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Jurgens' Whiskyhuis

Japanese Distilleries after earthquake

We also offer our condolences to all those affected by the terrible earthquake and tsunami in Japan. After hearing what a terrible tragedy that took place, we also wanted to know how everything was going at the various distilleries in the 'Land of the Rising Sun'. These are the updates we've received from various Japanese distilleries

Nikka: (15.3.2011)

Due to ongoing transport problems and power cuts, Nikka have not yet been able to carry out a comprehensive assessment at the Miyagikyo Distillery. Initial reports suggest that there has been no major damage however and they have confirmed that distillery staff and their families are unharmed. The Yoichi Distillery has been unaffected.

Venture Whisky: (15.3.2011)

Ichiro Akuto says

The Chichibu Distillery staff and their families are all okay. There has been no damage at the distillery to either cask stocks or distilling equipment and just some minor damage to bottled stock.

Mercian: (16.3.2011)

Karuizawa Distillery

The Karuizawa Distillery was not damaged by the earthquake and the site has been operating (not distilling) since March 14th.

Hombo Shuzo (16.3.2011)

Mars Distillery.

There have been many aftershocks in the Nagano area but so far the distillery, located in the Shinshu area, and the staff and their families, are all okay. After a break of 20 years, they are planning to produce whisky continuously from March 15th through to April 20th.

Distillers
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Suntory: (15.3.2011)

Currently we still have no information about the Yamazaki Distillery, the Hakushu distillery and the Fuji-Gotemba Distillery after the earthquake.

Handheld detect fake whisky ?

Researchers at Leicester University's Space Research Centre are working with colleagues at 'De Montfort University' to create a handheld device that will detect fake whisky and wine through the bottles they are contained in.



The research project to crack down on counterfeit whisky and wine is being supported by the Food and Drink iNet.

The technique used by the device will rely on detecting the characteristics of light reflected from printed packaging on the bottles using spectroscopic imaging.

The technology has already been adapted for use in the pharmaceutical world by the Leicester team in conjunction with university spin-out company Perpetuity Research and Consultancy International, a specialist crime and security consultancy.

Now the technique is being re-purposed again for use in detecting fake liquids, with experts at 'De Montfort University' providing skills in product design and rapid prototyping so that a handheld device can be created.

The support from the Food and Drink iNet will allow us to take the technology and apply it in the case of whisky and fine wines,' said Tim Maskell, knowledge transfer manager in the Space Research Centre at Leicester University.

The project is one of five Collaborative Research and Development grants worth a total of more than £235,000 announced by the Food and Drink iNet, which co-ordinates innovation support for businesses, universities and individuals working in the food and drink sector in the East Midlands. The team has been awarded £50,000 towards the almost £71,000 cost of the research project.

The team is working with the Scotch Whisky Research Institute and Leicestershire brewery Everards to help with the research and product trials.

Source www.theengineer.co.uk



Malt Advocate Awards

The winners of the Malt Advocate Awards are :

Lifetime Achievement : Evan Cattanach, Fritz Maytag, Angelo Lucchesi

Distillery of the Year: Heaven Hill

Industry Leader of the Year: Glencairn Crystal

Pioneer of the Year: David Perkins and High West

World Whisky of the Year: Amrut Fusion

Scotch Whisky Single Malt of the Year: Glenfarclas 40 year old

Scotch Whisky Blend of the Year: Compass Box "Flaming Heart"

Irish Whiskey of the Year: Redbreast 12 year old

Canadian Whisky of the Year: Forty Creek Confederation Oak

American Whiskey of the Year: Buffalo Trace Antique Collection

Artisan Whisky of the Year: Kilchoman Summer 2010 Release

Best Buy Whisk(e)y of the Year: Evan Williams & Very Old Barton 6 year old



2011 World Whiskies Awards

The World Whiskies Awards, organised by 'Whisky Magazine, is the annual selection of the very best whiskies internationally. Categories are based upon the commonly held whisky groupings which define both the style and the process of whisky and whisky production: single malt, blended, blended malt, grain, American and whisky liqueurs.

World's Best Whisky Liqueur Drambuie The Royal Legacy of 1745

World's Best Grain Whisky Greenore 15 years old

World's Best Blended Malt James Martin's 30 years old

World's Best Blended Whisky Hibiki 21 years old

World's Best North American Whisky Parker's Heritage Collection 10 years old Wheated Bourbon

World's Best Single Malt Whisky Yamazaki 1984

You can find the complete list at www.whiskyhuis.be/WWA2011.pdf

Thosop

Luc Timmermans has decided to go in another direction and announced that he will be no longer the importer for the Malts of Scotland in Belgium and that he will be no longer responsible for the Thosop handwritten labels since 01/03/2011.

The Malts of Scotland and the handwritten labels will be done by Lindores member Dominiek Bouckaert.



We believe in Dominiek as a good replacer for Luc and we will have a Malts of Scotland tasting on Wednesday 06/04/2011 with some new bottlings. More info will be available very soon, but you can already put your name on the list for participation.

Prince William & Catherine Middleton

This Royal Wedding Commemorative Single Malt Whisky is a marriage of casks, hand picked to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

This bottle is commemorated for the wedding of Prince William of Wales and Catherine Middleton.

Tasting Notes:

Nose: Light, delicate and subtle. Floral, grassy armoas developing into a sweet malted barley. A hint of almonds (think marzipan, amaretto biscuits). Delicate liquorice as well as raisins and sultanas. Slight hint of vanilla and tropical fruits; bananas and mangos. A waft of peat smoke in the background.



Palate: Starts very soft and creamy with notes of vanilla, honey and sultana; then peppery chilli-like spice kicks in followed by caramel, toasted almonds and liquorice. Light smoke again present. Palate runs from sweet to spicy and then dry.

Finish: Hot, spicy and long. Tangy and refreshing with prominent notes of sweet barley, peppery bonfire smoke and woody vanilla oak dryness. Very moreish!

Dalmore

The Dalmore has launched a four river collection to raise the needed funds to conserve Scotland's most important salmon rivers to protect salmon, sea trout, otters, rare birdlife and many other plants and animals.. It's the first time that the organisations from the Dee, Spey, Tay and Tweed have worked together with one partner to raise funds to protect some of Scotland's finest sport and tourist attractions.



After the success of Dalmore Mackenzie, the Dalmore has released a limited edition whisky called Dalmore Castle Leod, named after the spiritual home of the Mackenzie clan, to raise £20,000 for the castle restoration and other clan projects. Castle Leod is nestled in the Scottish highlands just 14 miles from the Dalmore distillery. Built in 1606, it is still one of the few castles in Scotland that was built and occupied by direct descendents of the original family owners.

Glenlivet 70 years old

Gordon and MacPhail's has done it again. After last years Mortlach 70 years old, they have now released a 70 year old Glenlivet.

Glenlivet 1940 is the latest addition to the "Generations" range. Distilled on 3rd February 1940, this unique and

exceptionally rare Single Malt Scotch Whisky is bottled at natural cask strength (45.9%), having been patiently matured for 70 years in a First Fill Sherry Butt each presented in a stunning decanter. Each 70cl bottle 'only' costs you £13000 or £3200 for 20cl.





Sample list

The samples are back online in our webshop, so you can order them directly at our shop. But for those who also want a summary list, the file at <http://www.whiskyhuis.be/catalog/Samples.pdf> will remain.

Activity Calendar

Friday 18/03/2011 – Saturday 19/03/2011 – Sunday 20/03/2011

*'Het Testament van Sir MacAron' @ 'De Kring' in Ballegem
more info in attachment*

*Wednesday 06/04/11 : Malts of Scotland Tasting at 20h00
More info will be announced soon, but you can already put
your name on the list for participation*

*You can still become a member of the Hebridan Whisky Society
for 50 euro/year which includes a subscription for 1 year at
whiskypassion, a discount on every activity,
a discount on whisky's at tastings and a member tasting*

*Sunday 17/04/11 : Whisky bar @ Highland Games Zelzate
more info in attachment*

Friday 6/05/11 : Whisky Tasting at 20h00

*On 14-15/05/2011 we can deliver your orders for free
at the Whiskyfair in Germany.*

Friday 17/06/11 : Whisky Tasting at 20h00

*Whisky & Whisky cocktail bar @ the Summer festivals
Schendelbeke on 02/07/2011
Nieuwenhove on 16/07/2011
Zandbergen on 06/08/2011
Overboelare on 20/08/2011*

Friday 23/09/11 : West Coast Whisky Battle at 20h00