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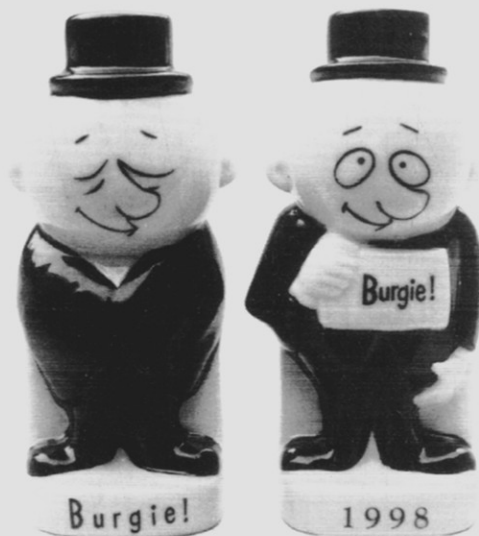
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Beginning with this issue you'll be able to see the bottles in the printed edition come to life in color on the web site. To access all the goodies, you'll need both the user name and the password.

user name: MBC
password: Tangleridge

One of the interesting things we hear now when someone sends a message is that old saw: "Gee, I thought I was the only one who collected these things." The world wide web has brought out a great many collectors and that's a boon to all of us.

The more collectors there are the more more avenues for trading, buying, selling, gaining knowledge, etc. The web site is now getting almost a thousand hits a month. That means that every hour of every day there is a collector logging on to get information and meet other collectors.

Soon we'll add another dimension to the web site and that will be a bottle chat room. You'll be able to "talk" with other collectors about any bottle subject which interests you.

Technology has provided one giant leap forward for the hobby. Are you part of it?

— DMS —

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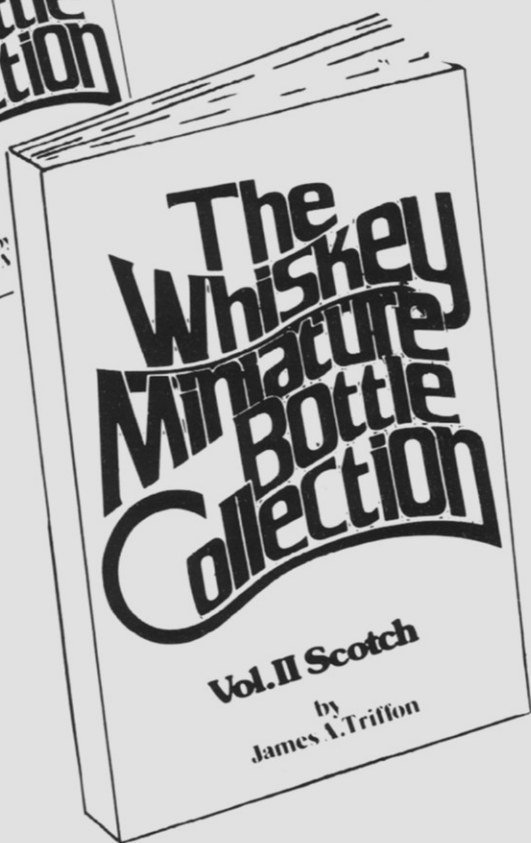
Our Cover

Recently collector Pete Spirito asked me why the giveaways were never identified as S & V (Shafer & Vater) pieces. I told him that people had usually just called them German procelains or giveaways. However now that more and more of these wonderful old bottles are turning up in antique shows and auctions, they are being noted as S & V pieces. The cover bottle shows the marvelous humor found on so many of these bottles.

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WHAT'S NEW



The regular mix again this time but with rather a tip of the scale in favor of some new scotches. Let's begin with an update of an old favorite, **FINLANDIA**. Recently the focus of an entire make over, this new Finlandia features a complete bottle change as well as a new label. Note the little group of reindeer underneath the Vodka. It should be available everywhere in the U.S. as well as most of the rest of the world.

We seem to have had a good number of tequilas lately shown in the magazine, so we'll keep up the string with these two new ones, **DUENO** and **PUERTO VALLARTA**. The former is available on both the east and west coasts while

the latter may still only be found in California.

Don't know if the new **ST. ANDREWS FRANCE '98 WORLD CUP** is in the U.S. as this one was found in Canada. It's the same as previous soccer balls except for the new base...which, of course, makes it very attractive to both soccer lovers and scotch collectors!

We have three other scotches now which have just come on the market in Scotland. Collector Bert Thomson sent me these on a trade (a small reminder that it pays to contact other collectors). The **TAMNAVULIN** is merely a new label but the other two are quite special.

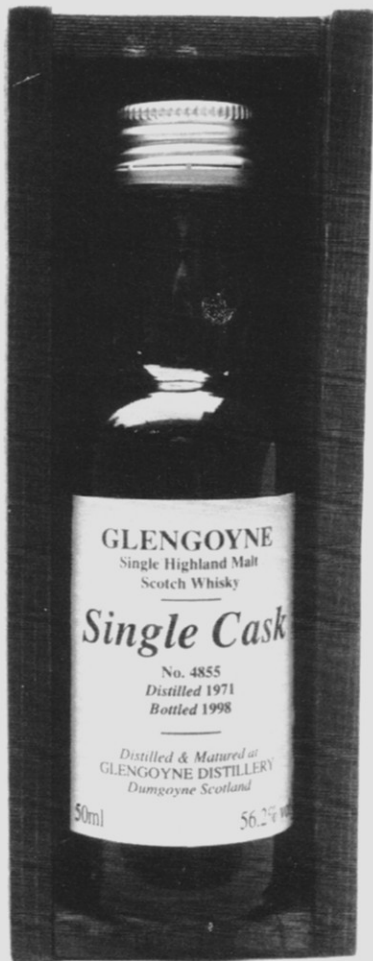
This **OLD PULTENEY** is really a



winner. It is the exact replica of the large bottle. Until this one was ready an interim bottle was issued which was very nice, but this one is beautifully done. My personal candidate for scotch mini of the year.

The **GLENGOYNE** is a seventeen year old Single Cask Whisky which comes in its own wooden box. There have been several very nice special Glengoyne bottles in the last few years, but this just might be the nicest. Note that it's cask strength at 56.2% or 112.4 proof. Whee.

Now it may not be best, but it is last. And, any way you look at it, this one is rather something else. I'm speaking of **BIBLE BELTER**



15 Years Old Kentucky Bourbon. If you remember the Old Rip Van Winkle of a few issues back, you'll know that it was also a 15 year old so one would have to bet that this contains that whiskey. It was bottled in Scotland by The Whisky Connoisseur and someone there has a great sense of humor. The label features a whiskey bottle, a glass and the bible. Just



imagine what would happen if some brave soul attempted to sell that in the U.S. The "Politically Correct Squad" would swoop down and that would be the end of it.. I guess they aren't quite so "P.C." in Scotland...lucky for us!

Next time we may even have the new **FIGHTING COCK BOURBON.** --DMS--

A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod

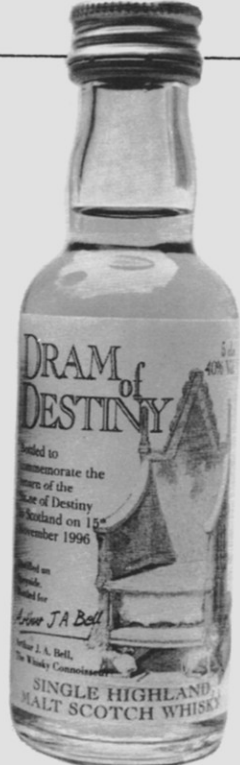


Boy, was there ever some fancy fiddlin' at the last May Day celebration in Boozeville. The fiddlers came all the way from San Francisco. Yes, sir, a lot of shoe leather got worn at the dance that night.

The fiddle that made all that sweet screeching also came from San Francisco. However, it was originally manufactured in Ger-

many.

There are a great many old German figural miniatures to be found, but this one does have that special label. It would be interesting to use some of the early directories to see when The Albatross was in business. It doesn't matter though as this piece is a welcome addition to Boozeville lore. --LM--

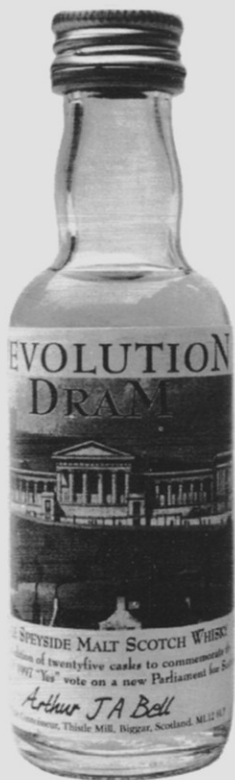


Last time I said I'd show you a group of bottles all done in series; however, I've changed my mind. That can wait. Several collectors told me in St. Louis that they enjoyed the "old and new" articles, so here is another. I'll talk about the new ones first and save the good older ones for later.

I know my friend Tony Natelli has shown the **SCOTTISH LEADER** bottle previously but I wanted you to see the new label. And this is also a new label for the 10 year old **TULLIBARDINE Single Highland Malt**. Both of these should be quite easy to obtain.

A bit more difficult to find are the pair issued by The Whisky Connoisseur, the **DRAM OF DESTINY** and the **DEVOLUTION DRAM**. The first one commemorates the return of the Stone of Destiny to Scotland in September of 1996. The Devolution commemorates the "Yes" vote in 1977 for a new Parliament for Scotland. This is a true mini and only 25 casks were set aside to make this special whisky. Since the overwhelming majority of those went to 70cl bottles, there aren't that many of the miniatures about.

In looking at these four older bottles, I realize that some of you may know **SANDY MACNABS** and **HIGHLAND LAIRD** from different bottlings. These two names should not be unfamiliar to most collectors. However, **ANDERSON'S** and **CRESHER** are two not often seen. I am particularly interested in the latter bottle as bottled for either Italy or Spain and I believe only available as an export.



OLDIES... BUT GOODIES

by Fred Hawley



I would like to share eight whiskeys I recently acquired. I am always hunting for minis to add to my collection, but finding them seems to be harder and harder. Let me tell you about the ones I did find.

BURLINGAME, CREAM OF WHISKIES, 1915, is a white ceramic bottle stamped Germany on the bottom. Burlingame is the city I live in! Next is **BROOKFIELD RARE OLD PERFECT RYE** dated 1867, a brown ceramic jug. I really love this one, too.





OLD 49er, a California whiskey, has a white, gold and black label. It's from 1937 and is the only one I've ever seen.

Next I have two spirit whiskeys from California: **OLD VELVET** with a red, white and blue label and **LITTLE FRISCO SPIRIT WHISKEY**. It has a silver and black label just like the **LITTLE FRISCO RECTIFIED WHISKEY** which is also a California bottle.

We then have the **H L C BLENDED WHISKEY**, another

California mini from San Francisco. This one has more "story" behind it though. The "H" of HLC stands for Haas, a company with a long San Francisco history including the name Cyrus Noble!

Last (best?) is **POLO'S STUD HORSE WHISKEY**, Special Baby Celebration Blend. I have also pictured the back label for your reading pleasure.

I hope you've enjoyed seeing my minis as much as I've enjoyed presenting them to you. --F.H.--



TREASURES OF THE PAST

by
BUTCH JONES



Four different but super additions to any collection are featured in this month's article. The first is one of several **FOUR ACES**. This is the clear flask that has a green label with red and white letters. This blended whiskey is 90 proof. This whiskey was blended and bottled for Four Aces Liquor Corporation, Boston, Mass.

The second bottle is **OLD GRAND-DAD WHISKEY** and it's 100 proof. This one was bottle in 1917.

The third miniature is **CHICKEN COCK**. The clear round bottle was used by several different companies. As you can see, the label has a multi-colored rooster in the center. This blended whiskey is 90 proof.

The last mini is **HIRAM WALKER'S EPICURE AMERICAN BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY** (the only scotch in this article). The scotch is 86 proof and the bottle is a brown embossed flask.

Hope you enjoyed these great old whiskies. 'Til next time, Butch.

FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present to you some Japanese Whisky miniatures which were issued in the first half of 1998.

The first is **SUNTORY NEW SHIRO-KAKU**. **SUNTORY SHIRO** (white)-**KAKU** (square) means a square bottle with white label in contrast to **SUNTORY KAKU** with yellow label. **NEW HIRO-KAKU**

was an up grade in quality and has a different white cap from **SHIRO KAKU** (golden cap). On the label were added four Japanese letters which means "clear and dry".

KIRIN-SEAGRAM ROBERT BROWN SPECIAL BLEND is a new 40% version from Robert Brown. The label is a bit smaller



with a bar code and has a black cap.

SUNTORY OLD, as you know, is very familiar to us and is one of the representative whiskies of Japan. The NEW OLD is 40% version from OLD and the quality was also changed to a more mild and smooth whiskey as you can see on the label. Usually when the new version is launched, the production of the old version is stopped (eg. NEW SHIRO KAKU and ROBERT BROWN, etc., etc.); however, there are still available the OLD and the NEW.

The next miniatures are two Pure Malt Whisky miniatures from

Suntory. ZEN is a new brand and means a small dining table. The bottle is an opposite trapezoidal fancy type. It is 8.5cm tall in clear glass and contains 50ml at 40% alcohol. HAKUSHU 10 year old (from Hakushu Distillery) has a light green label on green glass and is 40% alcohol, the same as YAMAZAKI 10 year old.

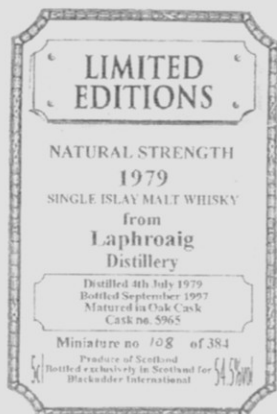
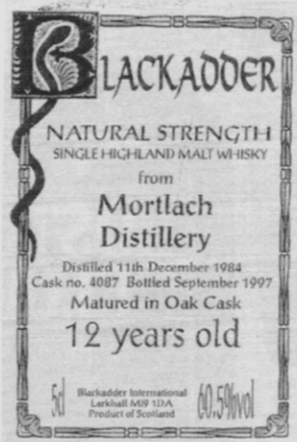
The last, KIRIN-SEAGRAM BOSTON CLUB, was not released on 1998. This pet bottle was available about two years ago hanging on the big bottle as a tasting sample.

Until next time.....

--T.S.--



BLACKADDER INTERNATIONAL



(Ed. Note: Blackadder International was kind enough to send us the labels shown and to provide a bit of information too. For those who would like to go on-line to send a message or ask a question, the e-mail address is enquiries@blackadder.com. Currently there are a good number of whiskies available under several different labels.)

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The above will explain a great deal to collectors who have wondered why some of their bottles' contents look a bit murky. As of this past June, sixteen different miniatures were available.

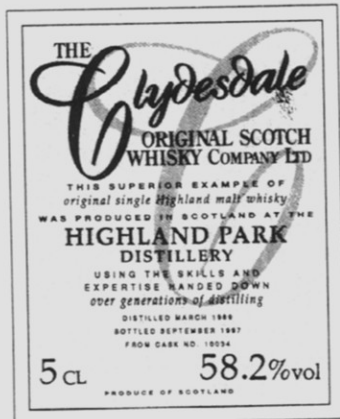


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BOTTLES Part III

by Tony Natelli



George Morton, Ltd. Produced at least three watch bottles, circa the 1960's, including **MORTON'S BLENDED SCOTCH**, **MORTON'S SPECIAL RESERVE SCOTCH** and **O.V.D. RUM**. Some collectors are lucky enough to own these!

TULLAMORE DEW (Irish Whiskey) put out at least four different and all are top notch minis, especially the first two, both corkers (pictured). An 8 year old (pictured) and a 10 year old (not shown) are somewhat newer but not often seen.

The **CASTLE GRAND J.J. DUBLIN WHISKEY** is a real

knockout and this one may be the only known version. Our final bottle is a **MINE HOST FAMILY SHERRY** with a magnificent multicolored label put out by J. G. Thomson some 4-50 years ago. They are also responsible for the **R.A. SCOTCH** mentioned in our second watch column. A **MIMOSA SHERRY** has also been seen as a watch mini.

Some other watch bottles to look for are A. Dupont, Renault, and Otard. All contain cognac and are next to impossible to obtain.

--T.N.--



MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



In this article I would like to feature three pre-pro Ryes, plus we'll look at four bottles from the more recent past. I have managed to pick up a few pre-pros this year and bottles four and five came from the 1998 St. Louis Mini show.

Anyway, we lead off with **ELKHURST PURE RYE WHISKEY** Distilled by Neal, Hoffman & Co. Covington, Kentucky. It dates from the turn of the century.

Bottle two is **HERMITAGE PURE RYE WHISKEY** Distilled by Hermitage Distillery, Franklin Co., Ky. It was BIB 1892-1899. This company also produced Old Crow Brand and both reemerged in the 1930's as part of National Distillers, Inc. I featured a variation of this brand which was BIB 1906-1914 in MBC #72.

The last pre-pro is **SOLO RYE** Blended by Straus Bros. of Chicago. It is "Best on the Bars" and is post-

1906.

The **KENTUCKY RIVER STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY** was distilled by Kentucky River Distilling Co., Nicholasville, Ky. It is 86 proof, four years old and is one of the popular square bottles from the 1950's and '60's.

The next bottle is a real sleeper and was totally unknown to me. It is **MARYLAND GENTLEMAN STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY** Bottled by Montebello (Pride of Baltimore) Liquors Inc. of Baltimore. It is 80 proof, 6 years old and from 1960.

Bottle six is **FOUR SCORE KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY** Bottled at 86 proof, circa 1960 by County Line Distillers, Bardstown, Ky. The last of these is **YANKEE STRAIGHT RYE WHISKEY** Bottled at 100 proof, circa 1950 by Connecticut Corp., Concord, Connecticut.

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by Holm Hars



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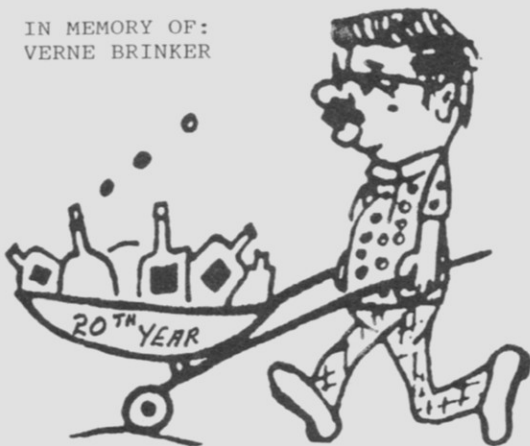
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