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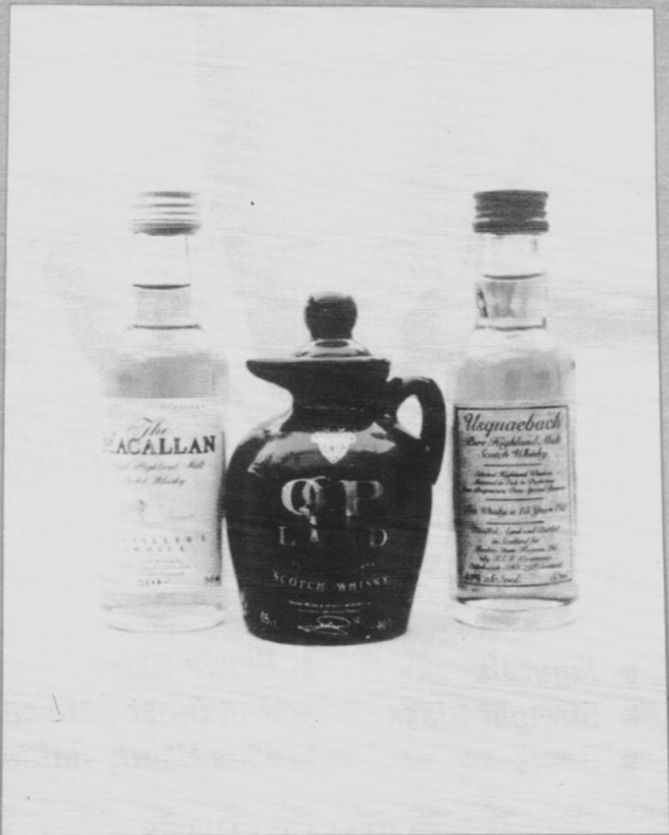
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Let's Talk

The main topic of conversation this time must, of course, be...bottle shows. Right now we're in between. The Midwest Club held their always excellent show the end of April in St. Louis. There was a lot of fast and furious buying and selling and possibly even a bit of swapping. A great time was had by all and they're already working on show #21 for next year.

The other show naturally is the West Coast Show sponsored by the Lilliputian Bottle Club. As you can see from the ad this time, this will be on Saturday, October 23rd in Anaheim, CA. There is already a lot of enthusiasm especially since there was no west coast show last year. So from Baja to Vancouver, mark that date and come to Anaheim. Of course, you'll be welcome no matter where you're from!

My other topic has to be, of course, the internet. Not only are more and more people putting their collections on to show us what they have, but scores are using the e-Bay auction to buy and sell a great many bottles. Some are going high, some fairly low.

My favorites are those collectors who sell a large group of bottles as one of the ones in the group is often a real winner. You may have to buy the whole group, but it's usually worth it.

Just remember that old "caveat emptor". Some people who have purchased ceramics have found that the bottle's condition may be slightly altered from reality. There are still good many pigs in pokes!

See you later this summer.

— DMS —

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Our Cover

Whiskey collectors rejoice...or even whisky collectors rejoice. Our friends in Canada have spelled it both ways (and in French, too); but, they can spell it any way they choose as long as they produce such excellent bottles. This is a group of three sample bottles issued by Gooderham & Worts (remember G & W?) and Corby. They are glass, not plastic and (when available) should sell like wildfire.

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WHAT'S NEW



There certainly is a great deal that's new out there if you start going from store to store...or area to area. Everything shown here was purchased in the U.S. and most of them in California. We'll begin with those found elsewhere.

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Crawford of Cincinnati, you're looking at two new bourbons. The **bulleit** is a Seagram product which is promoted as "The Whiskey of the Frontier." Hmm, the only connotation there would be of that old "Red Eye" that

cowboys would drink in the saloon. Wonder if that's the image they're shooting for?

Rock Hill Farms is a Single Barrel Bourbon which wins the prize for best new label. It's not an exact replica of the larger bottle, but it will surely do. This is a prestige whiskey so expect to pay accordingly.

Next we have **Bad Apfel** an apple schnapps imported from Germany. The label pictures a locomotive emerging from a tunnel wonder what that has to do with anything. Vic



Visalli found this one in New York.

The "nameless" bottle is Blavod, the black vodka from England. Since red photographs as black, it's a bit difficult to show you a label with red printing on a black background. This one is quite different in that it's available in both glass and plastic and may be found in Florida, New York, California and probably other areas.

The two tall champagne-like looking bottles are actually Italian Grappas from the **Andrea da Ponte** company. Didn't have to buy extras of



these as grappa is something that stays untouched in this household. Interesting bottles though.

Another quite tall bottle is the **Daron Calvados** from France. Very nice presentation and easily mistaken for a cognac at first glance. This is quite an elegant piece.

Now we have two great bottles that are most difficult to read. Both of these are Mexican Tequilas. From the left they are **Cabo Wabo** and **Casta**. The former is in the same bottle as **Rio del Plato** while the latter is a marvelous hand blown bottle with the

wood-topped cork stopper. Don't know if they are anywhere but California and Nevada, but they're definitely worth looking for.

I've saved the plastics for last. The **Ancient Age** is simply a new label variation but the **Canadian Club** 100 Proof is one of four new C.C.'s recently issued and even though they are plastic, they make very nice additions to the Whiskey section of your collection.

That's it for this time. Next time the new (and gorgeous) Citadelle Gin and many others. --DMS--



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“ORANGEY”

by Bert Thomson



As a specialist collector of all things Glenmorangie, I thought you would like to see a few of my minis from this famous distillery.

The first is the earliest known mini of Glen Morangie with the now company trademark Sir Walter Scott holding up a large boulder with a quotation by Tennyson. “My strength is as the strength of ten, because my malt is pure”. The exact age of this mini is uncertain but I would guess at around 1920 as I got it with another mini that can be dated to that era. This is the only known mini of its type

and the distillery owners would love to get their hands on it as even they don't have one.

In March 1998 I was invited up to the distillery by the then distillery manager, Dr. Bill Lumsden, to see the Distillery Manager's Choice being bottled on site (a first ever for Glenmorangie) as all Glenmorangie's are normally bottled at their bottling plant. At the end of my visit, I was presented with this miniature (the only one bottled as they only released 70cl bottles onto the market of this limited edition).



The third bottle comes from 1993 which was the 150th Anniversary of both Glenmorangie and the electronics company Siemens. This mini was produced for Siemens employees and not sold in outlets, although it now appears regularly in mini bottle auctions.

Next is a PET from 1995 which had two labels. It had the standard "orange" coloured label but with a perforated edge. On opening the perforation a black and white label was revealed underneath the top label. Later versions had only the

standard "orange" coloured label.

The last bottle was available at Christmas 1998. This is one of the very few "private label" Glenmorangie's. Bottled for my home team, Motherwell F.C., it has the standard 10 year cap to guarantee its authenticity. If anyone has anything unusual in any items of Glenmorangie, please drop me a line at: 2 Cullen Road, Motherwell ML1 3YL Scotland, tel/fax 01698-253061.

--B.T.--

FRANCESCANO



There are times when those of you who can go on line are indeed lucky. You will be able to see these bottles in color. The rest of you can still appreciate the workmanship on the glass, the packaging and the labels.

These bottles were first shown in the Italian Club's publication last year. Getting bottles from Italy though often is not too easy. This set come from Canada as it was imported a few months ago and for sale in Ontario. Thanks to collector Brian de Athe, this

set now resides on my shelves.

Produced by the Francescano Liquor Co. in Italy, the set was made to commemorate the year 2000 Jubilee or Giubileo. Next year is also special in Italy as it is another Holy Year.

The one bottle is shown twice so that its packaging could also be seen. Each bottle contains Grappa di Chardonnay and the magnificent pieces of glass are colored green, red, and yellow. They will look superb in any collection!



VODKA



Our thanks to Mit ri Manneh for these new and most interesting vodkas from Jordan. If you're a vodka collector, these would be a must. One of these days he'll do an entire article on collecting in Jordan. Right now the new twins in the family keep him rather busy!

CZECH FLAGONS

By JAROSLAV KUBA

Last year I informed you about the successful series of flagons or jugs of Czech ceramic mini bottles. Now I am pleased to announce that the especially popular Irish Set has a successor as a new Irish Set has appeared this year.

This new set consists of four decanters, also in beige, which contain four different types of Irish Whiskey: Avoca, Millars, Kilbeggan, and Tyrconnell Single Malt. The colored labels show the symbol of each whiskey on the front of each jug and the supplementary information in the second label on the backs of the bottles. As usual the minis contain 50ml of each whiskey

Finally, those those who are more interested in the Czech ceramic mini bottles, I would like to draw your attention to the Czech Ceramic Mini Bottle Home Page at <http://www.sh.cvut.cz/~jk/mini/> where you can find not only information but also many pictures.

--J.K.--



A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Wow, I surely have never run into this character before in Boozeville. Being a good medical man though he's probably been working diligently in his office. This is **DOCTOR PILL** and I must state that he's got to be one of the most note-worthy of all the characters here in town.

You can't tell, but he's surely a colorful individual. His red and white striped hat, black coat with red

buttons and his creamy shirt all point up just how well turned out he is.

This Doctor Pill comes from the "Boozeville" collection of Dr. Adrian Carr of Florida. I know we all thank him for sharing with us and we all envy him this wonderful character.

I'm just going to have start looking about Boozeville to see if there's anyone of the quality of Dr. Pill!

--L.M.--

CAN IT!



All right, so they're not bottles...they're still minis! There have been a great many miniature cans of sodas, but now they have ventured into "alcohol land" with the new beers. (The Coca-Cola cans are here because everyone says how cute they are).

Let's start with the coke set. This was sold only in France and the different cans depict women's WWII

uniforms. Note the little "toujours" under Coca-Cola.

The Budweiser sets are known as the Variety Pack (six different brands) and the Historical Set. The latter actually contains seven cans all of which tell the Budweiser story. This set is a limited edition and comes with a numbered certificate. Remember...they're stackable and don't take up much room.

SCOTCH

David Maund



I'm back with quite a few new bottles for you. Oddly enough, I had to reach out to both the continent and the U. S. for some of these; however, that will all be explained in good time.

One I'm not showing you is one which proved to be ridiculously difficult to obtain and then one which proved to be even more ridiculously difficult to photograph. I'm speaking of the Johnnie Walker Green. Yes, it does exist. Looks similar to the red, black, gold and blue. Same bottle, same style of label, BUT only sold in very limited quantities last year in France!



Since I'm already talking about a bottle from Europe, I'll go north to The Netherlands where you had to be to find this version of The Macallan and the little 20ml Glen Talloch. The Macallan continues to be one of the most collected single malts...but this version may never have seen The Macallan bottling plant. It's quite reminiscent of many other "interesting" bottles which have appeared in Holland from time to time.

Glen Talloch was issued last year and then this year a larger 40ml version was issued. The latter comes

in a very nice tube and they make a most attractive pair.

Moving now to the two bottles which were sent to me from the States. These are the two flask varieties of John Barr. Previously, about a generation ago, John Barr was available in the UK in a rectangular bottle much like Johnnie Walker. The darker label contains the premium whisky.

Our next group comes from our old friends at The Whisky Connoisseur in Scotland. These are the Balcarron 1979 (very nice label), the Kintyre (a vatted malt), and the 1973 Cask Strength Teaninich (almost strong

SCOTCH



enough to degrade the enamel on your teeth). These were issued some months back.

The last three are Norbord Sterling, The Scottish Referendum, and Auld Arran. The first pictures a Highland pastoral scene, the second refers to the vote cast in September 1997 (and it was historic) while the last shows ostensibly a scene from Arran. The Isle of Arran is currently most known for the Lochranza whiskies but more will be forthcoming in the next couple of years.

That's all for now. See you in the summer.

—D.L.M.—

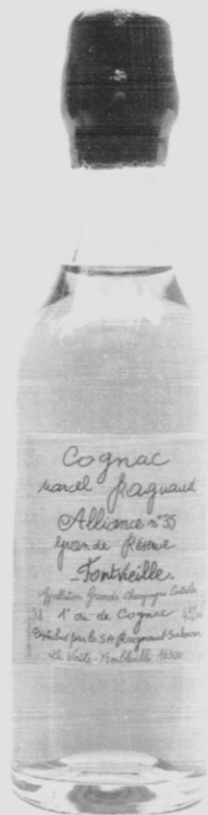
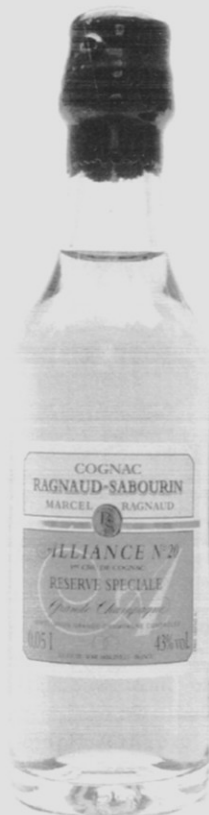
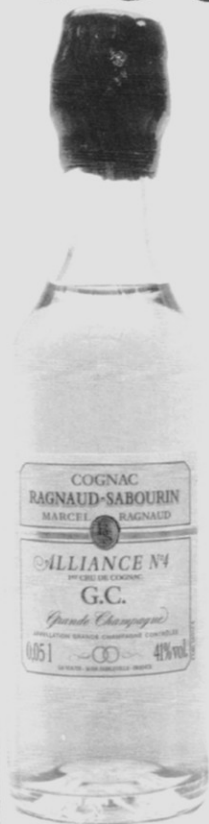
CREAMS



It's been awhile, but the creams are back. Considering that Bailey's Irish Cream is one of the most successful liqueurs ever produced, we are bound to have new cream liqueurs introduced every few months.

Once again we go globe hopping...Barbados, Ireland, Europe and U.S./Japan. The labels which go with these countries are respectively Crisma, McCormick, Greizer, and DeKuyper. The Strawberry Cream by DeKuyper is a U.S. product which is sold in Japan. No great shakes here, but that McCormick is a very nice

COGNACS



It's been some time since we've looked at these favorite French spirits. So we have a mixture of some which are available here and others which may only be found in a bit of jet hopping.

Let's begin with the set. The four Ragnaud-Sabourin come in a wooden box and are very, very seldom seen. This set came from (where else?) the south of France. The one in the hand written label is the prize of the set. This particular cognac is recognized by cognac producers as one of the best. In fact it is the highest quality of probably any brandy seen here.



The little round one is Rochas. Does the name sound familiar? It should as Rochas has been a most familiar name in the perfume industry for years. This bottle is a replica of the perfume bottle and was sold in Hong Kong about two years ago. The wooden stopper adds a great deal of class to the bottle.

The last two are indeed special. Previously the bottles of Alain Royer or A. de Fussigny have been shown. Now his newest release is the A. de Fussigny Cigar Blend Cognac. With its elegant cigar-type label, this should be a most sought after bottle. Currently this one may be found in California and New York.

Since we're talking French bottles,

then the last one is the piece de resistance. This is the Kelt V.S.O.P. Cognac. The quality of the cognac is more than acceptable, but it's the cachet of the Kelt name and what it represents that makes this a great mini. All of the Kelt Cognac is shipped around the world before it is bottled. The hanging neck label states that this cognac made its trip last year and was then bottled. There is a mystique of sending liquor around the world and Kelt also does it with scotch...but this is even more difficult to obtain than the cognac.

So there we have a group of very desirable cognacs. Hope we've whetted your appetite.

MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



In this article I would like to feature three "big boys" which are bottles that are taller than normal. Also, we'll look at a pair of Brown-Forman Hawthornes and end with two nice Canadians.

We lead off with the very rare Juneau Club Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled for Lawrence Polenske West Bend, Wis. It is a very thin flask, 93 proof, 30 months old and was Bottled by Kolmar of Cincinnati circa 1939. Bottle number two is Vandalia Bourbon Whiskey A Blend Bottled for Philip Blum & Co. Chicago. It is 90 proof, was Distilled Spring 1934 and has a silver foil label printed in red and black. Next is Clover Club Whiskey A Blend from American Distilling. It is 90 proof and was Blended December 1933.

The first Brown-Forman bottle is Hawthorne Whisky A Blend. It is 90

proof, was Distilled Spring 1930 and has a brown label printed with yellow and orange. The Old Hawthorne is A Blend of Straight Whiskies. It is 90 proof, 18months old, has a purple label printed in yellow and brown and is from 1937.

In our last pair, the Old Pitt American Rye Whiskey is probably my favorite Canadian. It is 100 proof, has a terrific multi-colored label and was Distilled in 1929 by the B. C. Distilling Co. Westminster, B.C. The last of three is, Four Aces Bourbon Straight Whisky. It is also from B. C., has a green label printed in red and gold and was distilled in 1929.

Finally, it seems that many well known distillers produced numerous brands after repeal in 1934. Unfortunately most ere only on the market a year or two and in some cases only a single production run.





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