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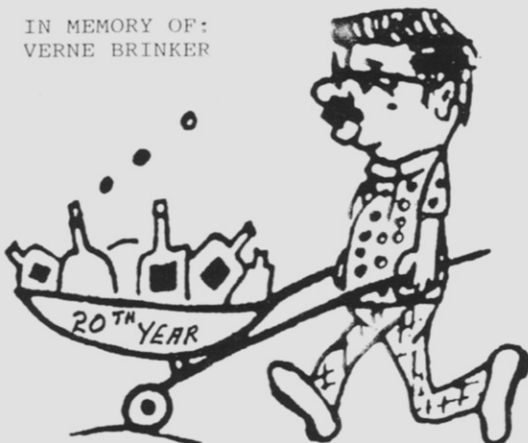
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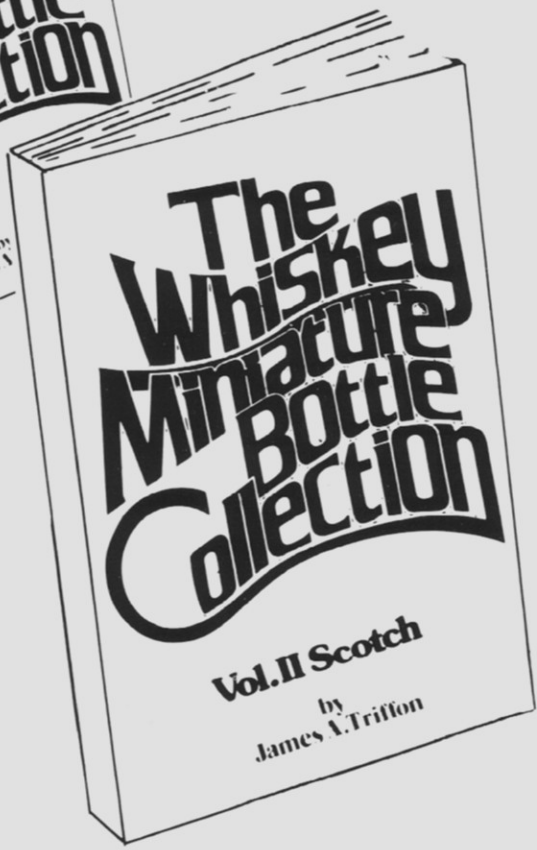
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Let's Talk

Well, here I go...waxing (maybe not so eloquently) on and on about the internet again. Several people recently have mentioned to me that they aren't in a position to travel and don't want to impose on friends. So, where do they find new bottles?

And the answer is...You know. Forget the idea of just corresponding with others, try e-Bay. Yes, www.eBay.com will open a whole new world to you. Big bottles, little bottles, old, new, etc., etc. Someone somewhere is putting bottles up for auction which you can bid on. It's safe, it's secure and in a couple of years has made its founders into gazillionaires.

Okay, so you're not on the computer; you aren't wired. Well, how about getting in contact with an antique bottle club in your area? They can tell you when and where the shows are. If you think you'll only find old bottles which came from under someone's outhouse, you're wrong. Lots of older minis make appearances at this show. In fact, next year the old bottle association will hold its mammoth show in Denver in the summer. They will have over 800 sales table. Yes, 800...think there might be something there that you'd like?

Finally, speaking of shows. The St. Louis show is on the horizon and collectors are expected from all over the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia. If you can't find it there, it's not available.

— DMS —

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Our Cover

The cover this time presents a portrait of the old and the (almost) new. The old is represented by a stoneware jug of Sextant Navy Rum from Aïdes of Torquay. This one dates from thirty years ago and is seldom seen. Even less seen is our 1492 El Descubrimiento Rum from Venezuela. This gorgeous vase is a true mini in that a larger one also exists. It was produced in 1992 to honor the 500th Anniversary of Columbus arrival in the new world.

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A quick look this time to finish up what was begun in the last issue. Pictured are four more ceramics found in Hong Kong. All contain Rice Wine from the Sam Seng Wine Company of Hong Kong.

The round "blobby" one is all brown with the calligraphy and "China" embossed in the ceramic. The other three are much more colorful and present decal drawings of (l to r) Guangzhou (aka Canton), Beijing (although the bottle has it as Peijing), and Macau. These are good souvenirs and even better additions to our collections.

WHAT'S NEW



Last time I mentioned that in digging around while on a business trip, a good many bottles appeared. So this time you get to see all fourteen of them. The only sad part of it is that only one of them is glass!

The Minneapolis area yielded the most bottles, some of which have quite delightful labels. First we have the set of four Phillips Liqueurs: Peach Schnapps, Peppermint Schnapps, Blackberry Flavored

Brandy, and Root Beer Schnapps. For those of you who don't know, the people in the area which includes Minnesota and Wisconsin consume more brandy and schnapps than anywhere else in the entire world!

Coming up are my two favorites: Sour Puss Sour Apple and Sour Raspberry. Even though they're plastic, that cat on the label was a must have for me. Continuing in the same vein, we have Mothers Sour



Apple Schnapps. The label on this one is almost psychedelic so it seems a shame that Mothers didn't have any more brands available.

For you vodka collectors, Karkov is surely a new one and it won't appear outside the MN area. Label certainly has a familiar air about it, doesn't it! Finally we have the last two treasures from the land of cold. These are the two McAdams Canadian bottles. The short plastic one is bottled by the David Sherman



Corp of St. Louis (as was Karkov) while the taller excellent glass piece was bottled in Canada. Now which one would you prefer to have in your collection?

From Minnesota I traveled to Knoxville to visit with my son Scott (he's the one who put together our excellent web site in case you didn't know) and his family. While there, I naturally had to traipse around from store to store. Not as many surprises as in MN, but still four interesting ones.

Pepe Lopez Tequila surely looks as if it belongs on shelves everywhere, but this was the first I'd seen it. And then the same store yielded the



Raspberry Tvarski Vodka. (Guess what...it was bottled by David Sherman Corp. in St. Louis.)

The other vodka was the Barton Vodka which is about as generic as you can get, but it does duplicated the large bottle quite nicely. However, the favorite here is this last bottle of Golden Grain Alcohol bottled at 190 proof or 95% alc/vol. Most states no longer allow 190 proof spirits, but this one at least comes with its own warning about keeping it away from open flames. Gives one the proverbial food for thought about the old tie in between drinking and smoking. With this one you could be drinking and flaming! --DMS--



TREASURES OF THE PAST

by
BUTCH JONES



Last year I was fortunate to obtain a collection that had some super whiskies and scotches to add to my collection. Pictured here are four scotches that are not usually found unless someone is breaking up a collection.

The first two are Barrel 22 Blended Scotch Whisky by the Tower Blending Co. Ltd., London & Glasgow. As you can see, the label is white with red and black letters and a red barrel with a "22" in the middle. It is difficult to find one of these but to find a clear round and

a brown flask version was a rare opportunity.

The second pair are Black Colonel Scotch Whisky. The clear round bottle contains 43GL Scotch Whisky and was produced by the Empire Whisky Company of London and Glasgow. The label is gold, with black letters and a picture of a Scotsman in the center. The last miniature is the brown flask version of this great scotch whisky. Hope you enjoyed these rarely seen scotches.

'Til next time.

-B.J.—

B E E R

By SCOTT SPAID



I'm always on the lookout to add something new to my collection. However, when you just collect mini beers, your collection doesn't exactly grow by leaps and bounds. So it was with great glee that I waited for this group of five that my father found in Venezuela.

If you collect mini beers, some of these names won't be new to you. Brahma Chopp has been around in other versions before and I believe Solera and Polar also have come in other bottles. Zulia and Maracaibo are completely new to me though.

Anyway, my dad got these in a little souvenir shop outside of Caracas, Venezuela. He said the man seemed extremely happy to sell them...but not as happy as I am to acquire them. Polar and Maracaibo (the oil producing region of Venezuela) are both Venezuelan products, but who can give me an information on Zulia? Incidentally these are not salt & peppers but are filled bottles with caps which state the name of the beer. I'd love to hear from someone who can give me more information. —S.S.—



ALTENBURGER

by HOLM HARS



In 1997 I visited the ANUGA, the world's largest food and beverage fair in Köln (Cologne). The fair area there consists of fourteen exhibition halls, and in hall number thirteen there were innumerable stands of beer, liqueur, wine and other alcoholic beverage vendors on three levels.

One of these vendors was the firm Altenburger Destillerie & Liqueurfabrik GmbH, which offered a series of thirty-six miniature bottles entitled Altenburger Skat Liqueur Miniatures. This firm united both of the local traditions: the liqueur distillation and the manufacturing of cards for Skat, the German national card game.

All bottles of the Skat series are clear glass flask minis of 20ml capacity. They are stopped with black screwers and labeled with unique main labels designed like Skat playing cards.

1. Curacao, Tropic Liqueur 15%
2. Lakritz, Liqueur, 15%
3. Cassis, Johannisbeer Liqueur, 15%
4. Kroatzbeer, Vodka Liqueur, 18%
5. Klarer, Spirituose, 30%
6. Black Berry, Johannisbeer with Wodka, 15%
7. Pflaume, Vodka Liqueur, 18%
8. Schoko, Cream Liqueur, 15%
9. Weinbrand Excellence, 36%
10. Bessen-Generer, Johannisbeer & Generer, 18%







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| 11. Schoko-Mint, Cream Liqueur, 15% | 24. Blacky, Johannisbeer with Wodka, 18% |
| 12. Heidelbeere, Wodka Liqueur, 18% | 25. Banane, Tropic Liqueur, 15% |
| 13. Ice Mint, Pfefferminz with Wodka, 18% | 26. Citron, Wodka Liqueur, 15% |
| 14. Saurer Apfel, Wodka Liqueur, 15% | 27. Pfirsich, Liqueur, 15% |
| 15. Kiwi, Tropic Liqueur, 15% | 28. Apfel, Wodka Liqueur, 18% |
| 16. Thüringer Lufe, Pfefferminz Liqueur, 18% | 29. Erntekorn, Korn, 32% |
| 17. Amaretto, Mandel Liqueur, 18% | 30. Krönung, Spirituose, 30% |
| 18. Wodka, 37.5% | 31. Feige, Wodka Liqueur, 18% |
| 19. Cool Ice Mint, Pfefferminz with Wodka, 20% | 32. Kräuter As, Liqueur, 30% |
| 20. Kimme & Korn, Kräuter Liqueur, 30% | 33. Kleines Arschloch, Lakritz with Wodka, 15% |
| 21. Kirsch, Wodka Liqueur, 18% | 34. Kleines Arschloch, Citron with Wodka, 15% |
| 22. Vanille, Cream Liqueur, 15% | 35. Kleines Arschloch, Orange with Wodka, 15% |
| 23. Alaska Red, Blutorange with Wodka, 15% | 36. Kleines Arschloch, Blackberry with Wodka, 15% |

A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Merciful Heavens! Do you believe this lass allowing her pet to have a taste of one of our favorite elixirs! I thought at first she was just allowing her doggie to have a good sniff, but no, he's imbibing. Lucky dog.

I know the story now though. She's obviously trying to keep the tonic away from her father, her dear old Da. He brought this flask with himself when he came over to

the States. It was a proud possession.

Indeed anyone who has this flask does have an exceptional piece for the collection. Much larger than the average flask, this one measures 5 1/2 inches to the top of the shamrock covered stopper.

No matter how good a flask it is, it surely is a waste to see good whisky going to the dogs.

IRISH WHISKIES

by TONY NATELLI
and
BILL ORR



The nine miniatures discussed today have a couple of related themes. One, they're relatively modern 1950's-1980's and two, they were produced by firms which are better known to collectors for other brands.

Yates Brothers (Yates Brothers Wine Lodges) also put out scotch, gin and rum minis in this same 2 1/2 oz flask (same label, different colors). **Irish Gold** (H. Stenham) is

related to twenty plus scotch minis (King Henry VIII, Queen Mary I, etc.), a group of gins (Bobby, Hyde Park, etc.), and a vodka or two also. **Point To Point** was marketed by Lankester & Wells, another whose minis were sold through Great Britain, mainly during the 1950's and 1960's.

S. S. Pierce Bourbon and Scotch are more common than this Irish beauty. **Taplow's Green Isle**



comes in a heavily embossed bottle as do Taplow's Mountain Music, Loch Corrie and Crown Vat, all highly prized scotch minis.

Gilbey's Crock of Gold, Erin's Isle, Three Stills and Dunphy's close us out. W. A. Gilbey's Spey Royal Scotch has been world famous for over sixty years. Erin's Isle Distiller is a subsidiary of Charles MacKinlay/ McPherson whose V.O.B., Cluny and Dandie

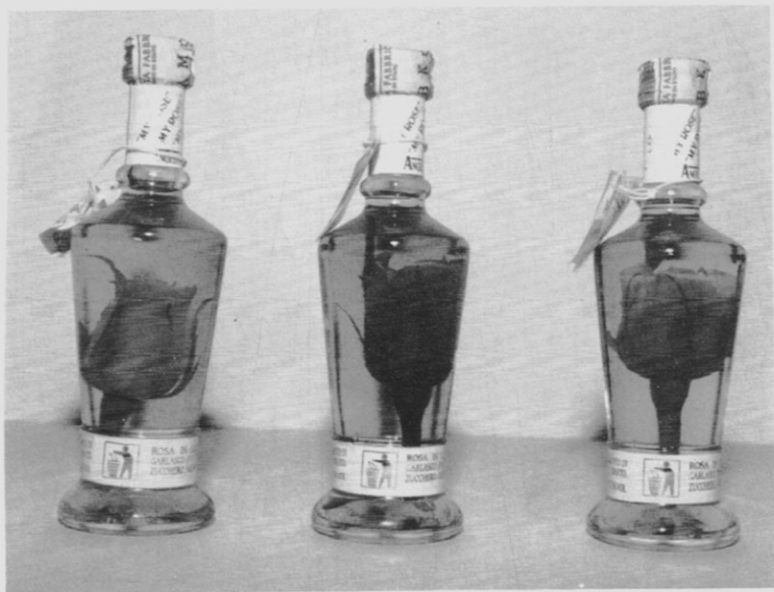


Dinmont scotches are also world famous for six decades. D. E. Williams' (Three Stills) major brand is Tullamore Dew. And, of course, American Distilling's (Dunphy's) Bourbon Supreme is a staple of American Whiskey collectors. The S. S. Pierce, Gilbey's and Dunphy's were sold here in the U.S. while the

ROSE IN A MINI

By

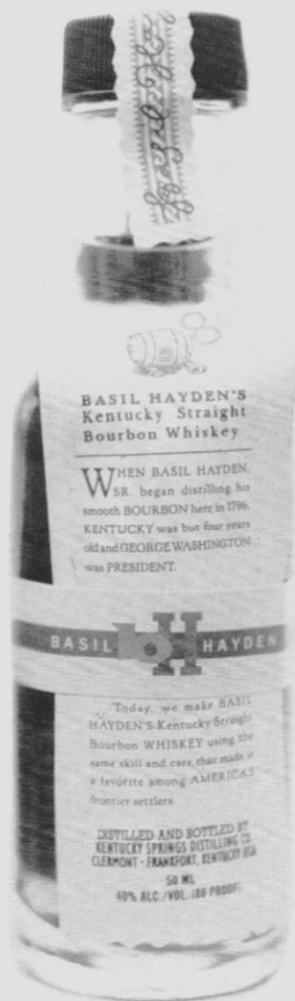
DERMAN VILLEGAS



Here are three Christian Di Marco minis, each with a rose inside. Characteristic of the elegant D'Marco style, each rose flows within a colorful liqueur. Shown are yellow, pink and green.

More exotic beauties will be forthcoming as we take a look at a Mediterranea set in the next issue. It and these are really quite something. —D.V.—

BEAM



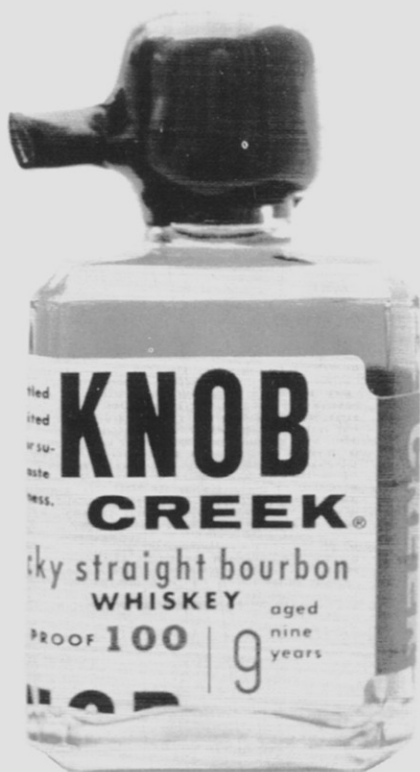
Several years ago the Jim Beam Company of Clermont, Kentucky issued an excellent set of four quite special bourbons. Collectors in the U.S. and everywhere else for that matter clamored to add the group to their collection. Then in late 1998 the set was reissued with some changes.

Each of the bottles was given a new label. Basil Hayden's with a minor change while Baker's is a



major change. In addition to the Baker's the most interesting change though is the Knob Creek. This is now a true miniature of the larger bottle. Finally the packaging of the set is also quite different as it now comes in a black cardboard case unlike the two previous packagings of the first set.

This is one to watch for because right now it's fairly elusive!



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produced by a local ceramic company and weren't quite the quality of those made in Holland.

Now for the past couple of years, they have been filling three delft polychrome house bottles. Anyone who collects the KLM delft houses will surely want to add these to their collection as they are highly colorful and they also represent actual houses found on the island. From the two pictures you can see the houses themselves and then what they represent. From left to right, they are Casa Palermo, Handelskade, and Grand Bazaar. The bottles were made by Royal Goedewaagen in Holland.



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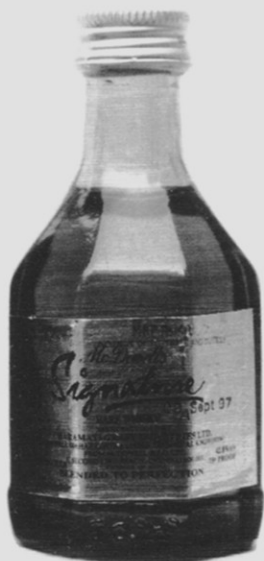
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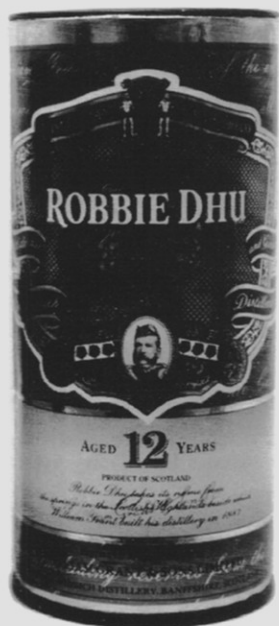


It's that time of year for odds and ends, not exactly the orts of 1998 but definitely some interesting bottles.

I confess that this first bottle isn't actually a scotch. Even though it's made with Scottish Product we still have to call it an Indian Whisky. This is Signature, the small green glass bottle. It's the only one I've yet seen which isn't plastic so that's reason enough to show it.

There are a good many of these Indian Whiskies and all I've seen are produced by Baramati Grape Industries. This particular one tells





you that it was produced on 9 Sept. 97, is "inclusive of all taxes and duties", is 60ml at 75 proof and sold only in the State of Maharashtra.

Pictured with it is an old Queen's Castle flask. Usually Queen's Castle is only seen in a series of ceramic barrels, so this one is quite different. I believe it comes from the 1950's and I can't tell you one more thing about it!

About three years ago I received a set of four bottles from Glenfiddich which included the Robbie Dhu. And that was the only way you



could get it. Now the bottle has made its appearance in Europe in this excellent tube. Both the bottle and the label are extremely well done. It deserves to be up there front row center.

Next we have three new ones from that most prolific of producers, The Whisky Connoisseur. The Fair Weather Dram is clever and colourful but I'm partial to those two single cask strength pieces, the 18 year old Auchenlone and the Cromdale 1980. Both are bottled at 60.6% vol which makes them 121.2 proof. I'd call those the bad weather

drams!

Finally we have a group which have only one thing in common, they're all scotch. Whyte and Mackay is a new bottle with a bit of a different label. Loch Fyne is a nice blend while the Edinburgh Festival presents its yearly bottle (always containing a nice 12 year old Springbank). The last piece is the most difficult to obtain. This is a single malt bottling for Rawl Fixings and I believe these were given away to customers and not sold. Always makes it more fun to track down, doesn't it! --DLM--



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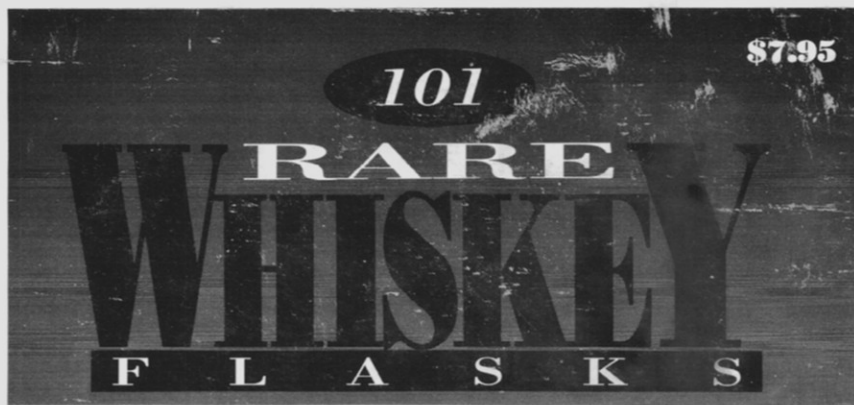
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