

PRIVATE CASK PROGRAMME 2023

**HOLYROOD
DISTILLERY**

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OUR APPROACH TO *Whisky* MAKING

Our approach to whisky making is rooted in Edinburgh's rich brewing heritage and traditional methods of Scotch production. When we look backwards, we see how distillers paid close attention to the brewing stage of the production process. In the Twentieth Century, due to an increase in demand, new strains of high-yielding barley and distiller yeasts were developed.

Re-examining traditional practices of brewing and its raw materials forms the basis of Holyrood's recipe development and our building blocks of flavour.



our 2023 CASK PROGRAMME

This year our cask programme offers two expressions, focusing on our mashing process and subsequent clarity of the wort produced.

The first utilises cloudy wort and the second clear, producing two distinct options for our cask owners to choose from.

Inspired by techniques used in both Japanese whisky and craft beer production, both illustrate how varying mashing techniques change the characteristics of our spirit.



EXPLORING CLEAR WORT CLOUDY

To date Holyrood has focused primarily on producing spirit made using clear wort. This year's decision to include a clouded wort expression is the result of numerous tests and iterations conducted last year, and represents a deeper dive into our use of heritage barley and specialty malts.

Alongside the unique nuances that each malt variety provides, changes in wort clarity impart significantly different characteristics on the final spirit. The higher lipids in cloudy wort create further depth of texture, alongside heavy nutty and cereal flavours, while clear wort delivers a light, fresh and fruity spirit.

Using variable wort clarities provides us with a further method of recipe refinement and control, enabling us to accentuate and compliment the characters of the heritage and specialty malts used in creating our mash bills. This is what we have done for this year's cloudy expression. Malts have been selected for their nutty, creamy characters, which are magnified by maintaining a cloudy wort.

OVERVIEW

CLOUDY WORT



MALSTER *Crisp*

MALT 1 *Golden Promise*

MALT 2 *Dextrin*

MALT 3 *Chit*

MALT 4 *Dark Munich*

YEAST 1 *Tropicale WLP077*

YEAST 2 *Pinnacle MG+*

OG 1.0670 – 1.0689 **FG** 0.992 – 1.0030

WASH ABV 8.47% – 9.07%

FERM. TIME *Min. 45– Max. 140 / Av. 102 hrs*

ON SPIRIT 75.0% **OFF SPIRIT** 57.5%

CASK 250L Refill Sherry Hogshead

OVERVIEW

CLEAR WORT



MALSTER *Crisp*

MALT 1 *Hana*

MALT 2 *Vienna*

MALT 3 *Chit*

YEAST 1 *Diamond Lager*

YEAST 2 *Pinnacle MG+*

OG 1.0650 – 1.070 **FG** 0.999 – 1.000

WASH ABV 8.0% – 9.0%

FERM. TIME *Min. 48– Max. 120 / Av. 84 hrs*

ON SPIRIT 78.0% **OFF SPIRIT** 57.5%

CASK 200L First Fill Bourbon Barrel

CLOUDY WORT

“For our cloudy wort we have focused on brewing techniques not typically seen in whisky production, all chosen to maximise the texture and flavour of our final spirit.

Key in producing texture is ensuring our mash tun rakes continue to spin during mashing, to increase the extraction of cereal particles. This is coupled with a very short vorlauf (part of the mashing process, used to separate residual particles from the mash). By shortening the vorlauf process we retain more cereal particles, key in producing a sticky, velvety mouthfeel, and nutty flavours.

Golden Promise provides a strong malty base permeated with nutty chocolate sweetness enveloped in a sweet creamy butterscotch. This evolves on the taste buds into pineapple and other tropical fruits, finishing with a spicy fruity note. Complex and deep notes stick to the mouth and leave you savouring the slowly fading flavours.”

CALUM RAE

Assistant Distillery Manager

CLEAR WORT

“For our clear offering, we have drawn upon our continued love of the brewing world and decided to take inspiration from the king of clear beers, Lager. Our aim for this is simple: a clean and crisp yet complex and interesting spirit.

We have produced numerous clear wort recipes and have really enjoyed their light and bright character. In contrast to producing a cloudy wort, clear wort requires longer rest times and increased rates of wort recirculation to maximise its clarity. The extra copper contact from our purifier and our lovely tall stills creates a spirit that is sweet and malty with a hint of spice, with a moreish finish that leaves you thirsty for another sip.”

CALUM RAE

Assistant Distillery Manager

SPECIFICATIONS

CLOUDY WORT



MASH BILL

We have chosen a base malt of Golden Promise, for the delicious cream note that runs through it and for the texture and sweetness it creates.

We've layered this with Chit, Dextrin and Dark Munich malts. Dark Munich has this overt sweet nuttiness that comes through like a hazelnut spread. For both Chit and Dextrin, the germination phase is short which means they have loads of the original grain character and both malts add body and texture.



YEAST

We love tropical notes in our new makes, for their playful and versatile flavours. We have selected Tropicale yeast to push and deliver the delicious tropical note, whilst still preserving the creamy tones we get from the M yeast.



MATURATION

For maturation we are using 250 litre refill sherry hogsheads. We have selected refill sherry for its classic raisin and dried fruits which will complement and balance the tropical notes of the yeast. The traditional combination of golden promise and sherry nods to historic whisky styles, whilst our selection of a new strain of yeast and our focus on mashing techniques brings the recipe into the modern era.

SPECIFICATIONS

CLEAR WORT



MASH BILL

We have chosen a base malt of Hana, a heritage malt from the 1840's. Hana's claim to fame is that it was used to produce one of the first golden blonde lagers. Hana delivers bready, smooth notes which we have balanced with a proportion of Vienna malt, to add to the texture and body.



YEAST

Alongside the Hana and Vienna, we have pitched German Lager Yeast. German Lager yeast is traditionally used alongside both Hana and Vienna in the brewing world and brings a citric zing to the back end of the flavour profile.



MATURATION

For maturation we are using 200 litre first fill bourbon barrels. We have selected first fill bourbons to impart notes of vanilla and toasted caramel, to compliment the strong malty flavours from the Hana malt and German lager yeast. As the name suggests, the crisp, clear nature of the spirit will benefit from the soft, mellow nature of the cask.



BENEFITS *of our* **CASK PROGRAMME**

BENEFITS **YOUR CASK**

10 YEARS

Maturation of your chosen cask.

INSURANCE

Included in cask price;
covers damage or loss due to
fire, explosion, flooding or other
cause.

CASK COMMUNITY

A whisky community,
connected through Holyrood
Distillery, shaped by you.

SAMPLE SPIRIT

From your cask on its first
birthday, its whisky birthday
(when it turns three) and at its
tenth birthday.

CASK

Cloudy Wort
250L Refill Sherry Hogshead
Clear Wort
200L First Fill Bourbon Barrel

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