

Winter 2011



Jurgens Whiskyhuis

Legal Whisky @ Western Isles

The 3-year-old whisky was made in a former illicit still at Abhainn Dearg Distillery in Uig, on Lewis. Mark Tayburn got permission to use the still under a license granted by the HM Revenue and Customs in November 2008. Whisky was illicitly produced across the Highlands and Islands until distilling was legalized by the Excise Act of 1823.

The first single malt whisky to be legally distilled on the Western Isles has been made available in a limited run of 2,011 bottles.



On the Western Isles, there are plans for more whisky production.

Last month, plans for a new distillery on the Western Isles were lodged with the islands' council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

North Uist-based Isle of Harris Distillers Ltd want to build on a site at Tarbert on Harris. The proposal includes a distillery, warehouse, yard and car parking on an area of reclaimed land. The distillers said they intended to produce a single malt of "outstanding quality".

About 90,000 litres of whisky could be produced a year, using water drawn from two disused reservoirs on the East Tarbert burn.

The distillers said they hoped to build close ties with crofters and encourage them to grow suitable strains of barley.

If the plans get the go-ahead, the company wants to start building work by the end of next year and begin production in 2015.

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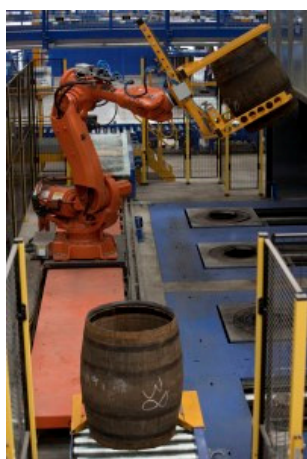
Diageo Cambus Cooperage

His Royal Highness, The Earl of Wessex, has on 28th Nov 2011 officially opened the first new cooperage to be built in Scotland for decades. The new Diageo Cambus Cooperage near Alloa has been custom designed in close co-operation with the company's coopers, drawing on generations of skill, craft and experience and combining it with the state-of-the-art British engineering - never before used in a cooperage - to dramatically improve the working lives of the coopers.

HRH toured the new cooperage and met the men whose jobs it is to craft around 250,000 casks each year - all of which will be used to mature Scotch whisky for Diageo's world leading brands, such as Johnnie Walker, Bell's and JLB Rare.

As well as meeting a range of time-served coopers, including some with decades of experience in the trade, HRH met with a Diageo's apprentice coopers who are now able to hone their skills in a custom-built coopering school within the new cooperage.

To achieve this, the Diageo team turned to Leicester-based engineering firm CI Logistics, which works primarily in the automotive industry, and together they custom-designed a series of mechanical conveyors to move the casks - which weigh up to 85kg when empty - around the cooperage between the hand-craft elements of the process. The result is the world's most innovative cooperage.



Benriach

Rumors come true. In 2012 BenRiach will start its own floor maltings again. The equipment has been bought to operate its own production of malt. „Malting will be done for a couple of months during the year,“ says Alistair Walker, Regional Sales Director of BenRiach. "We'll fill casks and set them aside, this whisky will be bottled as a special release," he adds.



The floor maltings were closed by its previous owners Chivas Brothers in 1999 after 101 years in operation.

The new owners around Billy Walker have kept the floor maltings and the kiln in a good condition. The barley varieties to be malted will be Cellar and Optic.

In 2012 there will be seven floor-malting distilleries in Scotland.

Halal Whisky

Islamic law forbids the use of alcohol, and that means about a quarter of the world's population cannot enjoy the taste of whisky. At least not until now. ArKay is the world's first alcohol-free whisky-flavored beverage that has been halal-certified (halal signifies the substance is permissible under Islamic law).

The brand came about when a group of friends were drinking and sharing ideas, according to Zeshan Ahmed, VP of Sales for ArKay Beverages. "They felt there was a hole in the beverage market that needed to be filled with something like this," Ahmed told brandchannel. "They were looking for a flavor that would be well known and universal. The flavor of whisky came to mind. It took five years to develop the rich flavor and smell that is the trademark of ArKay." While ArKay mimics the taste of whisky, it is classified as a soft drink since it contains no alcohol. It conforms to halal



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The name "Arkay" is as unconventional as the product itself, and it came about serendipitously. One of the original owners of the company spilled hot coffee at himself at a meeting and was asked, "Are you OK?" According to Ahmed, "the other owner had an epiphany and shouted 'Arkay' and that's when the name came about."

While the company refers to the product as "halal whisky," Ahmed says Arkay targets "people who can't drink due to medical reasons and religious beliefs." The brand, he says, "was designed for everyone to enjoy." Since it tastes and looks "exactly like traditional whisky," Arkay can be used for drinking straight up, on the rocks, or with soda and mixers.

New Belgian Whisky



Brewery "De Graal" is located in the Flemish Ardennes and caught the brewing business in 2002. To celebrate their 10th anniversary in 2012 they made a special Belgian whisky in very limited edition. During these 10 years they have made more than 100 different beers. The Original brew was made in "De Graal"

and was distilled twice at grain distillery Braeckman. The San Graal, has a maturation of 5 years in bourbon barrels and is bottled at cask strength (63%). The San Graal 50 cl bottle is provided with a new logo in 3D on the lid of the tin packaging. It will also be available in a 20 cl version but without the tin packaging. San Graal will only be available in the brewery itself or @ Jurgen's Whiskyhuis. You can already pre-order your bottles @ 22€ /52€ at our webshop or by email to info@whiskyhuis.be.

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New Releases @ Jurgen's Whiskyhuis



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Dewar Rattray

Ardmore 1992/2011 49,10% Bourbon barrel, Heavily peated, 209 bts
Auchentoshan 1990/2011 55,90 Bourbon # 17287, 273 bts
Balblair 1991/2011 46,00 Bourbon Hogshead # 1294, 313 bts
Bowmore 1998/2011 62,80 Sherry Butt # 800167 (part), 271 bts
Bunnahabhain 1991/2011 54,30 Sherry Butt # 5447, 328 bts
Caol Ila 1993/2011 56,70 Sherry Butt # 11145, 584 bts
Cask Islay 46,00
Clynelish 1995/2011 55,60 Sherry Butt # 8657 (part), 330 bts
Cooley 2000/2011 46,00 Barrel # 3240, 262 bts
Glen Elgin 1984/2011 48,70 Bourbon Hogshead # 2861, 252 bts
Glen Spey 1977/2011 47,00 Bourbon Hogshead # 3659, 121 bts
Glenlossie 1992/2011 56,10 Bourbon # 3441, 244 bts
Laphroaig 1997/2011 56,50 Bourbon Hogshead # 3327, 252 bts
Linkwood 1989/2011 55,80 Sherry Butt # 7322, 522 bts
Macduff 1990/2011 59,40 Bourbon Hogshead # 1424, 262 bts
Mortlach 1995/2011 51,10 Bourbon # 2436, 282 bts
Tomintoul 1967/2011 46,40 Bourbon Hogshead # 5405, 138 bts
Tullibardine 1990/2011 46,00 Bourbon Hogshead # 6100, 234 bts



We also selected a 25 years old Blair Athol 1986/2011 Rum Finish for the Hebridean Whisky Society. This exclusive bottling is limited to 115 bottles at cask strength. Price is only 80 euro.

Kintra

Benrinnes 1984/2011 58,30% Refill Sherry Butt #2272, 120 bts
Caol Ila 2000/2011 62,60% Bourbon hogshead #309534, 120 bts
Glen Garioch 1990/2011 49,60% Bourbon hogshead #5873, 96 bts
Laphroaig 1998/2011 53,40% Refill Sherry Butt #70047, 96 bts
Littlemill 1989/2011 55,20% Bourbon hogshead #k003, 96 bts
Milntonduff 1989/2011 50,00% Sherry #15, 120 bts

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Men O'Quaich

Caol Ila 1983/2011 52,3% # 400938, Sherry Finish, only 67 bottles Selected by The Whisky Man

Mortlach 1993/2011 51,2% # 796864, Sherry Finish, only 72 bottles Selected by The Whisky Man



Single Cask Collection

Benriach 1992/2011 54,30% Bourbon Hogshead, # 43220, 311 bts

Laphroaig 1998/2011 60,8% Bourbon Hogshead # 700287, 256 bts

Malts of Scotland

Bowmore 1989/2011 51,20% Bourbon Hogsh. #MoS11004, 238 Bts

Clynelish 1982/2011 53,70 %Bourbon Hogsh. #MoS11015, 275 Bts

Cragganmore 1999/2011 55,10% Bourbon Hogsh. #MoS110012, 298 Bts

Glen Ord 1999/2011 54,40% Bourbon Hogsh. #MoS110013, 292 Bts

Glenallachie 1973/2011 44,00% Bourbon Hogsh. #MoS11018, 125 Bts

Glenogyne 1998/2011 53,70% Sherry Hogsh. #MoS11006, 289 Bts

Laphroaig 1998/2011 52,50% Sherry Hogsh. #MoS11007, 349 Bts

Ledaig 1998/2011 61,20% Sherry Butt #MoS11010, 258 Bts

Port Charlotte 2001/2011 66,30% White Rioja Hogsh. #MoS11017, 212 Bts

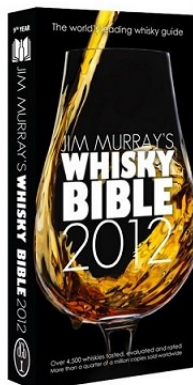
Port Ellen 1983/2011 58,90% Bourbon Hogsh. #MoS11011, 267 Bts

Malt Maniacs Awards



You can find the winners of the Malt Maniac Awards on our website <http://www.whiskyhuis.be/catalog/MMA-2011.pdf>. We are also proud that the Cask Islay has won a bronze medal.

Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012



Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012 is available at our shop for only 14,99 euro. Some highlights are :

97,5 points for Ardbeg Uigeadail

97,5 points for Old Pulteney 21Y

97 points for Ardbeg 10y -> use the winter promotion to get your bottles for only 38,99 euro

Winter promotion

Check our website for promotions, they change on regular base. For our readers we also have a discount of 5% if you buy 2 or more bottles from A. Dewar Rattray, James MacArthurs, Kintra, Single Cask Collection, The house of Macduff and Men O'Quaich.



Special Opening hours

Saturday 10/12/2011 : Shop + X-mas fair at Geraardsbergen

Sunday 11/12/2011 : X-mas fair at Geraardsbergen

Sunday 18/12/2011 : X-mas fair at Ninove

Monday 19/12/2011 : 12h -> 19h30

Tuesday 20/12/2011 : 12h -> 19h30

Wednesday 21/12/2011 : 12h -> 19h30

Thursday 22/12/2011 : 12h -> 19h30

Friday 23/12/2011 : 10h -> 19h30

Saturday 24/12/2011 : 10h -> 18h00

Sunday 25/12/2011 : Closed

Monday 26/12/2011 : 12h -> 19h30

Tuesday 27/12/2011 : 12h -> 19h30

Wednesday 28/12/2011 : 12h -> 19h30

Thursday 29/12/2011 : 12h -> 19h30

Friday 30/12/2011 : 10h -> 19h30

Saturday 31/11/2011 : 10h -> 18h00

Sunday 01/01/2012 : Closed

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