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THE MACALLAN 200 YEARS YOUNG

Single Malt Scotch Whisky marks landmark year with a journey through time

Two centuries have passed since Alexander Reid, founder of The Macallan, distilled the first batch of whisky in his curiously small stills in Speyside, Scotland, beginning the extraordinary legacy of the single malt Scotch whisky. To mark the 200th anniversary, The Macallan has released two unique new whiskies in a celebration of the brand's interpretation of time travel through whisky mastery, presented in bespoke vessels created through cutting edge engineering and ancient craftmanship.

The first is TIME: SPACE (\$190,000) – a dual chamber vessel that includes the oldest whisky released by The Macallan at 84 Years Old, as well as a second single malt that marks the first from the brand's new distillery. The second release, TIME: SPACE Mastery, is a unique single malt with layers of complexity that embraces 200 years of history. Both releases are symbolic expressions of The Macallan, shaped by an ongoing dedication to incomparable craftsmanship and creativity, while highlighting a deep connection to nature. The Macallan has designed both creations in TIME: SPACE COLLECTION to depict nature's protection of its future, while also representing time travel with the past and future combined.

With only 200 in existence, one for each year of The Macallan's History, TIME: SPACE captures the essence of time travel – a spirit spanning incomparable craft across generations. The vessel has been designed with two chambers to hold each of the whiskies – housed in the outer chamber is the 1940 vintage, representing the past. Two casks meticulously hand selected - a first fill American Oak Butt and





second fill European Oak Butt - both seasoned with sherry in Jerez de la Frontera and matured peacefully surrounded by nature in Speyside, Scotland. Bottled at 43.6% ABV, an extraordinary 84 years of maturation has produced rich natural color, exceptional depth and richness and full, long-lasting flavor unique to this rare, aged single malt Scotch whisky. As a counterpart, the single malt housed in the central chamber is a 2018 vintage, marking a significant milestone as the first ever whisky from The Macallan's new distillery - a nod to the future of the brand and its commitment to excellence in its whiskies. During the transition to the new distillery in 2018, The Macallan went to exacting standards to secure the continuity of the single malt quality and signature taste. The unique vessel is displayed in an oak sculpture which has been purposefully designed to accentuate the 100% natural color of the whisky, and alternate layers of American oak and European oak have been selected to craft the display sculpture, as a homage to the brand's commitment to sherry seasoned oak casks. As Kirsteen Campbell, Master Whisky Maker, The Macallan, says, "It was an absolute privilege to be able to reach back in time and select stock from the 1940's to honor and celebrate our 200-year anniversary. As a Whisky Mastery Team, our roles are unique in the sense that we get to time travel - selecting whisky from the past crafted by our predecessors, whilst simultaneously laying down casks for future generations of whisky makers and consumers. To nose, taste and select whisky created over eight decades ago is an exceptionally rare occasion in the life of a whisky maker and one which I will treasure."



TIME: SPACE Mastery (\$1,400) embraces 200 years of history – a one-of-a-kind The Macallan release celebrating the craft of whisky mastery by featuring 14 exceptional cask types, creating layers of complexity with an incredible depth of aroma, texture, and flavor. Euan Kennedy, Lead Whisky Maker for TIME: SPACE Mastery, says, "Inspired by past masters, we have explored the full extent of our warehouses to capture the complex influences of cask seasoning, oak origin, cask size, and distillery character in one incredibly special bottle of whisky – with the elegance provided by European Oak sitting at its heart." With whisky drawn from the

breadth of our exceptional inventory, there are distinct influences from European Oak sherry seasoned casks, American Oak sherry seasoned casks, American Oak Bourbon casks and the finest refill casks. Together, creating layers of complexity and a voluptuous depth in aroma, flavor and texture. This exquisite expression encompasses The Macallan's whisky mastery and highlights the unwavering commitment to protecting and nurturing this craft for the future. The whisky is housed in a crafted circular vessel representing the circle of life and the ongoing journey from the past to the future. In contrast to the subtilty of the exterior, the presentation case bursts to life with a vibrant red color - synonymous with The Macallan - and 200 spikes, for the brand's bicentennial year, represent how nature guards what is most precious and fragile. The intricate details are created using techniques stemming from the art of origami, to protect what is most valued for The Macallan, its incomparable whisky.

An obsession with quality and craftsmanship is the hallmark of The Macallan. The outstanding quality and distinctive character of each whisky is influenced by exceptional oak casks seasoned with sherry wine – a commitment to natural color underpinned by mastery. Designed by internationally acclaimed architects, The Macallan Distillery is located on a beautiful 485-acre estate and takes inspiration from the surrounding ancient Scottish hills.

The past 200 years have been a prologue for everything that is still to come. This is a journey through time. This is The Macallan, 200 Years Young. ●

