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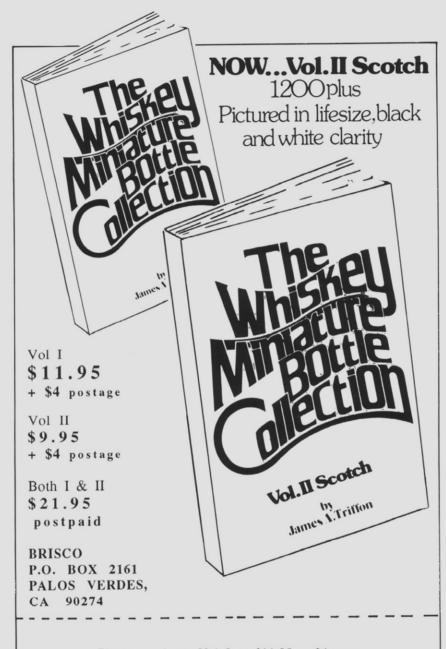
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This is surely a piece I didn't think I'd ever have to write on December 1, Tony Dobyns passed away very unexpectedly. For those who have been to St. Louis shows, Tony the the guiding light there. Active in the hobby for many, many years, Tony and his wife Marion would open their home to all collectors for the two days prior to each show. No matter where a show was located though. Tony would there...always looking to add to his marvelous collection. Our heartfelt condolences to Marion and her family.

On a happier note, the web site for the magazine has again changed. The password business got a bit too difficult for all of you, so that's been removed and a number of other changes have been put into effect. Go to bottlecollecting.com and you'll see!

And speaking of the internet, here are a number of sites you'll enjoy:

www.jackdaniels.com www.southerncomfort.com www.earlytimes.com www.canadianmist.com

Finally, this issue completes twenty-five full years of the magazine. We have some changes in mind you'll see next year. We'd like to begin featuring more collectors again, so let us hear from you.

Have a wonderful holiday season and don't forget to think small.

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### **Our Cover**

The cover this time features a recent porcelain bottle available only in Scotland. It's a true miniature as the large version of this piece has been around for at least five years. It's the Spirit of Robyn Hoode and naturally contains (malt) scotch whisky. Shown is the white version but it also comes in two other colors. Cleverly this one saves space in your collection as you can hang it on the wall!

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# WHAT'S NEW



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The one you won't find in the U.S. is a new one from Japan and it's a true mini in that it's the exact replica of the large bottle. This is the one with the label all in Japanese, so it's pretty easy to spot. It's a shochu which is a white spirit particular to Japan. (Think vodka and you won't be too far off.)

Let's get the plastic ones out of the way first. Lemon Bay is a new





Virgin Island citrus based rum in about as plain a label as you could find. It's companion is one of the Hiram Walker Sourballs, Peach. There are other sourballs in case you want to seek them out. Cute label though.

The new bourbon, Fighting Cock, was introduced back in September and has a wonderful label. It should be available almost anywhere by now. Of course the last of the plastics has to be my favorite. It wins hands down for the liquor which has something for everyone. It's Hot Sex and the liqueur is a chocolate ginger vodka cream. Now

consider, did they miss any category? I wanted to buy two just to taste one but could only find one. So this subtle taste delight still eludes me.

Now, say you haven't heard from Marie Brizard for some time? Well, wonder no more. Here are the newest thrilling combinations to set your mind agog and your stomach rolling. Just think...Kiwi Strawberry, Pineapple Coconut, Banana Strawberry and Orange Banana. Wow, if they did a special mix you could have an Orange Banana Kiwi Strawberry. Sets my teeth on edge just thinking about



We'll jump now from the ridiculous to the (sort of) sublime. The Citraz is an excellent glass bottle which should be in the collection of everyone who likes good glass work. Likewise the Rio de Plata Agave Tequila complete with wooden stopper. This is another in the recent series of very well conceived and executed tequila bottles.

Finally we have two excellent scotches which came to us from well known collector Dick Cotton. It seems that both are sold only in Dick's area in Massachusetts. Note that the King's Crest is a 25 year old; however, the Chivas is a special offering from Chivas Regal. Now just what does that name mean?







# **FAUCHON**



The name above should be quite familiar to European and Asian collectors, but less so for American ones. This, despite the fact that a good many glass bottles will be found in collections here which sport the Fauchon label. Scotch and Port are just two which are regularly seen.

This set of five ceramic jugs (flagons) with attached stoppers was found in an old collection by French collector, Jacques Rollet. The age isn't known but it would not be surprising if they were from the 1930's...or at the latest, the 1950's.

The Grande Fine Champagne is of course the cognac. The others in the set are Mirabelle (plum...a cousin to slivovitz), Eau de Vie de

Poire Pure (Williams Pear liqueur), Kirsch (cherry) and Framboise (raspberry).

Fauchon is a store which celebrates all the best that any gourmet, gourmand, or "just plain Joe" would want to partake. In London it's the Food Halls of Harrods, but in Paris, it's Fauchon.

For those who enjoy the little anecdotes of bottle collecting, chew on this. In 1976 Fauchon had a large red barrel situated next to the opening of the room in which the majority of the liquor is kept. In this barrel were box after box of the Remy Martin Louis XIII miniatures. The price at that time was the equivalent of U.S. \$36.00! How times change.



# from ISRAEL



From time to time a bottle from Israel is found in a collection or gets pictured in a publication. This time however we're featuring fifteen different bottles, including two which do not have any writing using our alphabet. Let's begin with those.

The short, squat bottle contains a clear liquid and from the picture on the label it would appear that we have a plum liqueur or what would be slivovitz in eastern

Europe. The other bottle has a wonderful wrap around label which pictures grapes in various wine making procedures so we could easily guess this is a wine.

The remaining bottles are all from the Eliaz Distilleries. There are a number of wines, spirits, and liqueurs. There is even a vodka but unfortunately this one has eluded us.

The bottles which are shown here are the following: Cherry



Hadar (the most well known of the group), Slivovitz, Golden Crown Brandy, 1818 V.S.O.P. Brandy, Pear Liqueur, Williams Dry Gin, Toda Wine, Maagal Wine, Vermouth Bianco, Poria Wine, Caesarea Desert Wine, and two unknown types...Tuica and Binyamina.

If anyone can give us more information about any of the bottles or the Eliaz company, it would be appreciated.



### ELIAZ, contd.





# **CERTOSA**



Boy do I wish someone would do an index of the articles for the last twenty-five years. It will only be 150 issues with approximately ten articles per issue.

Reason I say this is that somewhere along about twenty years ago it seems like we pictured this great Italian bottle for you. When he appeared back then, lots of collectors called him the "gingerbread man". I guess that was in deference to the costume, or I should say uniform. This is an Italian policeman or carabinieri (if my spelling is accurate). He is one of many, many products done in this suburb of Firenze (Florence). From vases, urns, jugs to little monks, various Certosa bottles will be found in most collections which have more than a smattering of ceramics.

# IRISH WHISKEY



Earlier this year a trip to Ireland was planned. It would be the first visit and visions of interesting bottles danced in my head. Alas, they would remain visions.

There may be more difficult places to find bottles than Ireland, but not too many come quickly to mind. Possibly Canada is not the easiest place and many of the U.S. control states surely are difficult, but Dublin and its environs yielded almost nothing. I was sent to one shop where I was told there was a huge selection., They had

twelve different brands on a shelf which resembled an airline drinks cart. What else was found is shown here.

To begin I'm somewhat cheating. The larger bottle is just that...a 200 ml size named Grace. It is sold only at the Jameson Distillery in Dublin. However, it is one of the most interesting and nicely done whiskies around; in short, because it doesn't look anything like a whiskey.

The John Power, Jameson and Paddy are sold as a set. They do have one unique quality and that is they have 71 ml in contents and the 50 ml versions are exported. So each miniature is really two drinks.

In the other picture we have the Jameson 1780 which is also made for export, the 71 ml Huzzar Vodka, and a marvelous Irish rum named Sea Dog. My guess is that it's somewhat old as only one bottle was seen, but it was worth having...as are all of these.





# WHISK(E)Y





Usually these bottles would be shown in the What's New column; however, they are interesting enough to warrant their own little article.

The first is Hennessy's Pure Malt Irish Whiskey, Na-Geanna. Yes, that's correct...an Irish Whiskey made by the French Cognac Company Hennessy. It is made (as far as is known) only for Japan. This sample bottle is 3 cl and is not currently being sold.

Next is the new Seagram's VO Gold. This is naturally a Canadian Whisky and a new high end product from Seagram's. It is available in a few (very few) selected areas in the U.S.

The Macallan 1990 is a new item from Gordon & Macphail of Elgin, Scotland. But get out your magnifying glass and you'll note that the word after scotch is spelled with an "e". Now we make errors here, so isn't it delightful to





know that others can make errors also. The label has already been corrected and is now being sold without it's "e".

Finally we have The Glenlivet 18 year old. The large size has been available for some time in the U.S. and is now in other world markets. This miniature version is another sample which currently is not being sold.

# FRORR

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI







This time I would like to present to you some Scotch Whisky miniatures which appeared in Japan during the first half of 1998.

The first are three BURBERRYS: 15yo Speyside Single Malt, 12yo and Premium Blended Whiskey miniatures. They were sold, along with a London Dry Gin, as a set of four miniatures in a presentation box as a St. Valentine's Day gift for 1998. The 15yo has the same label as was available in a part of Europe. The 12yo has a new label

which are golden letters and trademark in a blue circle with a golden frame. Premium is the new one, at least in Japan. They all contain 5cl at 40% alcohol in a clear glass 9.5cm tall.

The JOHNNIE WALKER RED LABEL was issued with new Japanese labels as you can see. The traditional color and bottle-type do not change. It is 40% and 50ml.

At the same time, T H E GLENFIDDICH Single Malt





appeared also with a new label. There is "Special Reserve" on the label as you can see and "Made Without Compromise" on the upper ribbon of the label. It contains 5cl at 43% alcohol.

The last one is WHITE HORSE 12yo. It was launched in place of the 8yo which was available until now. The off-white label has a reddish-brown frame and letters. It is a clear glass, 10.5cm tall and contains 50ml at 40% alcohol.

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



# **KORD**

by Scott Reinhart



As I have stated in previous articles, I like to collect sets, particularly boxed sets. This set comes in a very nice cardboard box with a wood grain print on the front. The set was found in what was then Czechoslovakia in 1986. At that time it sold for the equivalent of two U.S. dollars.

So that you don't have to look too hard, the set contains the following glass bottles:

Zubrovka (vodka?) Strawberry Trium\*phator Apricot Gin

It's a nice set. Don't you agree?

--S.R.--



I know you've all heard those stories about the healthy farm girls. Well, here's one of the healthiest ones. Doesn't seem to matter how large the load, she can handle it. Of course this one is a bit heavier than most and has kneeling to support the weight. Naturally this is "milk" she's carrying...don't you think?

This is a most unusual S & V piece. The crown is well incised on

the bottom which is nothing new; however, this is a multicolored bisque bottle. Maybe it just missed it's final firing. I've seen one pair of Grizzly Bear Dancers that is bisque and I would swear someone just forgot to put them back in the kiln one more time.

So we'll let our healthy girl be on her way and make the delivery. Wonder who the lucky recipient is?

--L.M.--

# **MELO'S MINIS**

by MIKE OLSON



Let me tell you a little story. I had been searching for a Jessie Moore in the swirl bottle for a number of years. This bottle would probably complete a couple of sets in my collection. I finally located one and at a reasonable price. And then I was asked, "Do you want a real nice Joe Lewis for the same money?" Sure, why not...it's a good trader.

Well, you can imagine my delight when the JOE LEWIS KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY turned out to be the flat variation. It is 86 proof, four years old and was Distilled and Bottled in Kentucky circa 1950.

The pair of JESSIE MOORES were Blended and Bottled by United Distillers (of America) Ltd. Baltimore, MD. Both are 90 proof,

four or more years old, have labels printed in orange, red and black and date from the late 1930's. I have a round Jessie Moore with a completely different label.

We finish with two nice California bottles. The SQUARE RIGGER STRAIGHT WHISKEY was Bottled for Sontag Chain Stores Co. Los Angeles - San Francisco. It is 100 proof, has a tan label printed in black and yellow and has a Nov. 8 1935 tax stamp. The last bottle is L & M WHISKEY A BLEND from L & M Wine & Liquor Dist. Co. San Francisco. It is 90 proof and has a gold label printed in red and black.

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# **SMIRNOFF**



Every once in a while it's sort of fun to have people gasp and say, "hey, where did those come from?" Well, this group of three surely fits that bill.

This is a set of three Smirnoff minis which does indeed exist. However, where they may be found is another matter. Actually we were sworn to secrecy. (It's like a sci-fi movie only it's "watch the shelves" instead of "watch the

skies".)

Anyway, these are the Black 'N' Blue Russian Berry, the Bloody Smirnoff Spiced Pepper, and the Creamed Smirnoff Spiced Vanilla. Each bottle has been assigned a number so who knows how many different vodka drinks Smirnoff has done.

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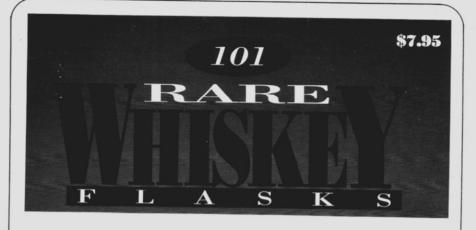
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