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Cover and New New Zealand



The cover shows three new plain round clear glass bottles with colourful labels.

Petrov Vodka was made especially for Wellington Wholesale Liquor Ltd. I believe that this was bottled by Southern Grain Spirits NZ Ltd of Kaiapoi, as were the next two, although these say so.



Aganippsis Ouzo is only the second New Zealand bottled ouzo (the other being McRoberts). Note that this bottle says that it is 750ml – not very good proof reading.

Mexicanos Tequila is also only the second Tequila bottled in New



Zealand, the other being well known international brand, Pepe Lopez. If anyone wants an up-to-date list of all bottles ever made in NZ just write to the club at PO Box 384, Wellington and I will send you one.

Now to this page. We show three new sets, all made by Southern Grain Spirits, and all 'personal' labels. The top set was made for the Hurunui Hotel, the middle set

for South Rakaia Hotel, and the bottom one for Philip Comley Wholesalers of Christchurch. The first two have been available at the hotels but the third is a private bottling. This is a boxed set of 5 that Philip Comley gave away as Christmas presents in 2002. There is a similar set of three made for another Christchurch company for Christmas. Robin Mellish is trying to track these down and hopefully we can show them to you in the next miNiZ.



We start this page off with 4 more bottles from Southern Grain Spirits. Clubs of New Zealand was made especially for the Club Management Conference, Christchurch 2002. Unusually there are two different gins.

Going to the final picture we see a very elegant cognac bottle. This is Gautier Pinar Del Rio XO exclusive cigar blend. It comes in a cardboard tube and retails for \$16.95 – probably a record for a NZ glass bottle. Both the NZ and Australian importers are shown on the label. The Kahlua is a variation of the NZ bottled Kahlua, this one with the bottler's name on the back. Anrea's 50th London Gin is another special from Southern Grain Spirits.

My thanks to Erica Mulder and Robin Mellish for getting me most of these bottles. Erica has a friend at Southern Grain Spirits and can get bottles as they are made. If you want to receive them she can be contacted at 37 Park Road, Titirangi, Auckland.

David Smith

Sadly, I have to report the death of member Jean Davis in February. Jean was from Michigan, USA so most of you would not know her. She has been a stalwart of the hobby for decades, an occasional contributor to miniZ and a frequent contributor to various US club newsletters. She will be sadly missed by those who knew her.

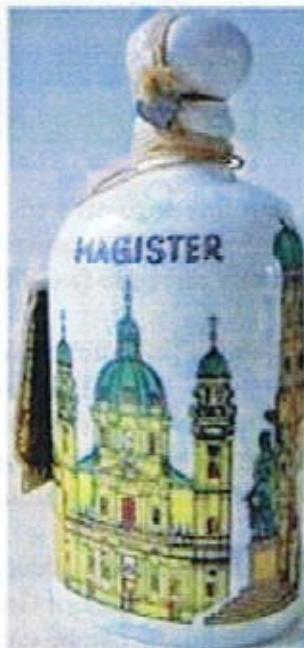
FANCY AN OVERSEAS TRIP?

On a much happier note, a number of members have expressed a desire to go to one of the US mini bottle shows. We discussed this at the AGM and have a commitment from 5 members to go to the Mid-West Club's 25th Anniversary show in St. Louis in April 2003. We are looking at about 4 days in St. Louis and 5 in Kentucky (5 hours drive away) visiting distilleries etc. You can then either return to NZ or head off to see other parts of the States. Going as a group will allow us to pool some expenses. Contact David Smith if you are interested. PO Box 384, Wellington minidavid@xtra.co.nz Phone: 025 275 7712

AS SEEN ON EBAY #5



We start off this time with something out of the ordinary. Wald-Himbeergeist is a 100ml mini, about 140mm (5.5") high. It has a chef's hat and spatula attached. It was sold by someone in Brazil but is probably originally from Germany. It sold for US\$9.99



The ceramic bottle above is a plain white with colourful transfers showing Magister and Munchen (Munich). It sold for US\$11.75

Next we have two playing cards from Suvenir of Argentina. I have had the King of Hearts for years and never realized that there was a set of these. They are 89mm (3.5") high. They sold for US\$27.50



This set of 6 Coca Cola minis was issued on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Coca Cola in Ecuador. It says in Spanish: 50 Years - Coca Cola - Ecuador. Each bottle shows also 6 different country labels: EEUU (USA), Corea (Korea), Japon (Japan),

Rusia (Russia), China and Ecuador. It sold for US\$50.95. There are a number of Coke historical sets made in different countries, or for different markets, around the world.



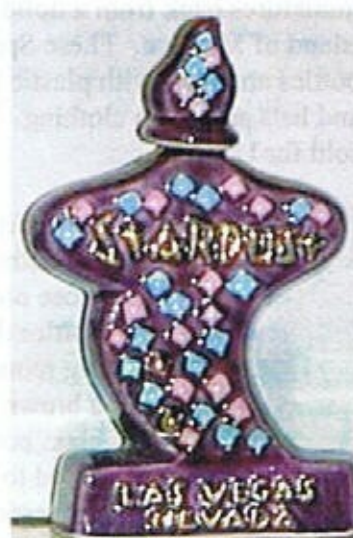
The one shown here is also from Ecuador and is one that I have not seen previously. Unfortunately the seller was too optimistic as to what it would sell for and put a minimum bid of US\$49.95 on it. It failed to sell at this price but would probably have bided up to close to that if the minimum bid had been US\$30.



The Stein is one of a pair. This one is tan and there is also a blue one. They are from MBC. It failed to sell for a minimum US\$7.95 bid. Also from MBC is a mini that I have never liked but that will always sell well as it was made for a Las Vegas casino, Stardust. It is black with pink and blue dots. It sold for US\$39.01



Hoffman made the 45 Auto Pistol miniature in 1975. It is one of a series of six, all of which are very life like. It comes on it's own stand and the



dollar bill was photographed with it to show the size. On the back is gives a little bit of the history of the 45 Auto and their use by the US Army. It sold for US\$19.99

The pair of Laurel and Hardy decanters on the next page is again from MBC. They contain bourbon and are about 150mm (6") tall. They were sold empty for £31



The seal with the ball balanced on it's nose is from Cazanove of France. It too is approximately 150mm (6") tall. It sold for a very cheap £2

The Kenmore Car sold for US\$10.27. It is made of glass and contains 5cl of Scotch at 40%vol.

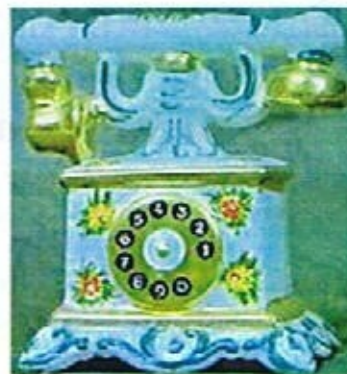


Many years ago my mother brought me a couple of these cute little miniatures back from a holiday in the island of Majorca. These Spanish bottles are glass with plastic heads and hats and sewn clothing. The pair sold for US\$5



Cora Triple Sec is another one of those old Italian bottles that fetch big money. It is a brown square glass bottle with a lead sealed cap. It bided to US\$49.99 but that was below the reserve.

We have shown the Famous Firsts telephone before, but not for several years. The decanter itself was made in Italy but Famous Firsts was an American company and it contains



Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It was made in the 1970's, is white with a gold trim and green and red accents and stands about 114mm (4.5") high.

Rum Carioca is from Puerto Rico. It shows three pirates drinking and using a treasure chest as a table. This very colourful mini sold for US\$46



This nice wooden boxed set of five



Ports from Quinta do (House of) Infantado sold for an opening bid of US\$24.95

Staying with glass bottles we have a Grain Belt Golden Beer. This is a brown bottle, approximately 114mm (4.5") high, with a label in excellent condition. It sold for US\$8.50



Elsewhere in this issue you will see an article on Elvis and a mini of Elvis doing Karate. Here is another Karate figure for you. This MBC bottle is one of a pair featuring Bruce Lee that was made in 1975. It sold for US\$9.95, although I suspect that it would have fetched more if it had been attributed to Bruce Lee instead of just being sold as Karate Fighter.



The little ceramic steam engine is from Germany. It contains Obstwasser, 38%vol. 40ml. It is in perfect condition and still full. I have had one of these for a number of years and so was interested to see what it would sell for – US\$27



This white 1953 Corvette convertible was made by Famous Firsts in 1978. It is 127mm (5") long and, as you can see, still has the label. I meant to bid on this but completely forgot as it was sold over the Christmas period. It sold for US\$25

Cora Cherry Brandy is another one of those old Italian bottles that fetch incredible money. The contents are from Portugal but the bottle and producer are Italian. The label is very plain with a neutral background, Cora in red and the other writing in black. There is a lead seal and the seller believes that this dates from the 1930's. If so it is in remarkable condition for its age. This bottle was well sort after and bided up to US\$104 – but amazingly this was still below the reserve.



I first saw the Michter's King

Tutankamen mini, together with the other two in the series, in Chicago in 1981. Jackie wanted to buy Queen Neffertiti but at that time I was not collecting ceramics. Only a few years later I picked up King Tut and the other bottle, Goddess Selket, but Queen Neffertiti evaded me for about 15 years.

These minis were made in 1978 and were on sale in

Chicago at US\$25 each. This one sold for US\$23 and two others for US\$9.99 and US\$5.99 respectively – which only goes to prove that almost all minis are not a good investment!



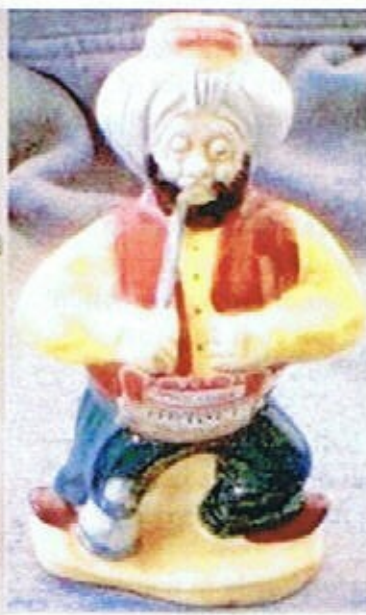
I wanted to buy, but was outbid on, the advertising pillar shown on the right. This was made in Germany but there is nothing more that I can tell you about it, other than that the label is hidden among the posters. It sold for US\$21.60

Next we have another seal. This sold better than the previous one, US\$12.99, presumably because it contains Scotch. It was made by Long John and is approximately 75mm (3") high.





Suvenir of Argentina made the Licor Damasco Lamp. It is about 127mm (5") high and has a bisque glaze. It sold for US\$9.99



The Turk from Drioli is well known in New Zealand. Here it would generally sell in the \$15 - \$25 range. It sold on Ebay for US\$10.50 (NZ\$20)

Aidee's 'Last Exit to Brooklyn' ceramic Scotch whisky book is about 76mm (3") high. Both the spine and front cover are shown. The bottle was sold, full, for US\$11. This bottle, which I have



had for many years, has always been a puzzle. It is a real oddment and does not seem to fit in with the other Aidee's bottles. It looks like it may have been the first of a series that never materialised.



I have seen a number of bottle 'canons' but never one from J & B Rare. It looks like wood but will be plastic. It sold for US\$5.99



On the left is a strange looking bottle from Colombari of Italy. It contains Lacrima Cristi Vino Liquoroso and is about 127mm (5") high. It sold for US\$17.27

To the right is 'Twin Brigs' a flask from Jim Beam. As you can see it is approximately 4" (100mm) high. It failed to sell for a minimum US\$14.99 bid.



The picture of the triple mini shown on the next page does not do it justice. This mini is in four parts, the three bottles,

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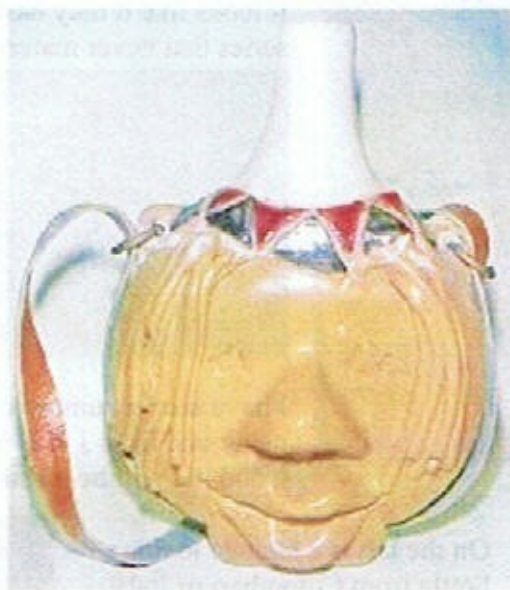
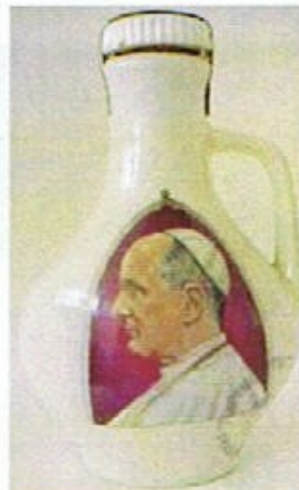


each containing a different liqueur, and a brass base. It was made by Garnier of France in the 1950's. It sold for US\$10.45

This ceramic jug from Israel was made in 1964 for the occasion of the peregrination of the Pope. It sold for US\$29.88

The bell shaped mini is from Giridi of Italy. It failed to sell for a minimum US\$12.99 bid.

The Dutch lady in traditional costume is from Bols of Holland. It is about 102mm high and contains Crème de Cacao. It sold for US\$29.99



I love the face in the middle above but evidently not many collectors do as it failed to sell for a minimum US\$19.99 bid. It was made in Argentina, is about 127mm (5") high and contains Viejo Tonel Vino.

I apologise for the poor quality of the picture of the Tequila Bottle. This is a hand blown 50ml bottle with a cactus inside, a cork top, and containing Porfidio Añejo Tequila. It contains 100% Blue Agave Añejo. The Tequila Regulation Council (CRT) sanctioned Porfidio and the government of Mexico banned the domestic and foreign sale of all Porfidio brand tequila in June 2001. Four collectors were bidding for this and it sold for US\$33.87





Ric Di Roma looks like it should be from Holland as it is in traditional Delft blue but it is, of course, from Italy. It is about 102mm (4") high and contains Liquori Firenze. It sold for US\$15.25

Now for three micro-mini

Cola bottles from the 1950's that I would have liked to buy – but bidding was spirited and they went too high. They are all 70mm (2.75mm) tall. Thril sold for US\$8.51, Campa Cola fetched US\$10.50, and Thumbs Up went for US\$13.27.



In 1997 the club managed to buy cheaply (we sold them for NZ\$20) a number of the tartan McGibbons Scotch Ceramic Golf Bags from the NZ importer. He could not sell them because the Asian financial crisis meant that the Koreans and Japanese were not coming to NZ and buying at the duty free stores in anything like the numbers they had been. The one on the left is almost one of those we had for sale, the only difference being the GRC logo where the McGibbons was. GRFC stands for Glasgow Rangers Football Club. I would have liked to have bought this but the minimum bid asked was £14.99 plus a

supplement for using PayPal to pay, plus postage of £6.20, say NZ\$72 all up! It failed to get a bid.

Last but certainly not least we have the Rynbende hand blown bottle shown from both back and front. The green lady on the stopper is stunning. It sold for US\$302 (no I have not missed out the decimal point) with a very unusual number of bids.



David Smith

ELVIS IS ALIVE AND WELL

This article is especially for club Supplies Officer, Pam Fowler. Pam, as well as having a fine collection of ceramic miniatures, is also an Elvis nut.

I have found pictures of all those I can and, where they were in an auction, I have included the selling price also. All these mini decanters were made by McCormick, all apart from one have music box bases and all are filled with Bourbon. Other than those shown here, the ones I know about are:

Elvis Platinum

Elvis Gold on Stage (pictured in miNiZ 61)

Elvis 50th Anniversary

There may or may not also be a mini Hound Dog Elvis. Two catalogues I looked at do not list it but there are a number of collectors around the world with adverts wanting to buy it.

I may have missed listing some that were made, let me know, or even better send me a picture and I will put the information in the next miNiZ.

Starting the pictures we have one that is really three. Shown is the White Designer Elvis #1. There are also gold and silver versions, neither of which I found for sale. Each is 165mm (6.5") high, 50ml. The music boxes of all three play "Are You Lonesome Tonight". It bided to US\$39.99 but this was below the reserve. Another failed to get a bid at a reserve of \$110



Elvis 25th Silver was made in 1980 and was sold, complete with the box, for a cheap US\$36.
Elvis Gold - The Ultimate Tribute was made in 1983 and plays "My Way." It was sold, complete

with the box, for US\$52.51 for one and US\$75 each for two others. Note that this is the same mould as used for Elvis White in 1979.

I am able to tell you a little more about Sergeant Elvis. It was made in 1983 and is 197mm (7.75") high. It shows Elvis's dog-tag, #53310761, (from when he was conscripted into the US Army) on the front of the music box, which plays "GI Blues" – what else! It sold for US\$122.50 for one and US\$76 for another and US\$52 for a third – it just shows it does not always pay to get in early!

The last picture on the previous page shows "Elvis 77" otherwise known as "Elvis White". The music box plays "Love me tender." Despite the 77 on the front it was made in 1979. I saw white costumes similar to this in Graceland in 2001 (shown below) and the mini does not begin to do them justice. It sold for US\$76.55 and another went for US\$30



On the far left we have "Elvis 68" or "Elvis Black" from 1980, followed by "Elvis 55", also from 1980. This bottle also gets called "Elvis Pink" and "Young Elvis". These are the two most common Elvis bottles. The '68, which plays "I can't help falling in love with you," sold for US\$51 and US\$39.99 and the '55, which plays "Loving You" for US\$72.55



Elvis loved Karate. He practiced daily and rose to Black Belt level. Elvis Karate was made in 1983 and plays "Taking Care of Business." This is a really great mini as you can see and was sold complete with the original box (seen in the background). It sold for US\$85 – rather cheap I thought.





On the left we have one of the rarest pieces, Elvis on his horse, Rising Sun. Elvis loved horse riding and Rising Sun in particular. The mini is 171mm (6.75") tall and 152mm (6") long. This is the only one without a music box base (or so I thought). The seller thought that Elvis should have a flag or something in his hand but that it was missing. This clearly depressed the price and is in fact incorrect as I have found several other photos and Elvis's right hand is always empty. It sold for £56.57. For days before the end of the auction the top bid was £20.99 so two hours before the end (it closed at 2.00am) I put in a bid for Pam. Alas, it bid up very quickly in the last few minutes.

About a month after writing the above another came up for sale and the picture on the left is the second one. You can see that this one does come with a music box base, wooden in this case, it plays "Green, Green Grass of Home." It sold for US\$177.75

Teddy Bear Elvis was on sale in late

December but, frustratingly, there was no picture so the bottle shown is the large decanter. Note that the mini will be a little different. The music box plays "Let Me Be Your Teddy Bear". It sold for US\$131.38



Aloha Elvis was made in 1981. Elvis has on the costume that he wore for the USS Arizona Memorial Benefit Performance at Pearl Harbour in 1961 – the 20th anniversary of the Pearl Harbour attack. The Arizona was a US battleship that was sunk in the first wave of the attack with the loss of over 1000 men. The music box plays "Blue Hawaii." I apologise for the quality of the picture but it is the only one that I could find of the mini. This one

sold, together with four others (Karate, 55, 68 & 77), for US\$227.50. This set was badly described and I came across it by accident. I suspect that many potential bidders missed it and that the Aloha alone would have fetched close to this price if listed correctly.

Elvis Designer #2 and Elvis Designer #3 minis have never shown up for sale whilst I have been writing this article - the last 8 months. Shown is the large #2 decanter but I could not find a picture of #3. Hope you enjoyed these "Thank you very much"



David Smith

COMPETITION

It is simply ages since we had a competition in miNiZ. We used to get a good response but then the interest tailed off. This is a competition that you can all have a go at. You do not need to know a lot about bottles even, ten good guesses should do it.



These are known as Folk Art bottles. Artists from 54 countries produced works for the Atlanta Olympics, all starting with the same "canvas," a *Coca-Cola* bottle. They applied their folk art traditions and indigenous materials to make it their own. There were only 10 minis made, each about 100mm (4") high. They come in boxes like those shown on the left.

What you have to guess is the country that each bottle represents. The only clue that I will give you is that the countries are in alphabetical order – as should your answers be. At least I think that they are. I have a little bit of doubt about the country of one of them (it in no way reminds me of that country) but that is what I have been told it is and my answer will be final.

Entries to the club at P.O. Box 384, Wellington, New Zealand within a month of receiving this.

The prize will be the honour of winning plus three mini Coke bottles, sorry, not Folk Art ones as they are too expensive, but you will get the choice of any three from about 250 different ones.

SCOTCH ON EBAY



The five bottles above all have fairly plain labels with cream backgrounds and mainly black writing. All are round bottles, the first three being brown and the other two clear glass. Crabbie 8 Year Old Blended Scotch Whisky is an old cork cap bottle. 8, Blended Scotch Whiskey and two very small lines that I cannot read are in red. It sold for US\$11.02. The two Crawford's are very similar with only the 3 stars on the second bottle being in red. Each has a flip-up cap, which probably places them in the 1930's or 40's. The pair sold for US\$37.50. The two The Balvenie single malt are in bottles with screw caps that look more like they should be filled with Cognac. The pair failed to sell for a



minimum US\$9 bid.

The next four 'Glen' bottles are all clear glass with screw caps. The first is round and the others are flasks. Glenallachie is a 12 year old Single Highland Malt. The label is a pale tan colour with a picture of, presumably, Glenallachie. It sold for US\$36. Glenburgie sounds like it should be served in McDonalds. The label is white with mainly black writing with only the logo and Glenburgie in red. It sold for US\$16.19 The next two Glenfarclas bottles are very similar with a gold label, black writing and only the name in Red. The pair sold for US\$44.99

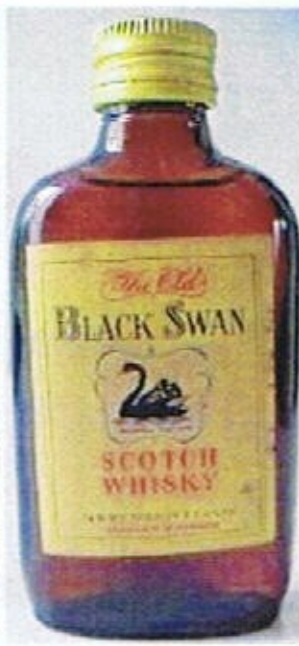


Sma'Still Scotch Whisky comes in a round brown glass bottle with a cork top. The cap seal has slipped down the neck in this photo. The label is cream with gold and red writing and the bagpiper sketch in black. It sold for US\$6.99. Queens Own Scotch Whisky is in a well embossed, almost cube shaped, bottle with a cork cap and lead seal. The label is mainly orange with a fine crest showing the Queen. It sold for US\$26.52.

Below we have Black Special Scotch. This is a clear, square bottle with a label in black and gold. It sold for US\$15.50.

The Old Black Swan is in a brown glass flask with a metal screw cap. The label is yellow, the writing black and red. It sold for US\$8.99

Brig o' Banff is in a plain clear flask with a metal screw cap. The label probably started off white but is now a light tan. The bridge (Brig in Scottish Gaelic) is black and most of the writing is red. It sold for US\$4.99.





Special Reserve from Addison and Co. Ltd of Preston is also in a plain clear flask with a metal screw cap. The label again is white with black and red printing. It sold for US\$6.50

Johnny Wright's is a brown glass flask with a metal screw cap. The label is white and the writing and seal black. It failed to sell.

Taplows did not fare much better, selling for just US\$4.51. It is a clear glass flask with a metal screw cap. The label has a black background and mainly white writing.

Rabbie's Dram Scotch Whisky honours the Scots poet Robert Burns. It is a round clear glass bottle with a white label, red writing and what looks like a blob of red sealing wax. It also has a paper label around the cap and a piece of rope around the neck. It sold for £5.99

Glenforres Malt is 12 years old, 5cl, 43%vol. The bottle is a plain round green one with a metal screw cap. The label is a brick red with writing in three colours. It sold for US\$36

Glenberry is in a clear glass flask with a screw cap. The label is yellowed parchment with a black border, black and red writing and a picture of the distillery. It sold for US\$6.99

Glenaber has a nice gold label with a red border. Unfortunately it is slightly damaged at the bottom left. Again there is a picture of the distillery, this time in red. Most of the writing is in black. The bottle is a brown flask with a screw cap. It sold for US\$6.99

On the next page we have more flasks. Scottish Dance is in a clear glass bottle with a metal screw cap. The label is yellow with black stripes top and bottom and black and red writing. It sold for US\$4.24





Saunders O. B. Finest Reserve Blended Scotch Whisky has a nice gold label with red and black writing and a red seal. The triangle around O.B. is in yellow. The flask is clear glass with a metal screw cap. It sold for US\$3.99

Robertson's Yellow Label with, what else, a yellow label, with red and black writing and a US importers name on the label. It is in a plain clear glass flask with a screw top. It sold for US\$12.50

MD Golden Crown is a fat brown glass flask with a cork top. The label is black with most of the writing in white. It sold for US\$16.50

Churtons V.O.B.G. Blended Scotch Whisky is in a round, brown glass bottle with a metal screw cap. The



label is a creamy yellow with most of the writing in black and V.O.B.G. and the crest in red. It sold for US\$4.99. The 1986 Commonwealth Games Malt Miniature Whisky was bottled at 13 years old. It is in a very plain round glass bottle with a plain white label. The writing is in blue and black and the palace in red. It sold for US\$6

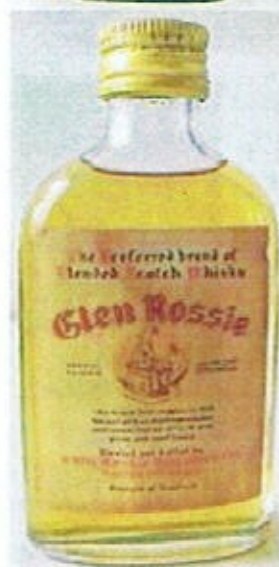


Johnson's Rhuvaig is a real gem. The flask is clear glass with a cork top. The label is gold with Rhuvaig in white and the remaining writing in a mix of red and black. It sold for US\$32. Henekeys White Seal is in a green glass flask with a cork top. The label is a plain



dark green and white. It sold for £4.99

Old Monarch is a real gem. This is an Argentinean import with a perfect label and a lead sealed cork top on a green glass bottle. The label has a yellow background with multi colour writing. It sold for a cheap US\$13.10. The Don Ganger sold for an even cheaper US\$8.99. The label is yellow with red and black writing and, again, this is an Argentinean import. The teardrop shaped flask is clear with a screw cap.



Glen Rossie is another plain clear glass flask with a metal screw cap. The label is cream with 'Glen Rossie' in red and most of the other writing in black. It sold for US\$4.99

The two bottles at left are both called Old Court and yet they have totally different labels, even the picture is different. Both are clear glass bottles with screw cap tops. The nearest one is 'Gold Label' and, of course, it is a gold label, with the writing in red and black. The second one is a black label with a gold edge, 'Old Court' and the courtiers in the picture in red and the other writing in white. The pair sold US\$6.99



I fail to understand why anyone would try to sell the two bottles at left together. Both are desirable Scotch flasks with screw cap tops. The Old Fisherman is brown glass with a white label and mainly black writing with some red. The Schwegmann's is clear glass with a yellow label and all writing in brown. The pair sold for US\$6.99 – probably what either would have fetched separately.

Many of the above Scotches were for sale from Brazil. I believe they would have fetched more if sold by a US or European dealer as many bidders are wary of buying from foreign parts.

In the next miNiZ I will have a similar article for you on North American Whiskies.

David Smith

ODD SPOT

FROM NEW SCIENTIST MAGAZINE

Q Occasionally one reads about the "secret ingredients" which are supposed to give Coca-Cola its allegedly captivating taste. Surely, today's analytical techniques would make it simple to determine even trace components of the liquid in a bottle of Coke. Is this so?

A1 At one time, I was employed as a "flavour chemist" for a company that marketed artificial food flavourings. One of my specialities was soft drink flavours, including colas. The basic ingredients for all cola flavours are lemon, lime and cinnamon (or cassia oil). These may be augmented by hundreds of minor ingredients, some in trace quantities, that give each cola its unique flavour. Many of the individual ingredients, such as lemon oil, are themselves complex mixtures of hundreds of organic chemicals. Analysis of the unique ingredients of a particular cola is further complicated by differences in the sources of the ingredients. For example, lemon oil from Florida has characteristics distinctly different to lemon oil from California. Analytical techniques such as gas chromatography and mass spectroscopy, have been used in the flavour industry for decades. These techniques can be used to develop an approximation of the Coca-Cola flavour but are not powerful enough to produce an exact match. Any cola drinker can distinguish the "real thing" from its imitators.

A2 There is no need for a sophisticated analysis of Coca-Cola in order to discover its composition. The formula is public knowledge, because it has been published in *For God, Country and Coca-Cola: The unauthorised history of the world's most popular soft drink* by Mark Pendergrast, Phoenix, 1994, London, ISBN 1 85799 180 X (page 422). The formula includes six essential oils: orange, lemon, nutmeg, cinnamon, coriander and neroli. I imagine that each of these could include a multitude of compounds, which in some cases might be shared by other oils, and may be unfamiliar to us. Therefore I suspect the analyst's job is a very difficult one.

Two New Bourbons



These photos were sent to me by Jim Crawford who writes: "The Buffalo Trace is a new Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey which came out the beginning of November. It is a fantastic glass miniature, and is a "true mini" of the regular size bottle. This has to go down as one of the best new minis issued in America in the last 20 years. Unfortunately it is only available in Kentucky, Indiana, & Tennessee, but fortunately for me, that's just a 15 minute drive from my house."

The other bottle is Old Whiskey River small batch whiskey. It just came out in early December so it is brand new. This one was supposed to be issued last May, but major distributor problems delayed the release for 7 months. While this one is a PET bottle (that sounds better than plastic), the association Willie Nelson has had with Old Whiskey River makes up for the fact it's PET. In case you don't know who Willie Nelson is, he is a famous American Folk/Country singer who has been around since the 1960's. One of Willie Nelson's hit songs years ago was "Old Whiskey River". He is also famous for his concerts to help raise money for the US Farmers in financial needs."

DATE, TIME & PLACE

March 16 th		12.30pm	Barbecue at Colin Ryder's, 20 Prospect Terrace, Johnsonville
March 16 th	SI	2.00pm	Trevor Harvey's, 44 Basingstoke Street, Wainoni, Christchurch
April 20 th		2.00pm	Gary Carvey, 156 Te Moana Road, Waikanae
May 1 st	SI	2.00pm	Eric Sutton's, 14C Michigan Place, Westhaven, Christchurch
May 18 th		2.00pm	David Smith's, 86 Rawhiti Road, Pukerua Bay
June 15 th		2.00pm	Kevin Hewetson's, 21 Terry Crescent, Palmerston North (subject to confirmation)
July 20 th		12.30pm	Pot Luck Lunch, Ken Chin's, 29 Norton Park Avenue, Lower Hutt
August 17 th		2.00pm	Ian Butcher's, 5 Sunburst Court, Paraparaumu Beach, Kapiti
September 21 st		2.00pm	Colin Ryder's, 20 Prospect Terrace, Johnsonville
September 28 th	SI	2.00pm	Robin Mellish's, 66 Rudds Road, Christchurch (a number of North Island members regularly make a weekend of this meeting)
October 19 th		12.30pm	Pot Luck Lunch, Marj Lynch's, 51 Maxwell Avenue, Wanganui
November 2 nd	SI	2.00pm	David Fretwell's, 61 Port Hills Road, Heathcote, Christchurch
November 16 th		2.00pm	David Smith's, 86 Rawhiti Road, Pukerua Bay
December			Christmas shindig – TBA
January 18 th		2.00pm	Steuart Goodman's, 21 Horopito Road, Waikanae
February 14/15 th		Anytime	AGM and Weekend away at Patea. (AGM after lunch on 15 th)

As we have no secretary, the person who is holding the meeting should phone or email all the local members a week in advance to remind them.

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There have been a number of changes of address notified to us. We will be sending out a new membership list soon.

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