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BLADNOCH SINGLE MALT WHISKY JOINS INVICTA IMPORT PORTFOLIO

Blackadder International and Invicta Import are delighted to announce they have been appointed importer and distributor for Bladnoch Single Malt Whisky in Sweden.



Casks of Bladnoch maturing at the distillery. Casks numbered 001,002 & 003 were the first three casks filled after Bladnoch Distillery went online again in November 2000. The casks were filled on 20th December 2000

Most whisky distilling today is in the hands of big companies and the distilleries are operating to fulfil corporate plans, mostly for ever increasing case sales of Mac-X blend or Glen-Y Malt. Bladnoch is very different. Bladnoch is small, friendly, very individual and very independently minded.

Founded in 1817 by John & Thomas McClelland Bladnoch Distillery is the southernmost distillery in Scotland. It nestles in the heart of Galloway, in a delightful setting on the banks of the River Bladnoch, just over a kilometre outside Wigtown and a similar distance from the sea and Wigtown Bay.

The distillery was closed in 1993 and it was thought at the time that it would never re-open. But this was before the sale of the distillery site and buildings, stripped of stills, to Ulsterman Raymond Armstrong. An appropriate new ownership, perhaps, since Bladnoch is closer to Belfast in Northern Ireland than to Glasgow or Edinburgh.

In just a few years Raymond Armstrong has become a legend in the annals of whisky distilling. At first he intended just to develop the site but something about Bladnoch

hooked him and he began to investigate the possibility of reopening the distillery. It took a few years to rebuild and re-equip the distillery but finally the first new spirit ran from the stills in November 2000. As a small distillery, with a production staff of just two, Bladnoch is never going to see whisky produced in big quantities. However, as one of only three Lowland malt whisky distilleries still in production, and the only independent among them, it is certain to be much sought after by the knowledgeable few.

Bladnoch presently offers a limited range of cask bottlings, these coming mostly from casks filled in the early 1990s, shortly before the distillery closed. These new bottlings of Bladnoch differ greatly from earlier ones offered by its previous owners in that they are from carefully selected single casks and bottled either without chill-filtration or with only light filtration. As a naturally pure spirit Bladnoch is bottled in clear glass bottles, so that you can admire its straw to golden straw colour, and without the taste altering addition of caramel colouring.

Invicta is delighted to announce the arrival in Sweden of a fine 13 year old Bladnoch as a 46% volume non chill-filtered malt. Other ages and styles will follow next year. You can make acquaintance with the Galloway malt at the Blackadder & Invicta stand at this year's Stockholm Beer and Whisky Festival, held at Nacka Strand from 23rd to 25th September and 30th September to 2nd October. It will be available through Systembolaget from October (article no. 80039) price 695sk inclusive of MOMS.



*Raymond Armstrong warmly welcomes visitors at Bladnoch.
Be sure to sign the visitors book when you visit*

You can make acquaintance with the Blackford malt at the Blackadder & Invicta stand at this year's Stockholm Beer and Whisky Festival, held at Nacka Strand from 23rd to 25th September and 30th September to 2nd October.

Invicta import is the leading importer of specialist single malt whiskies in Sweden with more than 200 different whiskies now offered through Systembolaget's Beställningssortiment special order system. The company was appointed in March 2004 to help develop the sales and distribution of the Blackadder represented brands in Sweden.

These now include: Bladnoch, Blackadder, (including Blackadder Raw Cask, A Drop of the Irish, The Old Man of Hoy and Blairfindy), Douglas Laing Old Malt Cask and Platinum Selection, Douglas McGibbon's Provenance, Whisky Galore, Duncan

Taylor Peerless, Hart Brothers, Lombard, Aberdeen Distillers, Celtic Connections, Clydesdale Original, Tullibardine, Glen Scotia, Littlemill, Loch Lomond, Inchmurrin and Old Rhodhu Scotch and Irish malt whiskies, Amrut Indian malt whisky and Rip Van Winkle bourbon and rye American whiskeys.

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