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MENU

1st Nosing: GLENFIDDICH WINTER STORM EXP SERIES #3
(introduced by: Bill Gorham)
Surprise Amuse Bouche

2nd Nosing: GLENROTHES SHERRY CASK RESERVE
(introduced by: John Creber)

1st Course: Yellow Lentil & Ham Hock Soup

3rd Nosing: HIGHLAND PARK VALKYRIE
(introduced by: Conrad Falkson)

2nd Course: Roasted Beets, Pomegranate Seeds, Hazelnut,
Baby Kale, Chèvre, Sherry Mustard Vinaigrette

4th Nosing: GLENCADAM 10 YEAR OLD
(introduced by: Elsabe Falkson)

5th Nosing: LAGAVULIN 16 YEAR OLD
(introduced by: Chantaille Buczynski)

Choice of Main Course Entree:

Roasted Turkey,
Mashed Yukon Golds, Brussels, Cranberry, Gravy
Or

Maple Glazed Salmon, French Lentils, Baby Carrots

6th Nosing: TOMATIN LEGACY
(introduced by: Philip Henderson)

Dessert: Polish, Apple Caramel Cake

COST OF THE MALTS

- GLENFIDDICH WINTER STORM EXP SERIES #3 LCBO
535195 | 750 mL bottle Price \$ 349.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey
43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- GLENROTHES SHERRY CASK RESERVE LCBO 426205 | 700
mL bottle Price \$104.45 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single
Malts 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- HIGHLAND PARK VALKYRIE LCBO 498105 | 750 mL bottle
Price: \$99.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey 45.9% Alcohol/Vol.

- GLENCADAM 10YEAR OLD HIGHLAND SINGLE MALT SCOTCH
WHISKY LCBO 436246 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$91.20 Spirits,
Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- LAGAVULIN 16 YEARS OLD MALT SCOTCH WHISKY LCBO
207126 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$124.95 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey,
Scotch Single Malts 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

- TOMATIN LEGACY LCBO 395723 | 750 mL bottle Price:
\$43.35 Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 46.0%
Alcohol/Vol.

Upcoming Dinner Dates

January 22nd, 2018 - Robbie Burns - River Mill

February 19th, 2018 - Islands / Islay - River Mill

March 19th, 2018 - Speyside - River Mill

April 16th, 2018 - Glenlivet Vertical Nosing - River Mill

May 14th, 2018 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill

June 18th, 2018 - BBQ (Final Exam) - River Mill

July 16th, 2018 - 7th Annual Bourbon Night - River Mill

Friday August 24th, 2018 - 11th Annual Premium Night - River Mill

September 17th, 2018 - Campbeltown / Lowland / Speyside /

Highlands / Islands / Islay - River Mill

October 15th, 2018 - Speyside / Highlands - River Mill

November 19th, 2018 - Speyside - River Mill

December 10th, 2018 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill

January 21st, 2019 - Robbie Burns - River Mill

February 18th, 2019 - Islands / Islay - River Mill

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December 9th, 2019 - Christmas Dinner - River Mill

NOVEMBER - KSMS Financial Statement

(Money from 43 November attendees @ \$60) = \$2580.00
November dinner 43 persons = \$44.00/ea = \$1892.00
(Money remaining for buying Single Malt) = \$688.00
Cost of Single Malts: = \$940.90
Cost of Pours per Person = \$14.70
KSMS Monthly operational balance = (-\$252.90)
Cost per person 26 attendees (All inclusive) = \$60.00

WHISKY BAUBLES RELEASED FOR CHRISTMAS

18 October 2017 by [Becky Paskin](#) - www.scotchwhisky.com

Whisky fans looking for something a bit different to hang from their Christmas tree this year can now buy a set of hand-blown whisky baubles.

Festive whisky: Each Christmas bauble contains a 50ml dram

Scottish glassmaker Angel's Share has partnered with whisky blender [Douglas Laing & Co.](#) to create a set of four coloured glass Christmas baubles, each filled with a different whisky.

Available in a range of colours – red, orange, green and gold – the baubles are each filled with 50ml of one of Douglas Laing's Remarkable Regional Malts: [Big Peat](#), [Timorous Beastie](#), [Scallywag](#) and [Rock Oyster](#).

The baubles, which are refillable, can be tied to Christmas tree branches by a ribbon attached to the cork.

Karen Somerville, managing director of Angels' Share Glass, said: 'We've always made Christmas baubles sealed with a famous whisky quote inside so we thought why not go one step further and make lovely glass ornaments filled with whisky you can drink.'

'They're very colourful and customers say they like the idea of hanging something beautiful on their tree with the added bonus of trying out the different malts on Christmas Day.'

The boxed sets of four baubles are available from [the Angel's Share website](#) for £48 each.

Douglas Laing unveils Big Peat Christmas 2017 bottling

5th September, 2017 by [Annie Hayes](#) - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

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Big Peat Christmas 2017 is said to offer flavours of “ferry engine rooms, tarry ropes, rock pools, harbour walls, beached seaweed and creosoted beach huts, with a late suggestion of chewed leather”.

Douglas Laing's managing director, Fred Laing said: “Big Peat is in the midst of his busiest year ever with numerous special bottlings, including his commemorative release for Feis Ile

2017, and multiple exclusive bottlings for some of his key markets across the globe.

“His demanding schedule continues with this latest release, which contains a unique recipe encompassing 7 of his favourite single malts from Islay, honouring the 7th Big Peat Christmas edition.

“The resulting liquid captures that signature smoky style with a marvellously maritime quality, just perfect for sipping by the fire, feet up on a cold winter's night. Big Peat's not ready to put his feet up just yet though, with one final big announcement to follow before the year is out...”

Big Peat Christmas is now available globally from specialist whisky retailers.

Ardbeg to extend core range with An Oa whisky

21st August, 2017 by [Annie Hayes](#) - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Islay-based single malt Scotch Ardbeg is to expand its core portfolio with a whisky aged in a 'gathering vat' within the distillery's former grain store, called Ardbeg An Oa.

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Pronounced 'an oh', the bottling contains whiskies of different cask types – including Pedro Ximenes, virgin oak and ex-

Bourbon – that have been married in a French oak vat in Ardbeg's new 'Gathering Room'.

Ardbeg An Oa is the first permanent expression from the distillery for almost ten years, and pays homage to the Mull of Oa. Situated at the end of the Oa peninsula, it forms the most southerly point of Islay.

Ardbeg's director of distilling, whisky creation and whisky stocks, Dr Bill Lumsden, said: “There is a wonderfully Ardbegian magic to The Gathering Room, where the parcels married together in this whisky merge over time, to reach new levels of complexity.

“Ardbeg An Oa's rounded and subtly smoky aromas reflect all the contrasts of the Mull of Oa, with notes of creamy toffee, aniseed, dates and hints of peach and banana.

“The whisky's smooth, creamy texture leads to a huge syrupy sweetness on the palate, as milk chocolate, orange and smoky tea leaves mingle with sweet spices, cigar smoke and – unusually – grilled artichokes, before a lingering, seductive and smoky finish.

“It is years since the world's smokiest, peatiest Islay malt added to its core range. We hope smoky malt whisky fans everywhere will be drawn to Ardbeg An Oa.”

Bottled at 46.6% abv, Ardbeg An Oa is non-chill filtered and has an RRP of £49.00. It will be available from specialist retailers from September 2017.

ARBEG TWENTY SOMETHING MARKS DARK DAYS

16 October 2017 by [Richard Woodard](#) - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Ardbeg is to release Ardbeg Twenty Something, a 23-year-old single malt filled into cask at a time when the Islay distillery was facing an uncertain future.

Trying times: Ardbeg was operating only sporadically when this spirit was laid down

The new expression, non-chill-filtered and bottled at 46.3% abv, will be sold exclusively to members of the Ardbeg Committee at a price of £430 for a 70cl bottle.

Ardbeg Twenty Something is a vatting of ex-Bourbon and ex-oloroso Sherry casks, filled at a very difficult time for the cult Islay distillery.

[Ardbeg](#) had been closed for most of the 1980s, and operated only sporadically during the 1990s before closing again in 1996 – but the distillery was acquired by [The Glenmorangie Company](#) in 1997, [which restarted production that year](#).

Ardbeg owner [Moët Hennessy](#) said the new expression was being released exclusively to the Ardbeg Committee group of enthusiasts in recognition of their 'enduring support'. The Committee pledges to 'ensure the doors of Ardbeg never close again'.

Distillery manager and Committee chairman [Mickey Heads](#), who spent some time at Ardbeg while working at nearby [Laphroaig](#) during the 1990s, said: 'This magnificent whisky was created within the retired iconic still which stands proud outside our distillery today. 'It's a glimpse back into Ardbeg's turbulent past and reaffirms just why the distillery couldn't be allowed to disappear.'

[Dr Bill Lumsden](#), director of distilling, whisky creation and whisky stocks at Ardbeg, described Ardbeg Twenty Something as 'bursting with rich, deep flavours', with 'an incredibly smoky, silky quality'.

The release follows last year's launch of another Ardbeg Committee bottling of a similar age, [Ardbeg Twenty One](#), priced at £310 a bottle.

Ardbeg Twenty Something will go on sale to Committee members from 2 November at www.ardbeg.com.

Diageo adds Lagavulin 8YO to core range

10th November, 2017 by [Nicola Carruthers](#) - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>



Diageo has added Lagavulin 8 Year Old to the distillery's permanent range, following its limited release as part of the brand's 200th anniversary celebrations in 2016.

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Lagavulin 8 Year Old was [launched as a special edition in 2016](#), and joins the range following "incredibly positive" feedback.

Aged exclusively in refill American oak casks, Lagavulin 8 Year Old is said to be "magnificently full" with tasting notes of charred, minty, dark chocolate, and sweet, smoky and warming flavours.



Inspired by the distillery's heritage, the bottle pays tribute to Britain's most famous Victorian whisky writer, Alfred Barnard.

In the late 1880s, Barnard, one of the first ever whisky journalists and travellers, sampled an 8 Year Old Lagavulin during a visit to Islay, describing it as "exceptionally fine" and "held in high repute."

Georgie Crawford, distillery manager at Lagavulin, adds: "The 8 Year Old is a signature Lagavulin style bottling with a liveliness that balances out the Islay smokiness. We hope that Lagavulin fans will enjoy this bottling, just as Alfred Barnard did centuries ago."

Richard Walker, Diageo's global head of malts, said: "Our aim for the 200th Anniversary was to bring Islay to life for as many people as possible, and by re-releasing this bottling as a permanent offering in our portfolio, we'll be able to continue sharing Lagavulin's heritage across the globe for many years to come."

Lagavulin 8 Year Old will be available in autumn at select spirits retailers in the US, Canada, Taiwan, Japan and parts of Europe.

anCnoc unveils peatiest whisky to date

3rd November, 2017 by Owen Bellwood - <http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com/>

Highland single malt Scotch brand anCnoc has extended its Peaty Collection with the launch of its peatiest expression to date, called Peatheart.



anCnoc's peatiest expression to date, Peatheart

Named after the nearby peat bogs, Peatheart is said to be the "smokiest" whisky produced by the Aberdeenshire distillery, with a phenol content of 40 parts per million.

Karen Walker, marketing director of anCnoc whisky, said: "When we first launched the Peaty Collection we had no idea how successful it would be. Seven awards and seven expressions later, we're excited to announce Peatheart as our latest release".

The whiskey has been matured in Bourbon barrels for over a decade and has been described as: "Pale amber in appearance the whisky delivers an initial smoky burst on the nose which surrenders to a surge of fruitiness. To taste, smoky flavours are laced with leather and sweet stewed apples. Closely followed by chocolate, the whisky is perfectly complemented by sweet vanilla and zesty lemon, leaving drinkers with a lingering warmth and floral smokiness."

The Scotch brand says that Peatheart is a celebration of the traditional processes involved in making whisky, as peat was historically the fuel used to dry out malted barley.

With a newly-designed black and gold foil pack, Peatheart honours the design of [anCnoc's core range](#) while incorporating an image of a golden eagle, which can be spotted flying over the distillery and peat bogs.

Peatheart is available now through independent and specialist retailers at an RRP of £52 for a 70cl bottle.

The Highland distillery of Knockdhu have announced the release of their latest peated expression under their AnCnoc single

malt brand. The AnCnoc Peatheart is the most peaty offering to date in their expanding series with a peating level of 40PPM in the malt used. It has been matured in ex-bourbon casks for 'over a decade' says the press release. The packaging features a golden eagle, which are spotting soaring above the distillery in the east Highlands. Peatheart is bottled at 46% ABV and no details of pricing was given in the press release.

8 Bourbon Cask-Matured Scotches That Cost \$100 or Less

October 16, 2017 | Jonny McCormick | From [Summer 2017](#)



The [scotch industry depends on bourbon](#) to provide flavorful casks for maturing malt and grain whiskies. But among the many bourbon-cask matured scotches out

there, which ones provide the best bang for your buck—and allow you to taste the influence of both types of whisky in one glass? Consult this list to find a great bottle that connects America and Scotland.

[Glenmorangie Original](#) - \$54, 93 points

One of the all-time greats, the complexity of this elegant whisky reveals itself with flavors of citrus, lilting florals, vanilla, and peach.

[Kilchoman 100% Islay 7th Edition](#) - \$100, 89 points

Get the full grain-to-glass experience with this lightly peated Kilchoman that spent 6 years in bourbon barrels from Buffalo Trace.

[Balblair Vintage 2003](#) - \$82, 87 points

Balblair has offered a solid program of vintage releases over the past decade, and this Highlander brings lemon, apple, and spice to the party.

[Tobermory 10 year old](#) - \$52, 87 points

An underappreciated distillery with a superb current range, this lovely lemony whisky tastes of gingerbread, star anise, and honey.

[Hazelburn 10 year old](#) - \$45, 86 points

Pears, spiced apples, and a swirling, oily mouthfeel define this unpeated, triple distilled whisky from Springbank Distillery.

[Tullibardine The Murray](#) - \$75, 85 points

Enjoy ripe banana, tropical fruits, and licorice flavors on this new cask strength drop of Highland gold from the distillery in Blackford.

[Auchentoshan American Oak](#) - \$50, 83 points

A little slice of the U.S. on the outskirts of Glasgow, this whisky was triple distilled and matured in first-fill bourbon casks, and projects toffee, grassy notes, spice, and citrus.

[Wolfburn Single Malt](#) - \$60, 83 points

The newest Scotch whisky distillery to give its whisky a U.S. release. Be ahead of the curve with a bottle of this young, fruity whisky from the northlands.

ROSEBANK DISTILLERY SET TO REOPEN

10 October 2017 by [Richard Woodard](#) - www.scotchwhisky.com

Rosebank, the coveted Lowland single malt Scotch whisky distillery which closed in 1993, is to be brought back to life by Ian Macleod Distillers.

New life: Rosebank is the third distillery this week set for revival

The company, owner of [Glengoyne](#) and [Tamdhu](#) single malts, has reached an agreement to buy [Rosebank's](#) Falkirk site from current owner Scottish Canals, and has separately acquired the Rosebank trademark and stocks from the distillery's previous owner, [Diageo](#).

Up to £12m will be invested over the next few years to bring Rosebank back to production, with spirit running off the stills by 2019 at the earliest.

All equipment will have to be installed in the old distillery building, including three stills for triple distillation, plus worm tub condensers, in an effort to replicate Rosebank's historic style of sweet, floral Lowland single malt.

Production capacity will be similar to that planned for the [soon-to-be-revived Port Ellen and Brora distilleries](#) – somewhere between 500,000 and 1m litres of alcohol a year.

Rosebank ceased production in 1993 when owner UDV (now Diageo) mothballed the site because of the cost of upgrading its effluent treatment plant, as well as problems over road access.

The site was sold to British Waterways in 2002, and the stills and mash tun were stolen during the Christmas and New Year holiday of 2008/9.

'Rosebank is one of the most respected and sought-after single malts in the world,' said [Ian Macleod Distillers](#) managing director Leonard Russell.

'As such, this is an extraordinarily exciting project for us. To bring back to life an iconic distillery and quintessential Lowland single malt is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.'

He added: 'We will produce Rosebank Lowland single malt in exactly the same way as it is known, using the famous triple distillation and worm tub condensers. This way we ensure the revival of its classic style and taste.'

Plans also include a visitor centre on the site 'to help tell the story of this remarkable whisky,' said Russell.

In the meantime, the company plans to release Rosebank single malt bottlings using the stocks acquired from Diageo, which date from the late 1980s and early 1990s.

'Over the coming months we will carefully review Rosebank's rare stocks with a view to releasing some truly scarce and extraordinary whiskies,' said Russell.

The news of Rosebank's revival comes just a day after Diageo [announced plans to restart production at two of its cult distilleries](#): Port Ellen and Brora.

You Need To Start Pairing Whisky With Chips

September 26, 2017 - Stephen Beaumont - <http://whiskyvocate.com>

The potato chip is one of those happy accidents of the culinary world. The story goes that chef George Crum was cooking his haute cuisine one evening in 1853 at Moon Lake Lodge in Saratoga Springs, New York. Fashionably, Crum offered french fried potatoes on the menu. When a guest sent them back to the kitchen, not once but twice, proclaiming they were cut too thick, Crum had enough. He sliced and fried the potatoes thin and crisp in a fit of rebellion. As it turned out, the crispy potatoes were a hit and became a specialty known as Saratoga chips. It didn't take long for entrepreneurs to begin bagging the chips, and in 2015 potato chips racked up an impressive \$7.5 billion in sales.

The humble potato chip continues to set trends. According to food industry analyst Phil Lempert of supermarketguru.com, flavors are becoming more varied, exotic, and adventurous; witness the recent explosion of sriracha chips. Lempert predicts that while the popularity of spicy seasonings will remain high, consumers will seek greater balance and complexity, adding that smokiness will grow alongside spiciness. These bold flavors seem destined for bold drinks. "People are looking for different snacks and new experiences," says Lempert, "And pairing with drinks is now a major part of that."

While the combination of beer and chips has been extensively field tested, change the beverage to bourbon or Irish whiskey and the pairing becomes a little less intuitive, but no less delicious. With a basic potato chip, consider the addition of a bit of water or an ice cube to your whiskey. This mellows the punch of the spirit and refreshes the palate between bites, a must for any drink destined to accompany salty and fatty foods. The generally lighter character of many Canadian and some Japanese whiskies lends itself to basic potato chip flavors.

Dial up the seasoning a bit, to a barbecue or jalapeño-flavored chip, and the glass you drink from comes into play. Even if you add a decent dose of water to your spirit, a closed glass, like a snifter, will concentrate whisky flavors and aromas to the point that they will clash with the taste of the chips. A wide-mouthed tumbler will diffuse the whisky's aromas and lessen the intensity of the drink.

As the chip flavoring gets stronger still, as in a Lay's Flamin' Hot, bourbon or straight rye become the superior picks. Add a drop of cola to the whiskey and the touch of extra sweetness rounds out and brings forward the spice-calming caramel flavor of the spirit.

Lempert also suggests that another hot movement is toward beet and other root vegetable chips, like those offered by the popular brand Terra, which he predicts will double in popularity by 2020. These tend to be less salty and somewhat sweeter than

traditional potato chips, qualities that lend themselves well to peated Highland whiskies. Their dry but gentle smokiness contrasts with the sweetness of the chip in a delicious and palate-restorative fashion.

Finally, Lempert's predicted popularity of smoky flavors bodes well for Islay whiskies, since the peatiness of a Lagavulin or Kilchoman, or even a relatively mild-mannered Bowmore will complement smoky chip flavors.

With a bounty of pairing options, whisky drinkers can be content to sit back and let the chips fall where they may.

3 Whisky and Chip Combos to Try



Suntory Toki + Ruffles Original: The light, floral nature of this blend blossoms when a little water is added, partnering well with the character of Ruffles Original and providing a refreshing counterpoint to the chip's saltiness.

Oban 14 year old + Terra Sweets & Beets: An earthy chip with a fair degree of sweetness, the Terra mix of sweet potato and beet pairs well with fruitiness of the whisky, held in harmonious check by a whiff of smoke and a spicy finish.

Knob Creek Straight Bourbon + Kettle Jalapeño Chips: The moderate spicy heat of these chips means there's no need for an ice cube or drop of cola here; just a wide-mouthed glass and the pleasing combination of two bold and complementary flavors.

Old Pulteney unveils 25yo and 33yo whiskies

28th September, 2017 by Annie Hayes - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Wick-based distillery Old Pulteney has expanded its core range with a 25-year-old expression, at the same time as launching limited edition variant 1983 Vintage.

Old Pulteney expands its core range and unveils limited edition

Both Old Pulteney 25 Year Old and Old Pulteney 1983 Vintage Limited Edition have been aged in ex-Bourbon American oak barrels before finishing in ex-oloroso Spanish oak butts.

The former spent 22 years maturing in the former Bourbon casks before it was decanted into the finishing barrels, and contains notes of bitter chocolate, vanilla, toffee, fresh lemon and coconut, with a "long and spicy" finish.

"We're extremely proud to launch this premium addition to our core range," said Karen Walker, marketing director at International Beverage. "As one of the finest single malt whiskies in the world it embodies both Wick's spirit of endurance and the Pulteney Distillery's signature coastal style."

Old Pulteney 1983 Vintage Limited Edition is said to offer salted caramel, dried fruit, honey, spicy vanilla on the palate, with a "long, creamy" finish.

Walker added: "We're exceptionally proud of the 1983

Vintage, it's eagerly anticipated and worth the wait. The excellence of this exquisite expression stands as a testimony to a time-honoured process and the unrivalled craftsmanship of the Pulteney Distillery."

Old Pulteney 25 Year Old is bottled at 46% abv, and will be available globally from October 2017 at the RRP of £300.

Bottled at 46% abv, Old Pulteney 1983 Vintage Limited Edition will be available in markets globally at the RRP of £500.



Tomatin releases Cù Bòcan 2006 Vintage

27th September, 2017 by Nicola Carruthers - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Highland distillery Tomatin has rolled out a limited edition 2006 vintage of its peated Cù Bòcan single malt.

Cù Bòcan 2006 Vintage Edition is limited to 9,000 bottles Bottled at 50% abv, the whisky is matured in first fill ex-Bourbon and ex-oloroso Sherry casks.

Limited to 9,000 bottles, Cù Bòcan 2006 Vintage Edition has “warm, festive flavours” with a “gentle touch of peat smoke”.

The Cù Bòcan range, [first launched in 2013](#), is named after a mythical Highland hellhound which was rumoured to haunt the village of Tomatin. The range was created as a “lightly peated alternative to the traditional fruity flavours of Tomatin single malt”.

The distillery has been producing peated malt for the last week of every year since 2005.

The latest release follows the 1989 vintage in 2014, along with the virgin oak, Sherry and Bourbon expressions in 2015, the 1988 vintage and the [2005 vintage launched in 2016](#).

“As the Cù Bòcan brand continues to grow – sales have grown 15% year to date on last year – our followers have been eagerly awaiting news of the next limited edition to complement the standard edition, which is available all year round,” said Jennifer Masson, marketing manager.

“This year, the added value

provided by the unique branded glass adds to the drink-at home experience. The whisky itself is sweet and full with underlying light, earthy smoke and warm winter spice flavours, perfect for enjoying over the winter months and as a festive gift.”

Cù Bòcan 2006 Vintage Edition is currently being rolled out worldwide and is expected to retail at £52.99.



Glenfiddich reveals ‘pinnacle’ of Cask Collection

29th September, 2017 by Annie Hayes - www.thespiritsbusiness.com

Glenfiddich is to unveil the “pinnacle” whisky in its Cask Collection series at the TFWA World Exhibition & Conference next week, at the same time as rolling out its Experimental Series in the global travel retail channel.

Glenfiddich Cask Collection Finest Solera will launch at the TFWA World Exhibition & Conference in Cannes

Glenfiddich Cask Collection Finest Solera is the first bottling in the no-age-statement single malt collection to be developed in collaboration with crystal manufacturer Baccarat, with further “rare” whiskies to follow.

The travel retail-exclusive series, which is based on the Solera vat process pioneered by Glenfiddich in 1998, is the single malt whisky producer’s first no-age-statement range.

To create the whisky, Glenfiddich’s malt master Brian Kinsman selected up to 20 whiskies being aged in ex-Bourbon and American oak casks.

He married the whiskies for at

least two months in a 2,000-litre tun that was constantly replenished and never less than half full.

Each individual batch produces a maximum of 600 bottles, and is presented in a hand-blown decanter and marked with a number.

The neck collar and stopper are made from copper, and feature hand-engraved Glenfiddich wording and the stag emblem.

The red cartouche is a reference to the iconic Baccarat red logo, and is made using 24-carat gold powder.



Philip Gladman, global chief marketing officer for William Grant & Sons, said: “As a family business we’ve always cherished our independence and the fact that it allows us to push the boundaries of what it means to enjoy whisky.

“The partnership with Baccarat enables us to take the Glenfiddich experience to new levels of hand-crafted luxury. The stunning presentation of the whisky matches the exceptional flavour profile of this superlative single malt.

“Travellers who select this product can do so knowing that they are purchasing a masterpiece, and that centuries of craftsmanship have gone into producing each one-of-a-kind.”

Glenfiddich Cask Collection Finest Solera is available exclusively at global travel retail outlets at the RRP of £1,950. Experimental roll-out

At the same time, the brand has announced the roll-out of its Experimental Series – centred on “unusual and unexpected variants” – to global travel retail.

The range so far includes The Glenfiddich IPA Experiment, finished in IPA craft beer casks; Glenfiddich Project XX, a single malt vating of 20 different casks chosen by the brand’s 20 global ambassadors.

William Grant & Sons GTR managing director, Ed Cottrell, said: “We’re delighted to be able to offer the Glenfiddich Experimental Series to global travel retail following the official launch at this year’s TFWA World Exhibition.

“Both expressions perfectly match our remit to offer travelling consumers unique and innovative products that will provide a new kind of malt whisky experience.

“Brian has once again surpassed himself in producing two totally remarkable liquids that are both perfect for the travel retail environment and which lend themselves to some fantastic activation possibilities.

“Glenfiddich Project XX is a liquid that will intrigue and appeal to single malt enthusiasts all over the world, while the Glenfiddich IPA Experiment has already proved its appeal and interest to whisky and beer drinkers looking for the unusual and vibrant.”

Glenfiddich IPA Experiment and Glenfiddich Project XX will roll out to global travel retail from November 2017 at the RRP of £40 and £45 respectively. GTR-exclusive packaging is planned for 2018.

New addition Glenfiddich Winter Storm, [finished in French oak icewine casks from the Peller Estate winery](#), has not yet been rolled out.

Review - Glenfiddich 21 years old Winter Storm

Monday, October 16, 2017

<http://whiskyforeveryone.blogspot.ca/2017/10/review-glenfiddich-21-years-old-winter.html>

The Winter Storm is the third bottling in The Experimental Series from Glenfiddich.

The whisky has been created by Brian Kinsman, the brand’s Malt Master, and uniquely uses Canadian ice wine casks made from French oak for a short finishing period. These have previously matured ice wine, made from grapes frozen on the vine and picked at night, produced at the Peller Estate winery in Niagra. Following a period of experimentation, Kinsman discovered that older whiskies reacted best with the casks. Therefore, the Winter Storm is a 21 years old expression with a six month finish in the ex-ice wine casks.

Glenfiddich is located in the Speyside town of Dufftown. It is one of Scotland’s few remaining family owned distilleries and was constructed by William Grant himself in 1886/87. Glenfiddich is still owned by William Grant & Sons today. The name is taken from the Fiddich glen, the valley in which it lies and translates as ‘valley of the deer’ from Gaelic. The distillery is massive and has a capacity of 12 million litres per year, making it one of the largest single malt distilleries in Scotland.

The Glenfiddich Experimental Series is a permanent range of single malts from the famous distillery and it kicked off with two expressions – the IPA Experiment and Project XX - last year. Both, like the new Winter Storm, were created by Brian Kinsman, who continues to work on forthcoming additions. The series



is designed to highlight the continual experimentation and innovation that Glenfiddich has undertaken since its foundation in 1887.

"Only the rarer whiskies that I experimented with could cope with the extra ice wine intensity that comes from the ice wine casks. Having more tannins, extracted from years in oak, these malts brought out a uniquely fresh lychee note instead of being swamped by sweetness." - Brian Kinsman.

The Glenfiddich Winter Storm (Experiment #3) is bottled at 43% ABV and is a limited edition, although actual numbers have not been revealed. It is available now through specialist whisky retailers in selected world markets and will cost £199 a bottle.

Our tasting notes: The colour is pale golden yellow and the nose has an immediate fresh vibrancy to it. There are initial aromas of honey, vanilla and white chocolate. These are supported by delicate aromas of sultana, hard boiled pear drop sweets, candied lime and lemon zest. It offers a heady mix, backed up by hints of tropical fruit (especially over ripe pineapple and lychee) and earthy wood spices.

On the palate this whisky is quite tangy and mouth watering at first. The fresh vibrancy from the nose dominates, especially the notes of candied lime and earthy wood spice. It is only with time that some sweetness develops to balance this. A lovely mix of dried tropical fruit (the pineapple and lychee again, plus a hint of mango), sultanas, golden syrup and white chocolate. This is followed by something biscuity, most reminiscent of cookie dough, and a hint of desiccated coconut. There is also an earthy hint in the background - is that peat smoke? The slightly bitter edge is never far away and takes control again towards the end - think of grape skin, red apple skin and nutmeg.

The finish becomes increasing dry and slightly bitter. The sweeter and fruit notes fade to leave the candied lime prominent. This is backed up by increasingly earthy wood spices, especially cinnamon and all-spice, along with a hint of cocoa powder and crisp green apple.

What's the verdict? The Glenfiddich Winter Storm is a departure from the first two releases in The Experimental Series, but one that shows there are no real boundaries that they are not prepared to cross. We cannot think of any other whisky in our 9+ years of blogging that has been matured in an ice wine cask. It will be so interesting to see what direction the experimentation takes them, in a similar way to the [Johnnie Walker Blenders' Batch](#) series.

There is a wow factor to this whisky. That said, it will not be to everyone's taste - the tangy and slightly sharp notes create an interesting flavour profile which sees them battle with sweeter characteristics. The mix is intriguing and has created a whisky almost unlike any other that we have tasted. Bottles are selling fast, so make sure you snap one up if you are interested.

Membership and Dinner prices for 2017-2018

Membership Fee:	\$40 (singles)
	\$60 (couples)
One Time Initiation Fee:	\$15
Standard Dinner Fee:	\$60 (member)
	\$70 (non-member)
Dinner only - No Single Malt:	\$55 (member)
	\$65 (non-member)
Christmas Dinner Fee:	\$65 (member)
	\$75 (non-member)
Robbie Burns Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member)
	\$80 (non-member)
June BBQ Dinner Fee:	\$70 (member)
	\$80 (non-member)

Reserved Seating

- Complimentary Reserved Seating will only be provided to groups of four (4) or greater, when requested.

Reservation policy

- The agreement with the Kitchen's requires that we provide seven (7) business days notice for them to guarantee accommodation for our requested numbers. To accommodate the Kitchen's needs and meet our contractual obligation with them; our members are requested to

respond to the emailed invitation seven (7) business days prior to the respective dinner to guarantee a seat at the dinner. Following the RSVP date members will be placed on a waitlist.

- For these individuals the process will be as follows, using the Monday September 18th, 2017 dinner date as an example:

- Dinner invitations will be sent out Friday August 18th, 2017. Please respond to me (rdifazio04@gmail.com). I will then acknowledge that you have a seat. Please understand that if you do not receive a response you are not guaranteed a seat at the respective dinner. In such circumstances (e.g., computer glitches) please e-mail me again or call me (613-532-5285).

- Unless otherwise stated accommodation at the dinner will be guaranteed for all members who respond by Friday September 1st, 2017 @ 6pm.

- Once the RSVP date has been achieved I will e-mail a spreadsheet informing everyone of their status and amount due.

Cancellation policy

- Using the same example as above, anyone who cancels anytime prior to Friday September 1st, 2017 @ 6pm will be removed from the list.

- Anyone canceling between Friday September 1st, 2017 @ 6pm and Monday September 18th, 2017 will be expected to pay for the cost of the dinner and scotch (\$60). It is the responsibility of the member who cancels their (or their guest's) reservation to find a replacement. If I am asked to find a substitute and one is found, then the member will be asked to pay for 50% of their dinner cost.

- Anyone who fails to attend the Monday September 18th, 2017 dinner without having cancelled and been successfully replaced will be expected to pay the full cost (\$60). A member will be responsible for their guest's cancellation (\$70).

- If a member asks to be included at the dinner between Friday September 1st, 2017 @ 6pm and Monday September 18th, 2017, their name will be placed on a wait-list and be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis.

Just a note because we care.

Please understand that for the purpose of each event you are advised to drink responsibly and refrain from excessive consumption. The dinners hosted by the Kingston Single Malt Society are sampling events. By agreeing to pay and thereby attend the dinner you agree to release from legal responsibility and hold harmless Kingston Single Malt Society, its President Roberto Di Fazio, and any other volunteers from liability or claims arising from these events.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Alcohol may be man's worst enemy, but the bible says love your enemy."

FRANK SINATRA

If you have any questions or comments please free to contact me. Thank you for your understanding, Roberto



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