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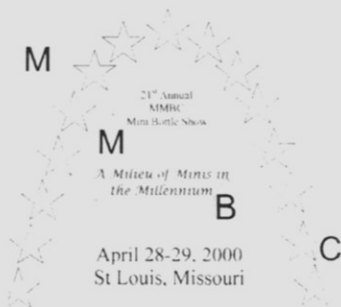
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It's the end of the year! Since it is NOT the end of the decade, century or millennium until New Year's Eve 2000, let's have a contest for next year.

It's a bit over the top to think of a bottle for the millennium, so how about nominating a bottle or bottles for the decade and the century. We can do it in categories: glass, ceramic, whisk(e)y, vodka, cognac...or, you name it. In any case, in the next few months drop us a postcard with your idea of the best bottle(s) you know of. Then in the last issue of 2000, we'll print the results. Come on...don't sit on your hands for this "contest".

To end the year we have a marvelous group of glass bottles from a good many parts of the globe. Next year we'll be continuing with more articles on rum, Irish Whiskey, and naturally all our regulars. We also have a fascinating historical article from Bob Snyder which you'll enjoy. This will be in the next issue.

Lloyd McLeod will be back with us and you'll see quite a few giveaways. And Tony Natelli has a few more articles ready on his specializations.

So see you in 2000 and here's wishing that your holiday gifts will include some miniature treats!

Keep thinking small!

— DMS —

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Our Cover

On the cover this time are three beauties which were recently added to my own collection. They came from old friend John Sullivan who travels widely in Russia, Siberia, and the Ukraine...as well as many other parts of the world. This set of three is from Dovgan (my rendering of the cyrillic) in Russia. If I'm wrong, John will put it right in the next issue.

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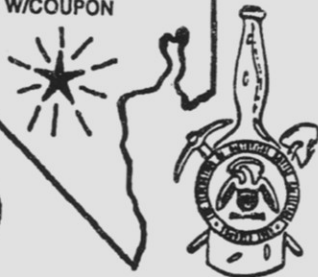
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Ah, if only all these (well, at least some of these) would be available everywhere, we could make a lot of collectors very happy.

We'll begin with a pair of plastic bottles, **Blanco Madero Aguardiente** and **99 Blackberries Schnapps**. The former was found in So. California while the latter was in New York. The former has probably no redeeming characteristics while the latter is 99 proof which is one heck of a lot of alcohol for a liqueur.

Next we bounce to Spain where the Grelot company has made a very nice **Tiramisu**. Note the



gondola on the label. A very nice glass bottle with die-cut label in a more realistic 17%/34 proof.

From Spain we'll move up to Italy for the **Keglevich Melon Vodka**. That surely makes my taste buds scream. This one comes to us directly from a wine shop in Ohio. In case you didn't know, Ohio wine shops may sell minis if they are 42 or less proof.

On to Japan for three new ones. There is the **Arack** which has a marvelous silk screened label and then two different Shochus. Possibly Mr. Shiratsuchi will tell us more about these two.





Next we come to two new vodkas. **Three Olives** which isn't quite as nice as its larger counterpart, but will definitely do and **Boru** which comes to us from Ireland. We surely have a lot of nice vodkas around these days. (Next time maybe some new spectacular gins will be here.)

Finally, from Virginia comes the absolutely marvelous **Virginia Gentleman 90**. This is a single cask Virginia Whiskey in an embossed (with a fox head) glass bottle and wax-like closure. It also has a beautiful label...so what else could you possibly ask for?

RUTHERFORD



Diana
Princess of Wales
1961 - 1997

In 1981 there were a great many bottles produced to honor the Royal Wedding between Prince Charles and Diana Spencer. Several companies made various styles of vases, but probably the most remembered are the jugs/flagons issued by the Rutherford Company of Scotland.

After the death of the Princess of Wales two years ago, only a handful of pieces were produced to honor her. Shown here is the Rutherford book. Sold only in limited quantities and for a very short time, this is one to watch for at bottle shows.

VODKA



Not only is there a nice group of vodkas to show you, they may all be found in one place...Spain. With one exception, all are produced, bottled and sold there. We'll get to that exception at the end.

Let's dispense with the plastic bottles first. There are four: Vodka Von Haupold, Principe Igor,

Yurinka, and Rushkinoff. These are actually newer versions of bottles which used to be glass. If memory serves, the labels have not changed, only the bottles.

In the glass bottles, the most famous names are Larios and Bardinet. The latter is a French company which bottles in Spain



while the former is one of the best selling gins in the world, even though it is not sold in the U. S.

The Kriloff is marketed by Sorel, a company which produces a great many bottles in both large and mini sizes. In the future we'll feature some tequilas done in Spain by this company.

The Slova and Sanky are two current favorites. The picture of the Slova doesn't do it justice. The Sanky features a dog sled on its quite attractive label, but you'd need a magnifying glass to find it.

Finally we have the one bottle which was not done in Spain. This is the Ursus which in its larger size



has done quite well in the few months its been on the shelves in Europe. In fact, a new Ursus (in mini also) of a flavored vodka is now being produced..

So there you have a nice selection of vodkas from Spain. I'd like to thank both Miguel Bilbao of Gernika, Spain, and Manuel Vilchez of Granada for their help so that this article could be done.

-DMS-

AMOUR



Last time we had a little article entitled *REJECTS*. So to continue in that lusty manner we offer you two from Martinique which also leave little to the imagination.

The first is named **d'Amour** while the second is not just "of love" but a "**Philtre d'Amour**". Can't you just imagine the uproar if either one of these actually made an appearance on U.S. shelves? Or...would most complaints be about truth in advertising?

from

CANADA



Any number of collectors have a specialized area of Canadian Whiskies. And it isn't too often that we get to add new pieces to that area. Within the last year these four plastic pieces were introduced. Both of the Canadian Clubs are available here in the U.S. while the Alberta Premium and Wiser's Very Old 18 are found strictly north of the border.



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FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present to you some sample miniatures from **HENNESSY & CO.**

The first is **NA-GEANNA** Irish Pure Malt Whiskey. It is 13cm tall and 2.5cm across in a slender brown glass and contains 3cl at 40% alcohol. The label is black framed with a dark green belt. As you know, the Hennessy is a

famous Cognac Distillery, and also the founder of Hennessy, R. Hennessy, came from Ireland. This whiskey was distilled at Cooley Distillery in Ireland.

The **HENNESSY CLASSIQUE** Cognac, the second one, has a blue and a tan label with golden frame. It is 11cm tall in a clear glass and contains 3cl at 40% alcohol. This



slender bottle originated with the bottle shape of Hennessy Cognac which was available 100 years ago.

The last three are Single Distillery Cognac miniatures. Three distilleries, **LE PEU**, **IZAMBARD**, and **CAMP ROMAIN**, supply their own original Cognac for the blend of Hennessy. As you see on the label, they have been selected by

Hennessy since the 18th century.

The Le Peu is 12.5cm tall and has a white label with golden letters. The Izambard is 11cm tall with red letters on light yellow label while Camp Romain is a 9.5cm bottle with black letters on a tan label. They all contain 5cl at 40% alcohol.

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

RUM

by JACQUES ROLLET

OLD and NEW

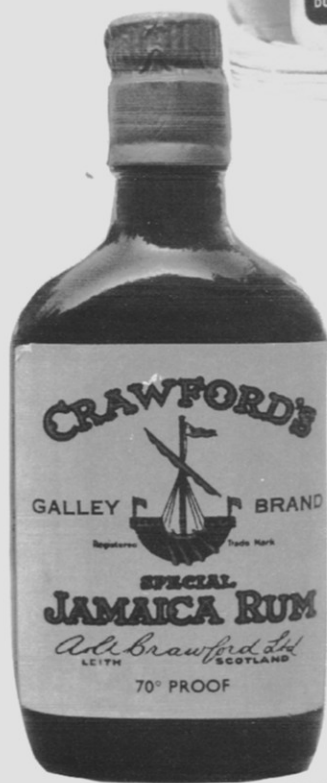


Several readers have made comments on previous rum articles, so it's time to show some more old rums. Went back through some old pictures and here is the result. Tried to find quite a different lot for you.

Let's begin with the two round bottles. **ROBINSON CRUSOE** is from Port of Spain, Trinidad. It does appear that Robinson has found something considerably

better than Friday...namely, a bottle of rum. The yellow Canary sings sweetly from his branch in this French rum (**CANARI**). Don't know what island it came from but it was a product of the firm Brugerolle, known more today for its cognac. Undoubtedly these are both from the 1930's.

The first flask is from a company still producing rum down in Australia. However, today's bottles



are all plastic. This marvelous 1950's **BEENLEIGH** is a pot still rum and those are rather few and far between. The bosun's happy face smiles out at you.

Next we have one of the plainer rum labels; however, it's quite easy to see why it's notable. Findlater & Mackie's **FINEST KOSHER RUM** doesn't tell us where the rum comes from, only that it's "Produce of Empire" and 20 Under Proof. Of course this balances the Beenleigh which was overproof!

CRAWFORD'S GALLEY Brand is from Jamaica and has a nice yellow label with a featured galley ship. Our other Jamaican is **BLUE BIRD** from the English Addison and Co. Guess what's on the label.



These like the other flasks are probably all from the 1950's.

WILLIAMS DEMERARA came from the British West Indies so it could be from a variety of places. A calypso guitarist sits on a rum cask on this label. Saving the best for last, we have **CAPTAIN HAWKINS DEMERARA**. This is one of those where you'll have to see it on our web site to truly appreciate it. The colors are vivid and the drawing on the label is extremely well done. This is a product of the Henry Stratton company which issued wines, liqueurs and several excellent figurals such as the yellow chick and the set of three penguins. Definitely an all purpose company.

More rums in the next millennium...or more correctly, next year!





TREASURES OF THE PAST

by
BUTCH JONES



Let's step back over 70 years this time and preview two super pro-pro whiskeys that are rarely seen. The first is **OLD HOLLY WHISKEY** by Geo. Cohn & Co. of Louisville, Kentucky. The bottle is a brown flask with a glass/cork stopper. The label is cream with black in the center. There are sprigs of holly around the black center. The back of the bottle is embossed "Geo. Cohn & Co Louisville Ky".

The second miniature is **OLD PARISH RYE** trademark E. F. Hynes, 57 Merrimac St., Haverhill, Mass. This clear watch bottle has a clear cream label with a red shield in the center and black and red letters.

Either of these pro-pros would be a great addition to any collection. Wouldn't you agree? Hope you enjoyed a short look back.

'Til next time. -B.J.-

MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



This is the first of three articles in which I will feature bottles from the Century Distilling Co. of Peoria, ILL. Century minis may be found in clear glass bottles with an embossed crest and highly embossed amber bottles. In some cases the same label may be seen on both variations. Anyway, this time we'll look at Century Club which appears to be the flagship brand.

Bottle number one is a Straight Rye Whiskey at 5 years old with a red label which has black and gold accents. The 4 year old Rye also has a red label, but the red and black accents are reversed. The 3

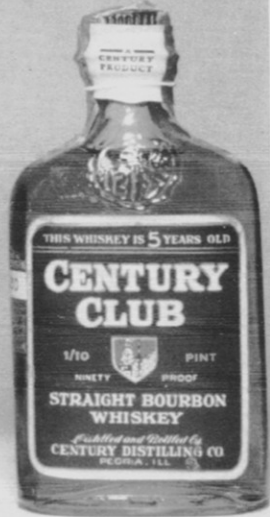
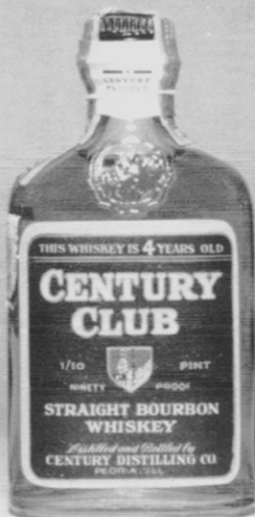
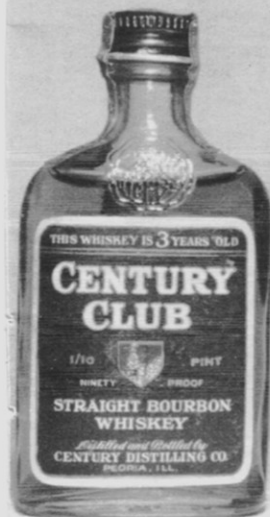
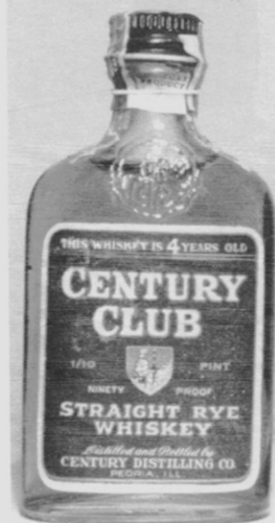
year old Rye has the more familiar black label as does the next 4 year old Rye.

The Rye in the amber bottle is two years old and has a gold label. The Bourbon in the amber glass is also two years old and has a black label.

The last three Bourbons are 3, 4, and 5 years old respectively, have black labels and are probably the most frequently seen. All of the bottles are 90 proof.

Finally, Century produced miniatures from the mid-1930's to the early 1940's...another casualty of World War II.

Until next time. . . M E L O . . .



SCOTCH

David Maund

While going through some photos recently, I discovered there were a good many odds and ends which I hadn't shown. So nothing new this time.

Let me begin with a very nice older flask bottle, **PLUS-FOUR** from the Peter Forsythe Co. of Glasgow. I believe this is from the 1950's but what really intrigues me with this one is the phrase "Non-Combine". Nowhere on the label is the word "blended" so just this might possibly be an old single malt? Surely a reader will know.

Next we have a quartet of bottles





from the early part (1993) of this decade. To celebrate our Mini Bottle Club's 15th Anniversary this was a special bottling of **ABERFELDY** and only 120 were produced. At about the same time The Master of Malt celebrated the 500th Anniversary of Scotch Whisky with another bottling of **1975 HIGHLAND PARK**. Again, only 120 were produced.

The third bottle is a 12 year old **LONGMORN** by The Master of Malt to celebrate Hogmanay. It is also a limited edition of 120. The last of this group is the 15 year old

ASKAIG made by The Master of Malt. It is from an edition of 480.

Now we come to a pair of slightly less distinguished pieces, the **SCOTTISH LEADER** and a flask of **TEACHER'S**. Both of these are, of course, blends. Nice label on the former though.

Next we have an interesting pair. The 17 year old **ISLAY MIST** from MacDuff Int. is seldom seen, but you had to have gone to Milroy's in Soho to find this 30 year old **SPRINGBANK**. If you've never been there, you've a treat in store.



And now we finish with a crescendo. You've seen the Johnnie Walker gold and green labels in the last few years, but I don't remember ever picturing the **SWING SUPERIOR** and **PREMIER** previously. These were found in Australia about three years back and it would appear as if the Premier is even more rare than the Swing Superior. I was once told there would be a Swing sans Superior but I've yet to see one!

Not really odds and ends, but a tidying up of previously unseen bottles. Hope you've enjoyed them. D.L.M.





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NOTICE: If you collect many beers and we haven't communicated, you don't know about my duplicates list. Write to John Weatherhead, 10630 Haynes Forest Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022 or call (678) 393-8501.

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http://rocket.saw.nt/be_rgseng/My%20Webs/Don's%20Page.htm

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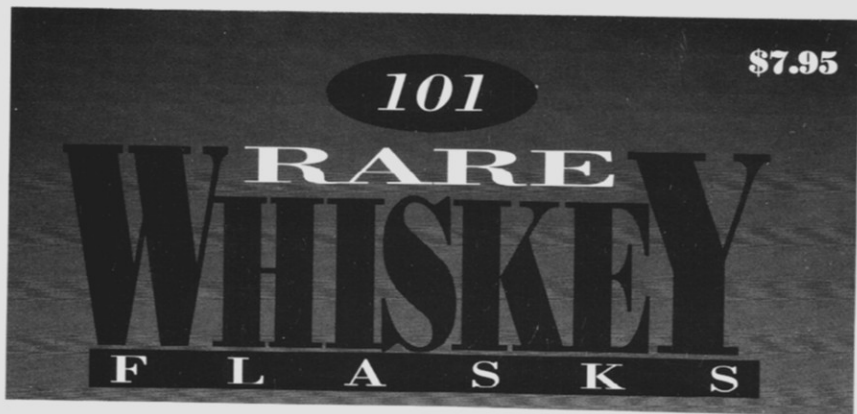
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