Spirit of Rio is a Cachaca imported by those Wild Turkey people, Austin-Nichols. Marvelously weird label.



Finishing up the plastics, we have three nice whiskeys. The Canadian Mist 1885 is an import of a new premium whiskey. The George Dickel Old No. 8 is similar to Old No. 12, but surely isn't easily found. The nicest of the group though is the Mackinlay Scotch. This is a very nice label which should be on a glass bottle.

The three remaining bottles

are all glass and also all imports. Schnapple is an Apple Schnapps from Germany, while Piranha is a Brazilian liqueur with a very colorful label. The best though is last...this is the Capucello Cream Liqueur in a very stylish bottle.

Thus, an even dozen new ones for me. How many are new to you?



FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present to you some of the Scotch Whisky miniatures which appeared in 1955 in Japan. They all have a Japanese word which means "Whisky" on their main labels.

The first is DEW OF BEN NEVIS from Ben Nevis Distillery which is owned by

The Nikka Whisky Distilling Co. Ltd. of Japan. It has issued a new light tan label, not blue.

Similarly LANGS SUPREME has again a new light yellow label, even though there just became available a new top-oval label in Japan. A same color cap has the Distillery's name on the top.



Next ABERLOUR appeared with a new beautiful tan color label and reddish-brown letters "Aberlour" and "10". The label has "Pure" S.H.M. different from U.K. version. A cap seal is dark brown like a tube.

The above three miniatures are normal, clear, round glass and contain 50ml at 43% alcohol.

As you see, BALLANTINE'S GOLD SEAL 12 Year old got a new look also on its bottle and label. It is a fancy bottle with a grayish-blue label.

Ballantine launched a new

brand of Whisky only for Japan, BALLANTINE'S ROYAL BLUE 12 year old. The label has a golden frame with a light brown margin and the cap is blue. It is clear, flat glass and contains 50ml at 43% alcohol.

The last is the most interesting one, THE MACALLAN DISTILLER'S CHOICE. Of course, this whisky was produced only for the Japanese market. There is no age on the label, but it is 8 years old. Things are trending toward lighter drinks so it is 40% alcohol.

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

MURANO

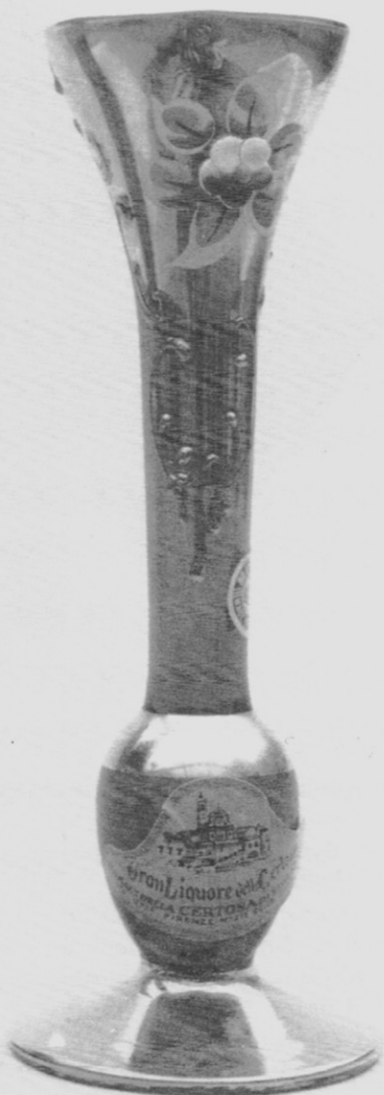


Back in the 1970's, Murano Glass was used for a number of bottles. Several series of glass animals by Drioli were issued. Luxardo made any number of larger bottles, but the most colorful and beautiful (and often garish) were those issued containing the Gran Liquore della Certosa.

There were several companies in Certosa (Firenze) doing bottles and almost any

container was used (note the cover this issue). However, the Murano glass bottles are still prized today. Four of the most elegant are shown here.

It's another case of what beauty we could show you if color were available. All four of these are in gold with either a brilliant red or blue body color. The painted flowers are actually applied to the glass.



COGNACS

By Tony Natelli



Yes, these two are indeed very special cognacs. Two of the oldest and most respected (as well as consumed) names in cognac issued special bottles in 1995. As noted, these are Martell and Hennessy.

To commemorate their 280th Anniversary, Martell issued a limited edition full size bottle of their Cordon Bleu in Hong Kong and China. Attached to the neck of this bottle was the miniature you're seeing here. The only way to get the little one

was to buy the big one. That makes this one very expensive miniature. Just think what a chore it would be to have to drink that larger bottle!

At about the same time last Fall, the Hennessy company was issuing its Privé in Japan as a sample. It is equally difficult to get in Japan as the Martell is in Hong Kong. This is a smaller bottle however, as it is 3 cl (or 30ml) while the Martell is 50ml. Both are 40% or 80 proof.



A VISIT

to

BOOZEVILLE

by
LLOYD MC LEOD



The animals of Boozeville like to have fun too, although liquor isn't good for them. The pig has found some whiskey and a seltzer bottle so is mixing a drink. Hopefully it's for his master.

The girl is letting her dog take a swig from a bottle. Another member of the animal kingdom trying to be human.

These little pocket flasks are classic "giveaways" as they

fit in the shirt or back pocket. Let's hope it was kept in the shirt as it probably didn't last too long in the back pocket after a 200 pounder sat on it.

The one with the girl and the dog is rare. "ALL IRISH" is printed on the front along with "U W Co. Ltd. Belfast." This then probably contained Irish Whiskey...and as we know, that's very good too!

--L.M.--



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bottles.

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make up the Seychelles and
they are found in the Indian
Ocean, NE of Madagascar (don't
ask). These two little figurals,
in plastic no less, are produced
there by Sodepak(?). They

contain the Coca D'Amour
Liqueur...in a most unusual size
of 58ml.

The bottles resemble
coconuts but they are given the
special name (D'Amour) be-
cause of the particular resem-
blance between the way the
coconut is shaped and part of
the human anatomy. I will say
no more!

WHISKEY HERITAGE

by BUTCH JONES



Four Canadian whiskies and one Irish Whiskey are featured this time. The Canadians are newer than the Irish Whiskey.

The first mini is a John Palliser Premium Canadian Liquor. It is 50ml and contains 40% alc/vol. A tag taped to the bottle says it is one day old blended whiskey. The second bottle is Johnson's Blended Canadian Whisky. This was imported and distributed by United States Distilled Products, Bardstown, KY.

Number three comes in a

round, brown bottle and is Canadian Best Blended Canadian Whisky. This whisky is 6 years old and 86.8 proof. The next one is a tall version of Tullamore Dew, blended Irish Whiskey, 8 years old.

The final bottle is Canadian Company Special Reserve Gold Label blended Canadian Whisky in a clear, square bottle. This 80° whisky was produced and bottled in Canada by Poieder Distillery Limited, Grimsby, Ontario, Canada.

'Til next time...

--B.J.--

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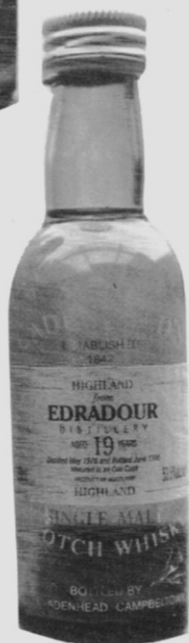
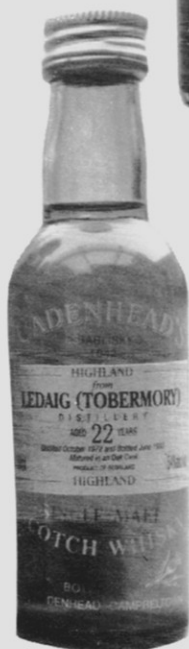


I've been promising you some of the Cadenhead bottles for some time, so here goes. Cadenhead's Single Malts have built a singular following around the world in the last few years. And not only are the miniatures highly collectable, but so are the larger versions as each bottling is different and a consumer knows that he (or she) won't ever be offered the exact same whisky again.

The group of eleven shown here (and why do Cadenhead's issue groups of eleven?) were all bottled in June of 1995. The miniatures were created as

duced to be sold. The samples are needed so that the different brands may be registered in different American States which have different liquor regulations.

You can easily read the different ones, but I'll list them in order by age: Jura (10 years), Cragganmore-Glenlivet (12 years), Port Ellen (12 years), Brora (13 years), Glen Esk (13 years), Imperial-Glenlivet (15 years), Tomatin (17 years), Edradour (19 years), Tamnavulin-Glenlivet (21 years), Ledaig (Tobermory - 22 years), and Glenlivet (22 years).



melo's minis

by Mike Olson



In this article I would like to feature three variations of Old Lewis Hunter, plus we'll look at some dissimilar Woodstocks. It is not unusual to come across the same brand name on labels from different bottlers. There were many reasons of this which have caused some interesting examples such as Hi-Ball Bourbon. I have a 1930's bottle by Kolmar which features a hi-ball cocktail on

the label. It's counterpart from American Distilling circa 1960 shows a train on the label.

Anyway, we lead off with Old Lewis Hunter Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Distilled by Old Lewis Hunter Distillery Co. Cynthiana, Ky. Bottle number one is 86 proof, 4 years old and is from 1963.

Number two is 86 proof, four years old and is from 1949. The last of these is an export from



Lewisville, Ky. It is 86 proof, was probably imported into Canada and is from 1972.

The first of the Woodstocks is Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled by Walter P. Powers of Chicago. It is 92 proof, 35 months old, has a red and white label printed in black and gold and has a 1937 Illinois tax stamp. The other Powers Woodstock is 92 proof, one year and nine months old, has a white label printed in red and black and has a 1935 Illinois tax stamp.

The flat version is a Blend from Maryland Wine & Spirits

Corp. of Baltimore. It is 90 proof, was distilled Fall 1933 and has a silver foil label printed in orange and black.

The last bottle is Brook's Woodstock Blended Whiskey Bottled by Brook Distilling Co. Pekin, ILL. It is 86 proof, has a multi colored label and is from the 1970's.

Finally, I just heard about the existence of a miniature Max Baer boxer bottle. Swell, another set which is possibly not complete and another bottle for my very stagnant want list.

Until next time. . . M E L O

RACKE



Today I will show you some old bottles from various producers. Five bottles are from Racke and the other three German Whiskys are from firms which are now closed.

1. Racce Whisky Rauchzart - mild 43% (fox has one ear)
2. Extra - feiner Racce Whisky, 43% (fox has two ears)
3. Extra - feiner Racce Whisky, 43%, 0,02 l (fox has two ears) Trinkmuster
4. Racce rauchzart Whisky, 43%

(fox has one ear)

5. Racce Edelkirsch, 26% Trinkmuster
6. Old Alan finest Whisky, 43% from Alan Johnson's Whisky Co. Hamburg/Glasgow
7. Whisky Inter 66, no %, from Interspirits GmbH Eltville am Rhein
8. Gold Ross Whisky, 43% from Gold Ross Marken - Vertrieb GmbH. Mülheim/Ruhr

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--H.H.--



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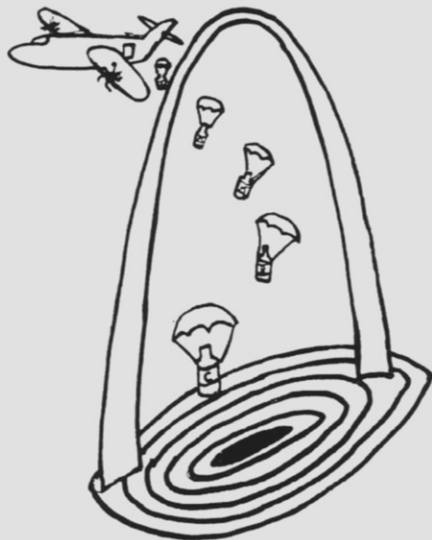
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