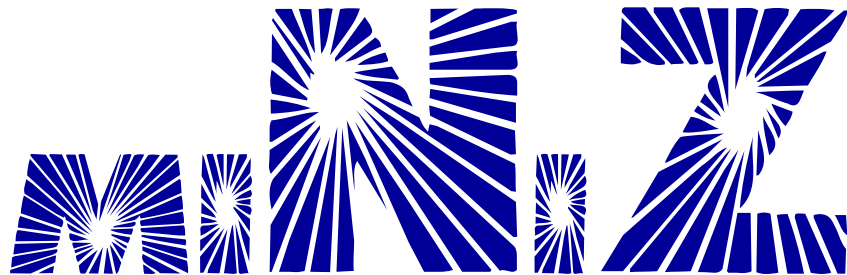
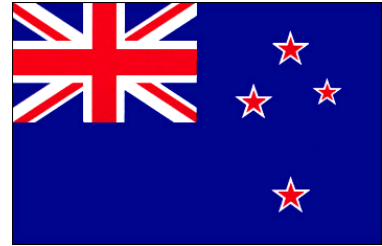


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THIS & THAT

This year sees the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I (A few words for our American readers: It did not start in 1917!). This bottle commemorates the second day of action for the British soldiers, which saw their first real battle of WW1 and their first retreat – NOT a good start!

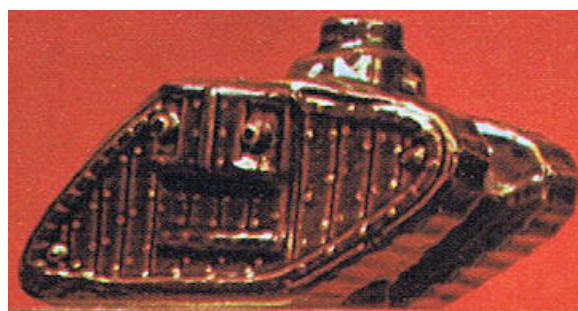
A small skirmish occurred on the 22nd but on August 23, 1914, in their first real confrontation on European soil since the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, four divisions of the British Expeditionary Force struggled with the German 1st Army over the 60-foot-wide Mons-Conde Canal in Belgium, just north of the French border. They appeared to be holding their own but, mysteriously to the troops, the order was given late in the day to retreat. It later came out that the French, who were on the British flank, were planning to retreat on 24th, a fact known to the British generals.

The cover bottle is one of many commemorative/souvenir bottles produced by a number of English china companies, mainly in the 1920's & 30's. This one was made by Savoy China of, where else, Stoke on Trent (At one time 90% of the pottery exported around the world was made in Stoke on Trent!). Most of these were never filled with anything but some were filled locally, usually with Scotch, and given away, similar to the German give-aways so popular in the US prior to WW1. This one sold on Ebay for £24.00

There are very few miniatures that directly 'speak' of WW1 but I have found a couple for you. The



German helmets are from Helmet Rye of the USA. There are a number of variations of these in both ceramic and glass (see MBL for more). My thanks to Seva for sending me photos of the two glass ones shown here. Note the difference in the eagle emblem on the third helmet.



The two tanks (glaze colour being the only difference) are from Manhattan, again a US company. 1920's? They depict the original tank – so called because the cover story was that they were mobile water tanks.

I am sure there are more minis that could be used to depict WW1 but I cannot currently think of any. If you do know of any more please let me know and I will show them in a future miNiZ.

From the very old to the very new. Dutch airline KLM issued #95 in their series of Dutch buildings this month (October 2014). As with all the later ones of these bottles this was made by Bols and contains Genever. I will let the photos, including a photo of the leaflet, speak for themselves.

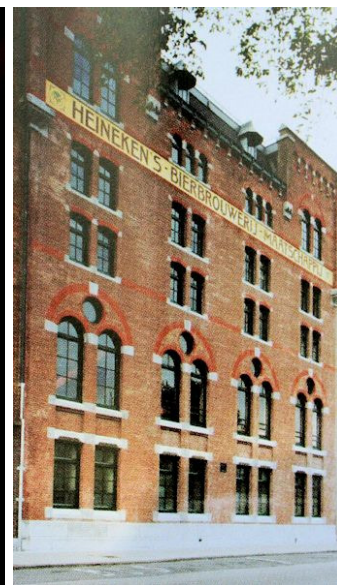
The Heineken brewery

This house was built in 1913 to replace the old Heineken brewery on Stadhouderskade in Amsterdam. Heineken had been at that address since the 1860s and its beer had already become world famous. Nevertheless, the start of the twentieth century heralded another spate of modernisation and in 1910, Heineken's Board of Directors decided it was time for a new brewhouse. Arie Heederik, an architect from Rotterdam and a founder of Royal HaskoningDHV, was appointed to draw up the plans.

The result was a robust yet elegant building with a façade that appeared to be crowned by two square towers. Its stained glass windows were some of the decorative features designed in the contemporary art nouveau style. A large, prominently-placed, tiled plaque with the name of the brewery decorated the façade. Inside, copper kettles replaced the old wooden ones.

Today, the aroma of malt and hops has disappeared. The last bottles came off the bottling line of the brewery on Stadhouderskade in 1988.

By the time the Amsterdam brewery closed, about 90,000 people were visiting Heineken annually. Because Heineken wanted to continue this tradition, the buildings on Stadhouderskade were converted into a visitors centre. Nowadays, the 1913 brewhouse is at the heart of the Heineken Experience



I am currently processing 'straight' Dutch bottles for Miniature Bottle Library. I had about 7000 photos stacked up and have been finding some great bottles both glass and crocks. I will bring you some highlights in a future miNiZ. If you do have any photos of Dutch bottles please get them to me ASAP – minizv@gmail.com

I make good use of the links on the club web site to view other mini bottle sites and, in some cases, obtain new photos for MBL. The site is updated from time to time. The two red Pipe bottles came from a Chinese site: <http://wines.mini9s.com/> There are an increasing numbers of collectors in China and of Chinese sites. Another one I came across recently is: <http://photo.blog.sina.com.cn/category/u/1610875773/s/263808> These sites can be somewhat difficult to follow if you do not read Chinese but it is worth persevering. It does help that China uses the same numerals we do so I can tell you that both pipe bottles are 50ml.



If you do find a Mini Bottle site that is not shown on the club web site please let us know about it. This includes sites on Facebook and other social media. If in doubt send us the link as I have all the sites on a spreadsheet and can tell within seconds if it is one that is already listed or a new one. Also if you find a broken link let us

know. Sites come and go (we deleted about 40% of the links over 4 years but added a similar number of new ones). Happy collecting!

David Smith

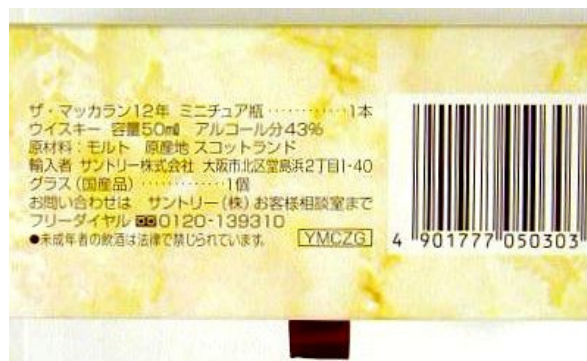
RARE MACALLAN MINIS

Here are pictures of several Macallan minis that are Rare and hard to find.

First is a **Macallan Highland Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky** which was brought out to celebrate the 35th anniversary of "Private Eye", a popular British satirical & current affairs magazine which was founded in 1961. I know that this was a very small run Limited Edition, but I do not know just how many minis were produced.

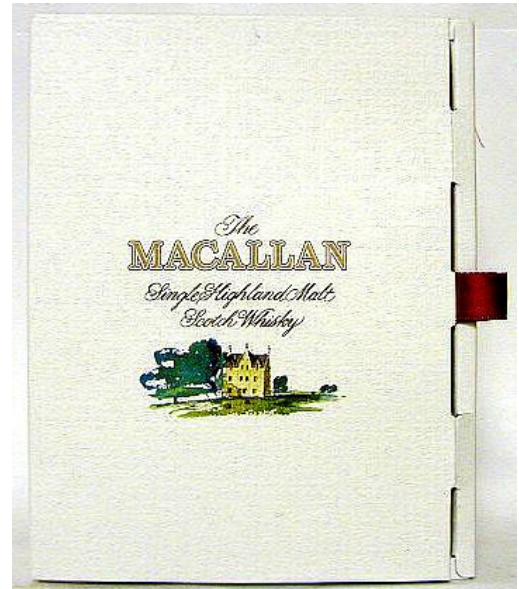


Next is a mini **Macallan Highland Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky Valentine Set** that was issued only in Japan in 1999 to celebrate Valentine's Day. I know this was also a Limited Edition.



Finally, there is a mini **Macallan Highland Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky Valentine Set** that was issued only in Japan in 2001 to celebrate Valentine's Day. I know that this is also a Limited Edition.





Jim Crawford



MAURITIUS



Where? Few of us could find this country on the map but it has made some interesting bottles. The Republic of Mauritius is a nation in the Indian Ocean comprising a number of islands. It is about 2,000 kilometres off the southeast coast of Africa.

I would have sworn that I had shown you the Dodo bottle in a previous miNiZ but I cannot find it so here goes or here goes again. It was made by a company aptly named Dodo Bonheur and contains liqueur of the same name.



It is very common for tropical countries to make rum and Mauritius is no exception. The first 4 bottles are all from Grays & Co. Mainstay would probably be the best known rum from Mauritius. Also shown is Old Mill rum and Whisper whisky.

Mauritius has been owned by both Britain & France and the next company shows the French influence, both with its name and by the spelling

of rum/rhum. Saint Aubin made the three Rhum Agricole bottles. The first is a plain white rum, the second a vanilla flavoured and the third a coffee caramel flavoured one.



Green Island rum is made by International Distillers Mauritius. All are basically white rums although the first shown, Superior Gold, is lightly coloured by barrel ageing.

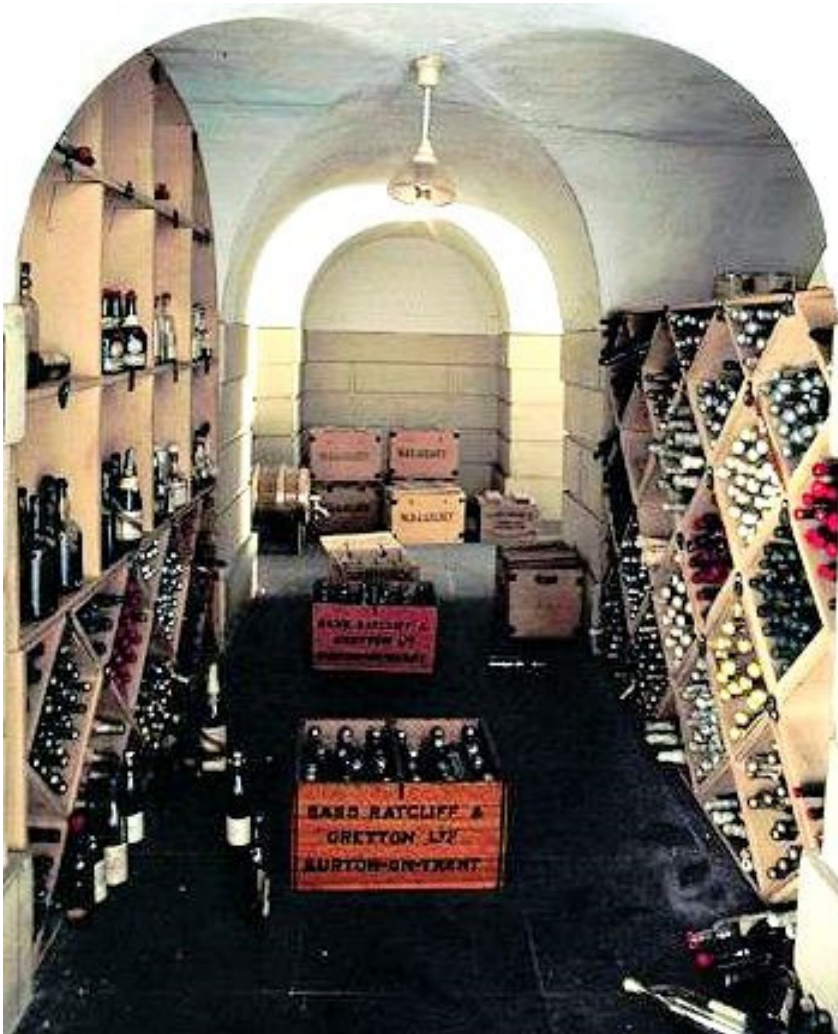


The four bottles on the left again show the French influence. I suspect that they are part of a much larger set. United Spirits Producers produced these Chatel brand Punch bottles. From left to right the flavours are Citron Vert (Lime), Letchis (I had to look this one up, it's Lychees), Vanille (you don't need to know any French to work this one out) and Planteur (Planter, a generic mixed flavours name).

Obvious there will be more bottles and bottle variations from Mauritius. Picture please for both miNiZ and Miniature Bottle Library.

David Smith

QUEEN MARY'S DOLLS HOUSE



Queen Mary's dolls' house was built, in 1/12th scale, in 1924 and is situated in Windsor Castle. The dolls house was designed by renowned architect Sir Edwin Lutyens and has a fully-stocked cellar of 1,200 miniatures of some of the best wines of the day, including 1906 Veuve Clicquot, 1888 Château Haut-Brion, 1878 Cockburns Port, 1874 D'Yquem and an 1854 Cognac.



The bottles, all around 25mm tall, were made by Whitechapel Glassware and the contents were supplied by Berry Bros. and Rudd. The amazing thing is they are true to label. If the label says 1875 Lafite then that is what is

inside the bottle. The tiny corks were not a good fit and most of the contents have now evaporated. The exception is the Champagnes which came in tiny wooden cases and were protected by miniature raffia sleeves. There is also a miniature cask of 1910 Glenlivet Scotch whisky (shown).

In view of the crazy prices being offered for some miniatures the mind boggles to think what price these bottles would fetch at auction.



Frank Wynn





DAVID MAUND

I am extremely saddened to report the death of long time member David Maund. David was one of the oldest overseas members of the club and, although far away, I considered him a friend. I looked forward to meeting up with him at the St. Louis shows (and the Californian shows in the 1980's) and visited and stayed with him several times in the UK.

Lynn, David's wife wrote to me "David died on Thursday 21 August suddenly and unexpectedly. It was a short illness and they really didn't know what it was."

In the Midwest Miniature Bottle Club newsletter David Spaid wrote:

There was a twinkle in his eye and then his cheeks would redden and then David Maund would laugh. You couldn't be in his presence very long without laughing because he was just simply a delightful man. Now, my friend and a good friend to many others of you is gone and we'll all be a bit worse for it. After four weeks in the hospital in Southampton, England, he passed away on Thursday, August 21st

I first met David and his family (his wife Lynne and their two now grown children, Simon and Karen) back in about 1980. Being a Scotch whisky collector, David was working on getting approval for his 1981 Royal Wedding mini bottles. Approval came but the contract with duty free did not, so David became his own liquor salesman. There were several hundred cases of bottles to be sold...and they were. Just try to find one now. Since he got to know so many collectors, and he saw how the clubs worked here in the U.S., he became the first and only President of the UK Mini Bottle Club. The club is now in its 35th year and we know how much he will be missed in that group.

On his trips to the U.S. for bottle shows, it became a standing joke that if David was coming to the show, something would go wrong. Suitcases loaded with bottles would disappear, the plane would be diverted to Texas, and my favourite, the U.K. driver's license fiasco. It seems that English licenses do not have the person's photo on them. Well, how do you prove you are who you say you are when you're in the U.S. with only a license as your passports are in your luggage which has gone to a different city? David could and did talk his way out of many a sticky situation. And that brings us back full circle to him making you laugh. Many of these situations were Keystone Kops scenarios, but they all ended happily. To have known David enriched my life and England for me just won't be the same without him.

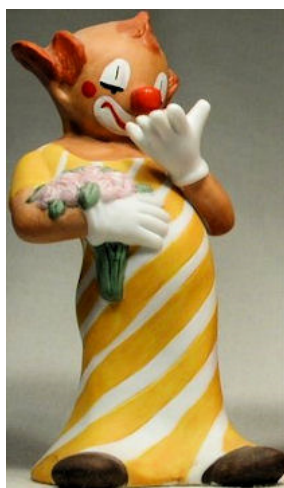
I have two 'David disasters' to share, one from 1999 and one from this year – he got no less chaotic as he got older! I stayed with him for a couple of nights in January 1999 (he lived in a village near Southampton) and we discovered that we were going to be in the same town in Cornwall on the same night. We arranged to meet for dinner and David, Lynn and David's parents picked me up at my hotel that night and we went out of town to a large country hotel. The dining room seated 120 but, being mid-winter, we were the only diners. Four of us had a relatively good meal. To cut a very long story short, David ended up, with good reason, sending back all three courses. The steak was ordered medium rare and was like leather. However, when David tried to send it back the landlady said, loudly "That's medium rare, if I say that it is medium rare it's medium rare!" With a quiet word I got her to withdraw before David exploded. Her husband then came out. He had the mannerisms of Basil Fawlty and even looked somewhat like him (I promise I am not making this up!) There followed a farce well worthy of Fawlty Towers with frozen and partly frozen sticky toffy puddings going in and out of the kitchen and 'Basil' blasting hell out of the kitchen with the door still open. David wanted to stop at MacDonalds on the way home as he had, literally, eaten nothing.

The second story is one I was sworn to secrecy about earlier this year but David cannot be embarrassed now. The Maund's were leaving St. Louis on the Tuesday morning after the show this year and I arranged to meet them for lunch on the Monday. I waited for ages then David & Lynn emerged, holding tickets for

flights earlier that day! It took us 4 hours, with one call of 140 minutes, but we did manage to change the tickets, and at minimal cost. (see miNiZ105 for another David story)

Actually, although David was chaotic in his personal life he was a very good businessman and salesman. At one time he was the majority shareholder and Chairman of the largest independent insurance broking company in the UK. His business life turned chaotic for a time (this is David we are talking about) but I am not at liberty to share that part of his life with you.

David was twice in the Guinness Book of Records for bottle collecting. Firstly for the largest unduplicated collection of miniature Scotch bottles (over 25,000) and later for the largest collection of miniature Guinness. Separate from his formal business he also ran Mini Bottles UK. This made the series of much sought after UK building ceramics, the even more sought after Goebel Clown bottles, as well as many, many straight bottles. These included 'specials' for company give-aways etc. and the famous 'watch' bottles. The watch bottles were made for the birth of Prince William but, in typical David fashion, things went wrong. When delivered it was discovered that the printing was badly rubbed on most of them. After months of arguments with the supplier it was too late to sell these bottles in quantity. David & Lynn therefore stripped the labels off most of them and the series of (twelve I think) flower bottles was born.



R.I.P. David – you will be missed.

David Smith

AS SEEN ON EBAY #29



We will start this article with a touch of the stupidity you see on Ebay every day. Ron Gabbard is very good at spotting these and showing them up in the Northwest Miniature Bottle Club newsletter but this one was found by Peter, who writes: "This 50ml Bundaberg rum is EMPTY and had an asking price A\$300.00 or nearest offer. The auction had 11 offers, all of which I would suspect were a lot less than the asking price." It is unlikely but there is just a possibility that Peter could be wrong. There are some fanatical 'Bundy' bottle collectors in Australia and the only other photo I have ever seen of this variation was one I took myself in the Bundaberg Distillery Museum.

Another silly asking price on Australian Ebay was the Long John matchbox bottle. Needless to say at A\$130 it did not sell. Pity as both of us would be happy to sell our micros at \$130 each (in my case that's $3750 \times \$130 = \$487,500$, so, offers over 1/4 million please in whatever dollars you please - David)



Sticking with Scotch we have two more expensive ones but in the case of these, probably justifiably so. The Glen Rossie was almost certainly bottled for the Italian market. For a number of years these seals (siglios) were compulsory. All siglio bottles are very collectable in Italy and the asking price of €60 was on the cheap side. This Glenfarclas 50ml decanter was made for the 50th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 2003.

Surprisingly it sold for the minimum bid, although this was £600. We wonder how many of these were actually drunk!

House/building bottles are some of my (David) favorites and this is one that I have not seen before. I was put-off from bidding for it by the US\$40 postal charge. However it did receive 15 bids to get to US\$27. These funny little dry stone built houses (Trulli) are found in south east Italy (think top of the heel) and show the North African influence



on that area. The town of Alberobello has hundreds of them and, as I found three years ago, is a great town for finding miniatures. But not this one – DRAT! The seller says that it dates from the 1970's but I am doubtful that it is that old.

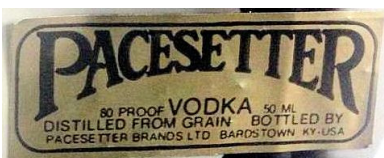




The green house is from Surinam and, as you can see, contains Black Cat rum. This was one of two made for Surinam Airways (SLM), a former subsidiary of KLM, and although the more common of the two, is still difficult to obtain. Usually we would expect this to sell for around US\$40 but this one went for US\$9. Sticking with

Surinam we have this bottle made by Bols for the 75th anniversary of KLM. This is of a Surinam house and we think

that it was only given away on the route from Amsterdam to Suriname (and possibly only on one flight). To say that it is super rare is an understatement. The first day that this was listed on a Dutch auction site it had 10 bids, the top of which was €550. A Dutch collector sent me these photo for MBL but unfortunately I could not find out the final sale price. We hate to think!



The pacesetter tractor pictures were sent by Seva for MBL as this one is not currently listed. I (David) have clearly got confused by Pacesetter. I thought that they were all 150 or 200ml but as this is 50ml I did some further research. Certainly some are 50ml but I also found 750ml versions. I have not found any label showing 150/200ml but most photos do not show the labels. Please, if you are familiar with these, put me right. This one sold for US\$29.99.

Sticking with the USA we have the Wild Turkey Turkey & Red Fox Bourbon mini. These bisque Wild Turkey bottles (there are at least 20) are undoubtedly some of the nicest minis ever made. This one sold for US\$66





The Dog, Frog & Squirrel are from MAB of France. There are 12 of these and NZ is one of the few countries in the world where they were sold. I (David) have probably sold 30 or more off-shore. These three sold for US\$31.01, US\$39.46 & US\$38.99 respectively.

Finally, back to Scotland. The Rutherford Bulls are well known and there are at least 11 variations (see MBL). These are well sought after and the brown

ones are by far the most common, probably followed by the belted black or plain black. The white is much more difficult to find. The belted sold for US\$34.88 (rather high) and the white for US\$53.88 (OK to high).



The Greybeard twin handle jug on the right was on sale for a minimum bid of US\$49.99 – Needless to say it did not get any bids. This jug is empty and the stencilled label is poor. For contrast we have shown both sides of the jug as pictured in MBL. This is an odd jug in that it has The Greybeard on one side and Heather Dew on the other. These jugs were made by Mitchell Bros. of Scotland and the dual branding is not a mistake as it appears on single handle jugs as well.

That's it for now. If you do see anything interesting on any auction site please let one of us know.

Peter Bonkovich & David Smith

CYPRUS - MORE THAN SHERRY (PART 3)

I started this series on bottles from Cyprus well over a year ago now. I ran out of space to finish the job in the second article (miNiZ102) so it is about time I did so. One of the reasons I was reluctant to write a third article is that I only had liqueurs left to show you and I only had six of those. However, I have since turned up a few more spirits as well so I will show you them all in this article.



The first three above are from Etko (Haggipavlu), the next bottle is clearly from Keo, followed by one from Kykkos Monastery. I cannot find out what company made the Filfar Liqueur.

Alexander brandy is from Etko and the Sodap brandy is an older variation of those shown in the first article. I don't know who makes Plantova vodka.



Finally we have two bottles from the Turkish Republic of Northern

Cyprus. The first of these, Highland Pride Scotch, was shamelessly nicked (photo only) from member Jim Crawford's site. The other, 81 brandy, is from S. S. Company.



TURKISH Rep N. CYPRUS

David Smith

A LOAD OF COBBLERS - BOOTS

After many, many requests (0 actually) I have at last put pen to paper (fingers, all two of them, to plastic?) and got going on this article for all you foot fetishists out there.

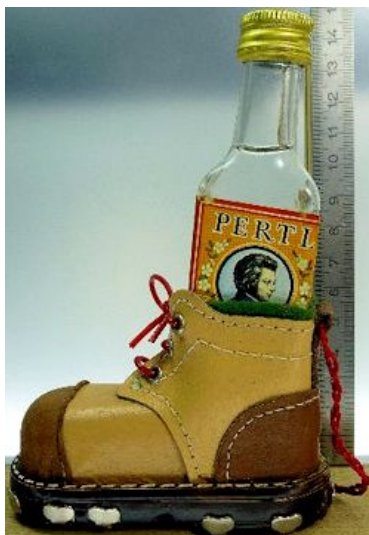


Having just been to Christchurch as I write this it is appropriate to start with this mini from Arvo of Germany comprising a boot and hard hat. I suspect that this is one of the more difficult boot minis to find as I have only ever seen this one photo.

Having started with things Germanic I will next show you some more boots from Germany & Austria.



On the right we have one of many boots (well, same boot with many contents anyway) from Nannerl of Austria. I suspect that this came from the same mould as the Arvo boot. In the middle above is another boot from Nannerl – this one not recommended for use in Christchurch. Above and to the right are two more boots, both from Germany, that I suspect came from the same mould. The one above was made by Picht and the one to the



right by Michael Treusch.

The boot and hat on the right are clearly

designed for recreational use. The walking boot and hat are from Weisenbach of Germany – a company that has made a huge number of fancy minis.



We have had glass and ceramic Germanic boots, neither of which would be practical for wearing, but how about the two leather boots (on the last page). Both of these appear to be climbing boots and both can be seen with a variety of bottles inside. The brown boot is from Pertl of Germany, the blue & red boot from Strohm of Austria. The latter can also be seen with a mini ice-axe attached to the side.

Finally from Germany we have this little number from Manfred Horth. I doubt that any worker in Christchurch would be seen dead in these!



It is a short distance from Germany to Italy but the boots change and, clearly the Italians also wear shoes.

We will however, start with a bottle that could equally have been made in Germany. This walking boot and hat is from Bassano, the company and the town. Another Italian company, Pin Stefano, use the same mould as Weisenbach (see above) to make a walking boot and hat mini.

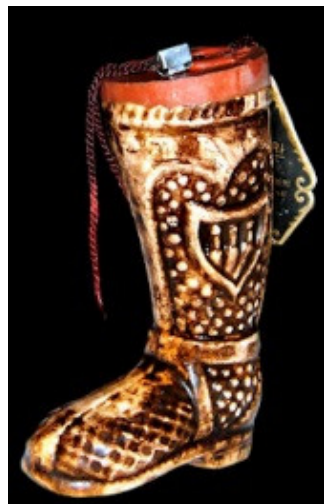
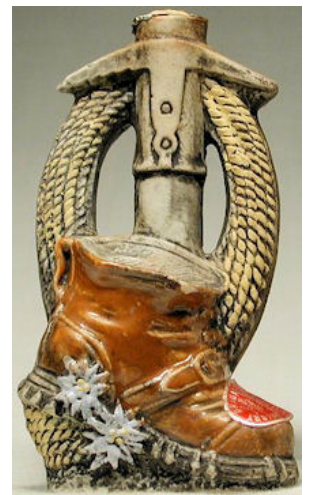


The first of the glass boots above was made by an Italian company, Cucchi, it contains Austrian Liqueur, and may have been bottled in Cucchi's German factory. EU anyone? The second boot is from the same mould as the Cucchi one. This one is from Foccasio and contains strawberries (Fragola – European not the much larger American strawberries) in liqueur. This mould has been used by a number of European manufacturers and often they contain fruit in a liqueur or spirit. Mazzetti is probably the most common make, at least in this part of the world. Several Australian importers have their names on caps of Mazzetti boot bottles. The final boot with fruit (I'm a poet and didn't know it!) is from Toschi and larger than the others. Toschi is best known for the ceramics it produced but they also made fruit/liqueur filled shot glasses as well as

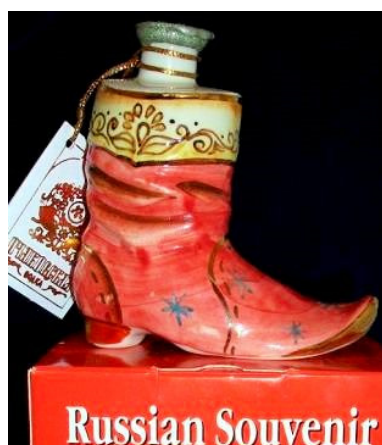
the boot (or probably boots). To the left we have our final two Italian glass boots, until later that is. The first is a Moon Boot with a clip top. These are a stock bottle that have been filled by various companies, including some outside Italy. This one is from Bar Mimi and contains Limoncello, hence the stick-on lemons. With a name like Bar Mimi thank goodness it did not contain Passion

Fruit liqueur! The 'Italian Boot' boot is another stock bottle. This is a 40ml bottle that has been filled by dozens, if not hundreds, of Italian companies. This is an especially nice one, being in the colours of the Italian flag, from Torresan Lucio. It also comes in both this and a larger size without the clip top.

I nearly forgot the most common Italian Boot bottle. This is a stock ceramic by Marchi, made from 1974-1982. It is most commonly seen with a Drioli label but can also be seen from Boccaccio and probably others.



The fancy boot, from Colombari, contains 40cc of 16% Lacrima Cristi liqueur. The blue boot is from Niccolo, one of the most prolific Italian ceramic miniature companies. I could have done this one in an 'As Seen on Ebay' article as it sold recently for US\$8.50. Cheap but then postage internationally (from the US) was US\$45.50. The same comment applies to a later boot bottle sold on Ebay.



The soccer boot on the right is another moulded glass stock bottle, this one from Correale. Like many of these bottles from Italy it contain Limoncello. The otherwise identical soccer boot bottle is from Likerka Dolany of the Czech Republic. It contains 0.05 litre of Kohout Whisky at 40% and was made in 2004. Sticking with soccer we have the soccer boot, and leg, from Campeny of Spain. This one has on it the logo of Real Madrid and is one of a series for various Spanish soccer clubs.

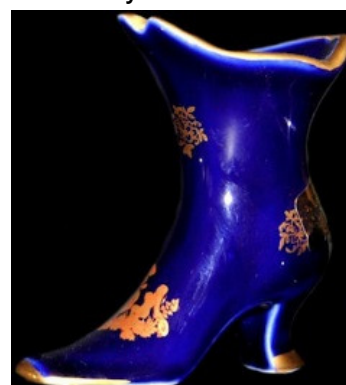


There is no need to tell you where the next bottle comes from. This is a Russian ceramic from the Ochakovskaya company. This boot bottle, together with many others, has also been used by Global Whisky & Spirits, a German company owned from Cyprus. What a tangled web we weave. Both companies have also made a pair of boots bottle. The silver boot to the right is unknown – unless you can identify it that is.





The Old Commonwealth Western Boot is superb quality. It and the Fireman's Boots and Hat are from the J. P. Van Winkle company of the USA. The Western Boot is 1982 and the Fireman's 1983. There is also a red hat version of the Firemen's Boots but the yellow is much more difficult to obtain. The final US bottle was made in Limoges, France but filled by Chiisai Bin of California. Also



1980's I think.

Now we head down south to Argentina for our final six boots. Forcoll is



undoubtedly the best known name in South American ceramics. This soccer boot contains 55cc of whisky and sold on Ebay for US\$47.66. There are at least two label variations of the whisky version and the boot is also filled with Vodka & Grenadine. Carlon made the middle boot and this mould has also been used by Diego Torres. Finally we have a delft type boot bottle, from Marques de Zujar, containing Anis.

The other blue and white boot is from Hans Moser. I don't know what is in it. The black boot is from Suvenir. This version contains 50cc of Damasco liqueur but the boot comes with various contents and is also made in brown.



Finally, another from the US that I nearly forgot. The blue boot is from Embros. It also comes in a pale brown version. It contains California Muscatel but I suspect it can be found with various types of wine in it. This sold recently on Ebay for \$8.50.

That's all for now. I'll finish this series in a later miNiZ with an article on Shoes.

David Smith

WHAT'S IN A NAME

WILLIAM GRANTS STAND FAST

This brand no longer exists as it is now known as Family Reserve. In the 1890's Grants supplied much of their whisky in bulk to blenders and wholesalers. In 1898 their largest customer went bust and to avoid following suit the company decided to blend and bottle their own whisky. It was named after the Grant's battle cry "Stand Fast".

ISLE OF JURA

The name Jura comes from the Norse word for deer. A few years ago there were 6000 deer on the island compared to 225 people.



CUTTY SARK

The whisky was named after the famous clipper (Scottish built) which was the fastest ship of its day and was built in 1869. It still holds the record for a run from Australia to England. The ship itself was named after the fleet footed witch in Robbie Burns poem Tam O'Shanter. The inspiration for the witch was a friend of Burns namely Katie Stein. She was a descendant of Robert Stein who invented the continuous still that revolutionised whisky making.



DRAM OF DESTINY

The Stone of Destiny was the coronation stone of Scottish kings since the 800's. The English thought this was a good gimmick so they stole it in 1297. However the Scots are pretty cunning so they hid the original and the English took away an imitation stone (no David it was not a plastic one). This made it embarrassing when the English returned the stone in 1996 as we (I'm Scottish by birth) had to pretend to

be grateful and excited. The miniature commemorates the Stone's return.

RED HACKLE

This whisky takes its name from the plume of small red feathers worn in the bonnets of the Black Watch. This honour was bestowed on the regiment in recognition of its valour at the battle of Gildersmalse in 1795.

MOIDART

This is Cadenheads own brand of whisky. In 1745, after the battle of Culloden, Bonnie Prince Charlie fled to Moidart near the Isle of Skye. In gratitude for helping him escape the English he gave the Mackinnon family the recipe for Drambuie.

Frank Wynn



DAVID'S BOTTLES

There are new bottles out there if you are prepared to look. These were all picked up on my travels this year and I will largely let them speak for themselves.



There is not much English whisky around. I found this set in Selfridges. The new Imperial is from Russia via Harrod's and is the Western export label. This new label four Roses was also found in London.



The blue bottle may not be readable. It is 6 O'Clock gin.

Iordanov is a great new vodka bottle. It is from Germany but was found in London.



Black vodka, Black gin and Granit gin are all from Germany. Liviko gin is from Estonia. Cornelius Chocolad was made in Belgium.





Koniak (Cognac) Kazmierskiego is from Poland as is Czeremcha vodka. The Hapsburg Absinthe is from Bulgaria and this is the first one that's not 100ml (it's 50ml). The Aquavit was made especially for the Grand Hotel in Stockholm and the only way to get it is to buy it from the minibar in your room. The set of Virtuous vodkas is also from Sweden.

The Glenfiddich jug was made for the Peruvian show this year.



David Spaid

DATE, TIME & PLACE

Sunday 2nd Novemberber 2014, 12.30pm Pot Luck Lunch, Colin & Dianne's, 20 Prospect Terrace, Johnsonville. Telephone: 04 478 4391 E-Mail: rydercj@xtra.co.nz

Saturday 6th December 2014, Christmas Dinner – Venue to be arranged

Saturday 10th January 2015, 6.00pm Barbecue, David & Rosie's, 11 Trevor Terrace, Paremata. Telephone: 04 233 2997 E-Mail: minizv@gmail.com

February 21st/22nd 2015, AGM & Weekend, Wellington. Details to be advised – Beds available if you need them.