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**This evening's menu celebrating the best of  
MACALLAN & HIGHLAND PARK  
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## SINGLE MALTS

THE MACALLAN LUMINA VINTAGES 620229 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$140.00  
Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch 41.3% Alcohol/Vol.

THE MACALLAN ENIGMA VINTAGES 620229 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$350.00  
Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch 44.9% Alcohol/Vol.

THE MACALLAN CLASSIC CUT 2018 LCBO 541656 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$149.95  
Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey 58.4% Alcohol/Vol.

THE MACALLAN RARE CASK 2018 BATCH NO. 1 VINTAGES 620229 | 700 mL bottle Price: \$435.95  
Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch 43.0% Alcohol/Vol.

HIGHLAND PARK 16 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT VINTAGES 157743 | 700mL bottle, Price \$100.00,  
Spirits, Whisky, Scotch Whisky 40.0% Alcohol/Vol.

HIGHLAND PARK SINGLE CASK SERIES 15 YEARS OLD BOTTLED EXCLUSIVELY FOR GOTHAM CITY Distilled:  
2002; Bottled: 2017; CASK # 3297; LIMITED TO 558 BOTTLES VINTAGES 395790 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$347.95  
Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 59.6% Alcohol/Vol.

HIGHLAND PARK THE LIGHT 17 YEARS OLD LCBO 395790 | 750 mL bottle Price: \$505.95  
Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Scotch Single Malts 52.9% Alcohol/Vol.

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## MENU

Escargot with Braised Oxtail, Farro, Mushrooms, Braising Jus, Parsley & Celery Salad

Deconstructed Salad Nicoise (Tuna, White Anchovy, Green Beans, Egg, Tomatoes, Olives, Olive Oil & Vinegar)

Braised Lamb Shank, Moroccan Style Carrots, Couscous

Chocolate, Orange Ricotta Tart, Honey Almond Crust

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## Macallan 60yo sets new record with £850k auction

3rd October, 2018 by Melita Kieley - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

A bottle of The Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 60-year-old Scotch whisky has set a new world record after selling for £848,750 (US\$1.1m) at a Bonhams auction in Edinburgh.



*The Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 Scotch whisky has set a new world record after selling for £848,750 at auction*

The new sale breaks the previous record of the most expensive bottle of Scotch sold at auction, which was also set by Bonhams in May this year when a bottle of the [60-year-old expression fetched £814,081 \(US\\$1,100,197\)](#) went under the hammer.

The Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 had been expected to sell for [between £700,000 and £900,000](#) (US\$888,000 and US\$1.14m) in the sale, which took place today (3 October).

The whisky was bottled in 1986 and The Macallan commissioned two leading pop artists, Valerio Adami and Peter Blake, to design the labels for just 24 bottles, equally split between the pair.

It is not known how many of the 12 Adami bottles still exist, but one is rumoured to have been destroyed in an earthquake in Japan,

and one is thought to have been opened and consumed.

Martin Green, Bonhams whisky specialist in Edinburgh, said: "I am delighted at this exceptional result. It is a great honour to have established a new world record, and particularly exciting to have done so here in Scotland, the home of whisky. "Bonhams now holds the record for the three most valuable bottles of whisky ever sold at auction."

In April this year, two bottles of The Macallan 1926 Peter Blake and Valerio Adami bottles [sold for US\\$1.2m through luxury retailer Le Clos](#).

## HIGHLAND PARK 50 YEAR OLD UNVEILED

19 September 2018 by [Richard Woodard](#) - [www.scotchwhisky.com](http://www.scotchwhisky.com)

Orkney single malt Highland Park has announced its oldest release in eight years – Highland Park 50 Year Old, drawn from two ex-Sherry hogshead casks and priced at US\$15,000 a bottle.



*Rare beast: Only 274 bottles of Highland Park's new 50-year-old malt will be released*

Only 274 bottles of the new expression will be released, drawn from a pair of ex-Sherry hogsheads laid down in 1964 and 'discovered' at the back of a warehouse in 2008, according to [Highland Park](#) owner [Edrington](#).

Whisky from the two casks was combined and married for a further eight years, along with a 'small amount' of liquid from Highland Park's 50-year-old release from 2010.

The whisky was bottled at 42.5% without chill-filtration or artificial colour, with each bottle numbered and signed by Highland Park whisky maker Max McFarlane.

Highland Park 50 Year Old is described as 'sweet at first, with notes of ripe black cherries and muscovado sugar, giving way to dried autumn fruits and warm, toasted wood'.

The whisky comes in an oak box made by Scottish designer and master craftsman John Galvin, which contains a bottle of Highland Park 50 Year Old, a crystal decanter and a leather book about the whisky's development.

Released from September 2018, Highland Park 50 Year Old is priced at US\$15,000 a bottle.

## MACALLAN RARE CASK EYES COLLECTORS MARKET

19 September 2018 by [Becky Paskin](#) - [www.scotchwhisky.com](http://www.scotchwhisky.com)

Macallan is to start releasing its Rare Cask expression in limited batches, in a move it believes adds to the brand's 'element of collectability'.

*Collectors' item: Four batches of Macallan Rare Cask will be released each year*

The no-age-statement single malt, which is fully matured in first-fill Sherry casks, will now feature batch numbers and the year of release prominently on every bottle.

Macallan Rare Cask Batch No. 1, 2018 is being launched globally this month, and will be the first of three batches released this year. However four batches will be released in each subsequent year.

While the number of bottles will vary from batch to batch, each will be a vatting of 50 Sherry butts bottled at 43% abv.

Macallan Rare Cask was first introduced as an extension to the distillery's range in 2014, as a vatting of 16 different casks it claimed at the time was the most ever used for a single Macallan expression.

Now the Rare Cask bottle has also been redesigned in keeping with Macallan's recent packaging refresh, and comes presented in a mahogany-coloured gift box.

Nick Savage, [Macallan](#) master distiller, said: 'This whisky truly exhibits the art of cask selection and the role of our whisky making team to hand pick the casks for each batch.'

'The casks give the greatest contribution to the character and are the only source of the rich mahogany colour. It is one of the Macallan's most complex yet balanced whiskies that we've created, with soft notes of rich oak, vanilla and chocolate.'

'With the release of yearly batches, Rare Cask can also be a memorable way to celebrate or mark a special year or occasion.'

Macallan Rare Cask Batch No. 1, 2018 is available for around £230 per bottle.

Macallan's whisky has become some of the most collectable from Scotland, with the brand named the most investible and most traded at auction in 2017, according to specialists at Rare Whisky 101.

In August this year, the sale of the limited edition [Macallan Genesis](#) [caused traffic 'chaos'](#) as collectors and investors queued outside the distillery in the hope of purchasing one of a reported 360 bottles available.



## Macallan aims to 'break the norm' with Concept series

3rd October, 2018 by Amy Hopkins - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

The Macallan is to expand its global travel retail (GTR) offering with the launch of an experimental collection inspired by surrealism, which will kick off with the brand's first double-aged whisky.

*Concept No.1 is Macallan's first double-aged single malt*

Within the Concept range will be an annual limited release that "centres around breaking the norm" with "innovative production techniques".

The first expression in the range – Concept No.1 – is Macallan's first double-aged single malt and has "flipped maturation on its head" by ageing the whisky in Sherry-seasoned casks first before moving to ex-Bourbon barrels. The whisky has spent the same amount of time in both barrel types, but Macallan has not disclosed the length of maturation.

For the limited release, Macallan set aside 68 casks, which is the equivalent of up to 84,000 bottles. Each bottling in the series will be a "one-off release".

Igor Boyadjian, GTR director for Macallan's parent group Edrington, said: "By 'breaking the norm', Concept No.1 reinforces our commitment to offering exciting products to travellers and we're confident this fresh innovation will prove attractive to travellers and collectors alike."

The new range features packaging inspired by surreal art and incorporates the brand's 'six pillars' ethos. It also includes design elements that evoke [The Macallan's new £140 million distillery](#).

Bottled at 40% abv without an age statement, Concept No.1 will be available in Dubai Duty Free from 1 December before rolling out to selected GTR outlets in Asia, Australia, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas from January 2019. The whisky has an RRP of US\$125.

The Concept range joins The Macallan's Quest Collection in GTR. The Speyside single malt [replaced its long-running GTR-exclusive range](#) – the 1824 Collection – with Quest Collection at the start of this year.

## Macallan launches VR activation in New York

24th July, 2018 by Owen Bellwood - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

Edrington-owned Scotch whisky brand The Macallan has launched a virtual reality visitor experience in New York's Grand Central Station.



The Macallan's VR experience will transport groups of whisky fans from New York to its home in Scotland

The Macallan Distillery Experience is designed to celebrate the Speyside whisky brand's new distillery, [which opened its doors in June](#).

The four dimensional virtual reality (VR) experience will give guests an inside look at the multi-million-pound new distillery, as they explore the site's architecture, collectable expressions and untold stories.

The premiere of The Macallan Distillery Experience took place at a private event in Brooklyn last night (23 July), with the experience set to open for whisky lovers at Grand Central Station from 25-27 July.

Samantha Leotta, brand director of The Macallan, said: "We're proud to celebrate the opening of The Macallan's breathtaking new distillery and visitor experience in Scotland and exciting new era of innovation by unveiling this immersive installation in New York City.

"Participants can explore the new distillery as if they were really there, and choose their own path to learn more about the iconic estate, history and heritage of The Macallan and its unrivalled whisky-making process.

"This journey was created so participants can be virtually transported to Speyside and experience the sights, sounds and scents of our new home."

The immersive activation allows a small group of people to travel to The Macallan's home together by stepping into a cube-like projection structure.

An in-person guide takes guests through the experience, highlighting the new distillery and its estate as 360-degree videos are projected on all sides of the structure's walls. The experience includes wind and scent diffusion technology matched to the footage.

Outside of the New York events, whisky enthusiasts around the globe will be able to view The Macallan Distillery Experience on their mobile phones or desktops, through social media, or at select wine and liquor retail stores, bars and restaurants using a VR headset.

## More Macallan Is Coming - And It's Going to Look a Little Different

JUNE 4, 2018 | SUSANNAH SKIVER BARTON - <http://whiskyadvocate.com>



The new Macallan Distillery in Speyside, Scotland features an undulating, turf-covered roof that blends in with the landscape. (Photo by Ian Gavan)

Prep your glasses, Macallan fans: more of the iconic single malt scotch is headed your way. On May 22nd, parent company Edrington unveiled the new Macallan Distillery on the Easter Elchies estate in Speyside, Scotland, a project that has been years in the making. Boasting 14 stills—each a perfect replica of the stills used in the old facility, to ensure consistency of the liquid—the new distillery has the capacity to make an estimated 15 million liters of pure alcohol each year, about a third more than before.

It will take some time for that whisky to come of age, of course. In Scotland, the minimum aging requirement for whisky is three years, and most of Macallan's core range is 12 years old or more. But with demand for its bottles growing continuously year after year, the company is clearly planning ahead. The whiskies will continue to be made with the same water source, barley, and cask types as before, and will age in Macallan's 14 on-site warehouses.

Construction on the new distillery started in 2014 and took three and a half years to complete, but the payoff is big. Unlike its predecessor, and most other scotch distilleries, the new facility blends in seamlessly with the Scottish landscape—to the point that it can be hard to distinguish between its undulating, turf-covered roof and the green hills that loom behind it.

Inside, the distillery features both the expanded production facility and a visitor center, including a 4-D experience that shows how sherry casks are made in Spain, an interactive model demonstrating the distilling process, and a display of over 3,000 bottles highlighting the range of natural colors Macallan's whisky takes on through cask maturation. An archive wall displays nearly 400 bottles dating from throughout the brand's history.

Tours (£15) will be offered multiple times a day and will guide visitors through Macallan's "Six Pillars," or core foundational processes. Eventually VIP tours will also be available. There's an on-site shop with lots of bottles for sale, and a restaurant serving local cuisine like Moray Firth crab and Scottish charcuterie. Best of all: the on-site bar, where each tour ends in a tasting of four drams, has plenty of bottles of Macallan to try, including expressions that are available only at the distillery.



### A NEW LOOK FOR THE BOTTLES TOO

Simultaneously with the new distillery's unveiling, Macallan is revamping the U.S. packaging for its core lineup of whiskies—as well as renaming some of them. Macallan's Fine Oak range will now be known as Triple Cask Matured, joining the Sherry Oak and Double Cask ranges to make up the distillery's most widely available single malts. Previously, Fine Oak featured 12, 15, 18, 21, and 30 year old expressions, although 21 and 30 year old were discontinued in 2017 and 10 year old is not making the leap to the new branding. The Triple Cask Matured label will include the 12, 15, and 18 year old single malts, all exactly the same as they were when bottled under the former name.

On top of the name change for Fine Oak, the packaging across all three ranges has been modified slightly, but it will still be recognizable to Macallan fans. In addition to a different bottle shape and color-coding system that helps drinkers identify the cask make-up of each range, the new packaging includes anti-refill closures and anti-counterfeit technology—an increasingly important detail, in light of the fact that fake whisky—including fake Macallan—is a growing problem. No details about the anti-counterfeit technology are available currently.

As a final touch, Macallan has also unveiled its oldest whisky to date—a 72 year old single malt distilled in the 1940s and packaged in a custom Lalique crystal decanter. Dubbed the Genesis Decanter, the 42% ABV whisky will be released in August. Only 600 decanters will be available, with 156 coming to the U.S. at a cost of \$65,000 each. Compared to the prices certain rare Macallans are fetching at auction these days, that's practically a steal.

## MACALLAN EDITION NO 4

[www.scotchwhisky.com](http://www.scotchwhisky.com)

SCORE93

PRICE BAND: £££££

ABV: 48.4%

PRODUCTION TYPE: Single malt whisky

REGION: Speyside

FLAVOUR CAMP: Rich & Round



**NOSE:** Reassuringly complex, with lots of oak and wood spice at the fore, surrounded by sweet acacia honey and toffee. This alluring, zesty, citrus baked sweetness, like a lemon drizzle cake or key lime pie, is captivating. I could sit and nose this for hours.

**PALATE:** Cakey and nutty, muscovado sugar and black pepper. The wood's effect is very much apparent – fresh oak shavings and a polished sideboard – but it's not overdone. Sticky caramel and Jamaica ginger cake take centre stage as the wood spice builds. However, there's enough citrus zestiness – lime peel and orange juice – to keep the spark going.

**FINISH:** Is that a touch of smoke? Perhaps a heavy char. Either way, it lingers, with a chewy, sticky fruitiness, like reduced blood orange juice.

**CONCLUSION:**

Edition No 4 is designed to showcase the 'structure' of Macallan. This is an absolute bargain. Just glorious.

**RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME:** You can't talk about the structure of Macallan without referencing its new architectural marvel of a home. A [Design for Life](#).



Highland Park's new travel retail range takes inspiration from iconic animals in Viking culture

The series reintroduces age statements, new packaging and bottle designs to bring the expressions in line with the brand's domestic range.

The collection comprises no-age-statement Spirit of the Bear, 14-year-old Loyalty of the Wolf, 16-year-old Wings of the Eagle and 18-year-old Viking Pride Travel Edition.

Packaged in a one-litre bottle, Spirit of the Bear (40% abv) has been matured in Sherry-seasoned American oak casks. It has notes of smoky peat, root ginger, freshly grated nutmeg and sweet vanilla pods. It is priced at €50.

Loyalty of the Wolf (42.3% abv) is described as a "sweet and complex" whisky and has been matured in a combination of Sherry-seasoned American oak casks and ex-Bourbon casks. It has an RRP of €55.

Meanwhile, the "spicy and elegant" Wings of the Eagle (44.5% abv) is matured in both sherry-Seasoned European and American oak casks. It is priced at €90.

Viking Pride Travel Edition (46% abv) is the "pinnacle" of the range and matured in Sherry-seasoned European oak casks. It has "rich, dark chocolate" and "heather honey" notes and has an RRP of €110.

Jason Craig, brand director, Highland Park, said: "The new travel retail-exclusive Highland Park collection marks a major step for the brand as we look to deliver new innovations and explore new flavour profiles for whisky drinkers around the world."

Igor Boyadjian, managing director, Edrington Global Travel Retail: "The new travel retail exclusive collection delivers a step-change in range navigation through a number of premium cues, which allow consumers to understand the different character of each whisky whilst offering a strong storytelling proposition and on-shelf presence."

Each expression is already available in European travel retail, apart from Viking Pride Travel Edition which will launch later in the summer. The range will be available in major Asian and Middle Eastern airports from September 2018 and in the Americas from December 2018.

**Highland Park adds Valknut to Viking Legend range**

30th July, 2018 by Nicola Carruthers - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

Highland Park has released the second expression in its special edition range inspired by Viking history, called Valknut.

*Highland Park Valknut is the second expression in the Viking Legends series*

Valknut is the second in a [series of three Viking Legend releases](#) and follows the launch of Valkyrie in April 2017. It will be followed by Valfather in 2019.

The new expression has notes of toasted vanilla pods, cracked black pepper, oak shavings, cloves, aniseed and aromatic smoke on the nose.

The palate is described as offering "sweet, aromatic cloves" combined with "tangy hints of aniseed", followed by an "intensely balanced,



bold and courageous" finish.

Danish designer Jim Lyngvild, an expert in Norse mythology, has designed the packaging for the single malt range.

The packaging took inspiration from two Nordic sources in Gotland, Sweden – the first of the four Stora Hammars stones and the picture stone at Tängelgårda.

Valknut means 'knot of those killed in battle' and the three interlinked triangles on the design is associated with Norse god Odin, who guided the spirits of the dead to Valhalla.

Jason Craig, Highland Park brand director, said: "Valknut is an intensely balanced whisky with an abv of 46.8%.

"It's been matured predominantly in American Sherry-seasoned oak casks with a slightly higher phenolic level compared to Valkyrie.

"We've also used a small amount of Orkney-grown Tartan barley, which adds to its smokier edge and lingering sweet, spicy finish."

Highland Park Valknut will launch in more than 15 markets at an RRP of £58 (US\$76).

**HIGHLAND PARK WINGS OF THE EAGLE, 16 YEARS OLD**

SCORE 84

PRICE BAND

£ £ £ £ £

ABV: 44.5%

AVAILABILITY: *Global Travel Retail*

FLAVOUR CAMP: *Rich & Round*

NOSE: The darkest of the new trio with more overt Sherried elements, Morello cherry and black fruits.

There's even some slightly funk-ed-up qualities: think dubbin wax on leather boots, black cardamom, dried citrus peels, treacle scone with butter and a light sootiness. There's some complexity here.

Water brings out light lanolin, some raisined sweetness (PX-like) that shifts towards pot pourri and floor



polish.

**PALATE:** A soft start, which if I'm being honest is almost too soft, making the effect slightly gloopy, albeit with a buzz of alcohol at the same time. The ripe black fruits dominate the mid-palate but water hollows out the centre, so I'd leave neat.

**FINISH:** To be fair, things pick up here with baked plums, peach, dried raspberries, and low smoke.

**Highland Park unveils animal-inspired GTR range**

25th July, 2018 by Nicola Carruthers - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

Edrington-owned Highland Park has released a new range of Scotch whiskies in global travel retail, which pay homage to animals from Viking culture.

CONCLUSION: Robust and warming, this is the most rewarding of the animal-themed trio, especially on the nose, but the lack of structure knocks it back. Still, if your preference is for whiskies which are soft and ripe then this is right up your street.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME: Spiralling up, there's an [Eagle In Your Mind](#).

## Macallan unveils 72-year-old whisky priced at \$60k

31st May, 2018 by Nicola Carruthers - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

Edrington is set to release its oldest Macallan expression to date – a 72-year-old single malt bottled in a Lalique crystal decanter, priced at US\$60,000.



*The Macallan 72 Years Old in Lalique takes design cues from the brand's new Speyside distillery*

The Macallan 72 Years Old in Lalique – The Genesis Decanter has been released to celebrate the [opening of the new £140m Macallan distillery](#) and visitor centre on 2 June.

Distilled during the 1940s, the new expression has an “exquisite balance of strong, sweet oak with the peaty spirit shaping its refined character”. The nose is said to have aromas of fruit followed by hints of peat, with a “lingering hint of rich fruit and oak” on the finish.

The bottle design has been inspired by the curvature of the distillery's roof structure, which is said to be suggestive of the building rising and falling from the ground.

The presentation case is inspired by the interior of the distillery, with a curved wooden roof over the decanter and a footprint taken directly from the circular layout of the three new still houses.

Nick Savage, The Macallan master distiller, said: “The Macallan 72 Years Old is an incredibly rare single malt defined by years of dedication and craftsmanship.

“As the oldest whisky we have ever bottled, this is a truly momentous occasion to commemorate our remarkable new distillery. Although delicate throughout all aspects, it provides an intense experience which acknowledges the distinguished history of The Macallan.”

The Macallan 72 Years Old in Lalique – The Genesis Decanter will be rolled out globally from August 2018. Limited to 600 decanters worldwide, it is priced at US\$60,000 per 700ml .

Ken Grier, creative director for The Macallan, said: “Our wonderful new distillery is both a tribute to the traditions of our whisky and its natural Speyside environment, and a future-facing vision, looking forward to the next chapter of The Macallan. Lalique have a deep and true understanding of The Macallan, having been our partner for over a decade.

“Their interpretation of this design masterpiece in crystal is beyond exceptional. Their mastery and creativity never ceases to amaze and inspire us and our extraordinary collaboration is reflective of the highly meaningful part Lalique have played in the story of The Macallan.”

## Macallan sales soar 4,000% at Sotheby's

4th May, 2018 by Melita Kiely - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

Global demand for Scotch whisky is evidently thriving as value sales of The Macallan grew 4,000% to US\$2.6 million at auctioneer Sotheby's in 2017.



*The Macallan in Lalique Legacy Collection sold for US\$987,994 at auction*

The data was published in Sotheby's 2017 Wine Report, which ranked The Macallan in the top 10 most valuable wine and spirits producers worldwide – up from 100th place in 2016.

Last year, spirits gained a larger share of sales, representing 6% of Sotheby's auction and retail sales – up from 1% the previous year.

Sotheby's attributed the growth to “blockbuster demand” for fine whisky in Asia across both retail and auction markets.

Furthermore, whisky scored the top three places for highest sales prices last year: The Macallan in Lalique Legacy Collection, comprising 18 bottles, sold at auction in Hong Kong for US\$987,994; The Macallan Assortment, aged 50-65 years and made up of six bottles, sold at retail in Hong Kong for US\$474,359; and The Legendary Ichiro Hanyu Card Player Series in Full, a collection of 58 bottles, sold at auction in Hong Kong for US\$454,791.

Last month, The Macallan set another world record after [two 60-year-old bottles sold for US\\$1.2m](#) through luxury retailer Le Clos.



## Macallan to launch limited edition Genesis whisky

14th June, 2018 by Nicola Carruthers - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

Edrington is set to release a limited edition Macallan expression to mark the opening of its new distillery.

*The Macallan Genesis Limited Edition is limited to 2,500 bottles* Genesis Limited Edition celebrates the new [£140m Macallan distillery and visitor centre](#), which opened on 2 June.

The bottling tells the story of lead architect Graham Stirk's vision for the site and “reflects each painstaking step in The Macallan whisky-making process”.

The whisky is said to have notes of dried fruits, oak, fresh apple and chocolate on the nose. On the palate are flavours of dried fruits, cinnamon and ginger spices leading to a “clean and warming” finish.

It is presented alongside a signed lithographic print created by one of only two remaining map printing presses in the UK.

Ken Grier, creative director for The Macallan, said: “The collaboration between The Macallan and Graham Stirk of Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners was the beginning of something truly remarkable; a partnership based on a shared commitment to mastery, delivering an iconic distillery and this unique, limited edition bottling.

“The innovative design of the distillery pays tribute to the natural elements that contribute to the production of The Macallan. From the barley fields and the oak trees to the importance of fresh spring water in

the distillation process, it is designed to celebrate the entire whisky making cycle.

“Just as the beautiful signed print showcases the secrets of this architectural marvel, the Genesis Limited Edition whisky reflects the intricate workings of The Macallan whisky making process.”

Bottled at 45.5% abv, Genesis Limited Edition will be available to buy soon from The Macallan distillery and The Macallan Airport Boutiques. It is limited to 2,500 bottles and priced at £495.00 (US\$665).

### Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 could break world record

15th August, 2018 by Nicola Carruthers - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

A 60-year-old bottle of The Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 is expected to sell for up to £900,000 (US\$1.14m) when it goes under the hammer in Edinburgh.



*The Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 is estimated to fetch between £700,000 and £900,000*

The expression is estimated to make between £700,000 and £900,000 (US\$888,000-US\$1.14m) at the Bonhams Whisky Sale on 3 October. Bonhams claims this could break the world record for most expensive bottle of Scotch sold at auction.

The whisky was bottled in 1986 and Macallan commissioned Peter Blake and Valerio Adami to design the labels for the limited edition bottlings – 12 of the Adami and 12 of the Blake labels.

Earlier this year, a bottle of The Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 [sold at a Bonhams auction in Hong Kong](#) for £814,081 (US\$1.1m) – the most ever paid for a bottle of Scotch whisky at

auction.

It is not known how many bottles of The Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 still exist. One is said to have been destroyed in an earthquake in Japan in 2011, and it is believed that at least one of them has been consumed.

Bonhams whisky specialist, Martin Green, said: “The Macallan 1926 60-year-old has been described as the Holy Grail of whisky.

“Its exceptional rarity and quality puts it in a league of its own, and the world’s most serious whisky collectors will wait patiently for many years for a bottle to come onto the market.

“It is a great honour to be offering this amazingly rare whisky at our Edinburgh sale.”

### Highland Park to tour aboard Viking longship

14th August, 2018 by Owen Bellwood - [www.thespiritsbusiness.com](http://www.thespiritsbusiness.com)

Orkney single malt Scotch brand Highland Park has partnered with Viking longship Draken Harald Hårfagre for its upcoming tour of the US east coast.



*The Draken Harald Hårfagre is more than 100 feet long and was constructed between 2010 and 2012*

The Draken is a recreation of a Viking ship created by Norwegian entrepreneur Sigurd Aase. The tour with Highland Park will see the ship travel the US east coast from Maine to South Carolina, visiting 14 harbours over four months.

Martin Markvardsen, Highland Park’s senior global brand ambassador, said: “The Draken ship and its journey exemplify the spirit of the modern-day Viking and everything that Highland Park stands for: determination, adventure, quality craftsmanship and rich history.

“Our founder Magnus Eunson was a direct descendant of the Vikings who settled on Orkney over 1,000 years ago and today, our whisky continues to be crafted in the old way by a new generation of Vikings.

“Highland Park is proud to be an official partner of the Draken ship and honoured to support its vision and tour of the United States.”

The Orkney-based distillery will support the ship on its US tour, which will see the Draken stop off at cities including Washington DC and Philadelphia.

The Draken will offer deck tours at each stop-over, as well as screenings of a new Draken documentary, talks by the captain and crew, and Highland Park whisky tastings.

The ship, which is more than 100 feet long, was constructed between 2010 and 2012. It completed its inaugural transatlantic crossing from Norway to the US in 2016.

Last month, the [Edrington-owned distillery released the second expression in its special edition range inspired by Viking history](#), called Valknut.

### Glenrothes highlights age statements in new range

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Speyside distillery Glenrothes will depart from its focus on vintage whiskies for a new range of age-statement Sherry cask single malts, which will launch later this month.



*The Glenrothes Soleo Collection will launch later this month*

Targeted towards the “modern drinker”, the new Soleo Collection contains six single malts aged for between 10 and 40 years.

The range is described as “slightly sweeter and much more approachable than traditional Scotch”.

Gordon Motion, master whisky maker at The Glenrothes, said:

“The Glenrothes is a true and honest single malt. We believe in sharing the inspiration behind how and why we create the whiskies we do – showcasing the fundamentally simple yet natural process of whisky-making, a previously undisclosed part of the story.

“The Soleo Collection illustrates this perfectly and its fantastic new whiskies are testament to our commitment.”

The range is priced between £37 (US\$48) and £375 (US\$487), but the price of the 40-year-old expression is yet to be confirmed.

Last year, [Berry Bros & Rudd sold The Glenrothes brand back to Edrington](#).



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