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New Range of Spirit Drinks

Glenglassaugh Distillery, Portsoy, Banffshire have introduced a new range of 20cl Spirit Drinks made from only Scottish malted barley, Glenglassaugh water and yeast.

“The four expressions, presented in dumpy round bottles, allow our dedicated followers the affordable experience of sampling Glenglassaugh Spirits as new make Spirits and as they mature” says Ronnie Routledge, Account Manager for the distillery. “They also act as perfect mixing Spirits, and our new website www.thespiritdrink.com has some great mixing suggestions”.

All are non-chill filtered, natural colour and bottled on-site at 50% abv. They retail at £13.00 in all good whisky stockists throughout the UK or from the distillery website.

Clearac - No maturation, fresh and fruity on the nose, spicy yet sweet on the palate.

Blushes - Matured for 6 months in ex-Californian red wine casks, soft and refreshing with lovely summer berry notes.

Fledgling XB - Matured in first fill ex bourbon barrels for one year, sweet vanilla, creamy toffee and lashings of buttery vanilla fudge.

Peated - Peated to 30 parts phenol per million (PPM). Light and sweet with fruity limes and sour pineapple sitting shoulder to shoulder with a gentle hint of peat, bonfire ash and subtle earthiness.

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Whiskies of Scotland Launch New Range of Exclusive Single Malt and Single Grain Whiskies

Whiskies of Scotland are proud to announce the launch of their self-titled new range. The Whiskies of Scotland collection consists of limited edition, exclusive bottlings sourced from Scotland's finest producing and non-producing distilleries.

Featuring single malt and single grain whiskies distilled at legendary names such as Banff, Bowmore, Caperdonich, Carsebridge, Port Ellen and Springbank, the Whiskies of Scotland collection has already received great industry acclaim, winning multiple industry awards for the quality of its bottlings.

With everything from 10 year old Macallan to 45 year old Tomatin, there's something in the Whiskies of Scotland collection to suit all tastes.

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Best Ready to Eat Product



The winners of the SuperMeat and Fish Awards 2010 were announced at the glittering awards ceremony at the prestigious Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London, hosted by TV celebrity Mark Durden Smith.

Set up more than a decade ago to reward excellence in Supermarket retailing and manufacturing of meat, poultry and fish products, the SuperMeat and Fish Awards are the largest of their kind for the meat industry.

Nor-Sea were proud winners of the Best Ready to Eat Product category for their Tesco Finest Hickory Roasted Sweetcure Mackerel Strips, beating off stiff competition from Asda Reggae Reggae drumsticks and Tesco British Roast Piri Piri chicken.

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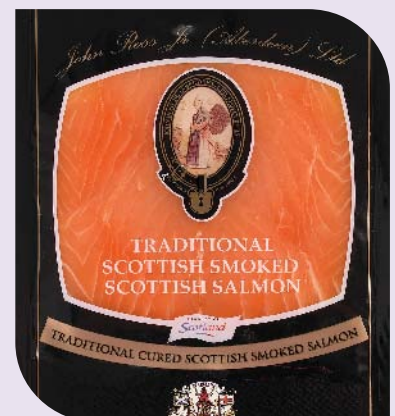
Smoked Salmon Producer Lands Gold Star Rating at Prestigious National Food Awards

John Ross Jr (Aberdeen) has scooped a top award at this year's Guild of Fine Foods Great Taste Awards.

The coveted gold star rating was awarded to John Ross Jr for its Traditional Smoked Salmon and Smoked Salmon Pâté following a rigorous judging process by 350 judges, who blind-tested over 6,000 food and drink products.

On receiving the Award Andrew Leigh commented: "Recognition from the Guild is a great honour. Producing the finest Scottish smoked salmon using a time honoured smoking process means that we stand out from other producers and this award is testament to that. We're delighted to receive the Gold Star Rating, proud to be supported by some of the industry's most revered food connoisseurs and remain committed to producing a world-class product."

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Create Your Own Custom Tartan Whisky Labels Online – Free!

Aberdeen-based design firm Brands Development World-Wide has recently launched a custom label designer in conjunction with online whisky specialists Single Malts Direct.

For the first time, it is now possible to create your very own whisky label online using your own pictures and text. Best of all, you can also customise the label with your clan's official tartan, or choose from a selection of hand-picked Scottish backgrounds. It's easy to use and best of all, free.

A custom whisky makes the perfect gift for Christmas, birthdays, weddings or even as a treat for yourself. To see the label designer in action, visit www.singlemaltsdirect.com/tartan-labels and design your custom malt today.

Also, look out for www.tartandrinks.com – featuring the tartan label designer and many other customisable products, coming soon.

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New Additions to the Duncan's of Deeside Product Range



Duncan's of Deeside have launched a brand new range of their famous melt in the mouth shortbread and tasty oatcakes. The range is presented in attractive boxes, ideal for gifts. The Shortbread is available in Family Recipe, All Butter and Chocolate Chip varieties. The Oatcake varieties are Family Recipe, Olive Oil, Cheese and Wheat Free.

Having now fully settled into the new bakery located in Laurencekirk, Duncan's of Deeside are continuing to grow and are taking full advantage of their larger capacity.

With the achievement of the SALSA accreditation and top marks in Tesco's Regional Supplier Assessment, quality assurance is of great importance and customers can be confident that their products are of high standards.

All of the new ranges can be found in fine retailers, tea rooms and garden centres across Scotland, alongside the existing ranges which are displaying the revamped packaging.

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Glenfarclas 40 Years Old Launched

Family owned Glenfarclas has added a new 40 Years Old whisky to their portfolio of premium Highland Single Malt Scotch Whiskies. Glenfarclas 40 Years Old has been bottled at 46% vol. from casks filled in the late 1960s, and selected by George S. Grant, Director of Sales and the sixth generation of the family which own and manage the distillery.

With good stocks of casks filled in the 1960s, the distillery is now able to offer whisky with a 40 years old age statement as part of their core range. The whisky has been awarded a score of 95/100 by the Malt Advocate magazine.

Glenfarclas 40 Years Old is presented in the Glenfarclas amber bottle and a ruby gift tube. By deliberately not over-packaging this old whisky, J. & G. Grant are able to offer the Glenfarclas 40 Years Old at a competitive UK recommended retail price of £350.

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New Glenglassaugh Highland Single Malt – Rare Cask Series Triple Pack

An exciting addition to Glenglassaugh's whisky range is the Rare Cask Series triple-pack 3 x 20cl. "A small number of casks have been left maturing in Glenglassaugh's warehouses during its silent period, this is the result of careful selection of 3 of these casks. These whiskies are among the finest examples of Single Malt Scotch Whisky, winning plaudits and top awards in Jim Murray's Whisky Bible, International Wine and Spirit Competition and San Francisco World Spirits Competition" says Glenglassaugh Distillery's MD Stuart Nickerson.

26yo 46% abv: Dried fruits dominate but boiled fruits appear in mid palate with hints of vanilla.

37yo 54.8% abv: A delightfully sweet and powerful whisky that is reminiscent of wedding cake. A rich and sophisticated, still fresh and fruity with hints of melon and lychee.

43yo 48.7% abv: The rich sherry flavours combine with the fruits to give an incredibly powerful yet complex whisky. The pack retails at £299.

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New 'Extra Posh' Ice Cream Range from Mackie's of Scotland



Extra Posh provides a new Scottish alternative in the super premium ice cream market. Mackie's of Scotland claim a niche of 'affordable luxury' within the dairy ice cream sector.

Mackie's new range of 'extra posh' ice cream offers the same good value proposition along with an extra creamy taste and stronger flavours.

The first Extra Posh flavours are Madagascar Vanilla, Toffee Fudge and Belgian Chocolate, presented in 500ml black tubs each with a striking portrait of a Mackie's jersey cow with tiara and is now available in Tesco, Spar and several independent stores.

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Macbeth's Butchers Revamps Website

Following extensive market research, Scottish traditional online butchers Macbeth's have revamped their website and online shop.

In a project which included research with both current and potential customers as well as competitor analysis, Macbeth's new online shop is much more user friendly. Categories have been simplified and the order process is quicker whilst still providing all the information which customers really want to see prior to making a purchase. The delivery charge has been reduced and a Paypal option is now available.

Customers were asked about every aspect of the ordering process from using the website to receipt of their order and quality of produce. Best Sellers are now clearly shown along with Special Offers, and new selection packs for single people are now available.

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Mackie's of Scotland Launch New Scotch Bonnet Chilli Pepper Flavour

A bold brand diversification move last year saw the launch of Mackie's thick cut potato crisps - which went on to collect 'Product of the Year' 2010 Award from the Scottish Food & Drink Excellence Awards.

Kirstin Mackie, Managing Director attributes the product's success and growing market share to their unique texture, "a good, dry crisp", unique Scottish flavours, for example the latest Scotch Bonnet Chilli Pepper, and it's unique Scottish provenance.

Grown and made in Scotland, the crisps are already being exported to Singapore and Denmark and research is underway in America.

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Award Winning Oatmeal of Alford New Product Launch in Waitrose



The North East cereal company based in Laurencekirk, Aberdeenshire has taken its newest products to Waitrose. Launched in October, the products look set to become a favourite.

The new Scottish line includes Strawberry and Hazelnut Muesli, chosen by the public in a series of trial tests, and Scottish Porridge Oats.

The Porridge was voted best Healthy Choice in this year's Scotland Food and Drink Excellence Awards, held in Forres.

The new additions to the Oatmeal family not only consist of fantastic breakfast alternatives but also two new food enthusiasts have joined the team.

The family run company is passionate about producing Scottish produce and is eager to begin development on their next muesli.

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Award-Winning Grampian Based Online Whisky Specialist Gets a Makeover

Single Malts Direct, the Speyside-based whisky retailer with an international reputation has recently relaunched its website, www.singlemaltsdirect.com.

As well as its unrivalled catalogue of over 1,000 whiskies, the revamped site features a free custom label designer, live chat service, malt blog, whisky club and much, much more.

Single Malts Direct delivers worldwide and was recently named as Whisky Magazine's 'Highly Commended' retailer of the year in the Icons of Whisky awards.

With the holidays on the way, Single Malts Direct can help make your Christmas shopping easy with new special offers being added every week. In addition, you can subscribe to the club newsletter and receive exclusive offers and discounts.

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Impressive Awards Haul for Moray Whisky Experts

Gordon & MacPhail, the Elgin-based whisky merchants, walked away with an impressive five awards at the annual Scottish Field Whisky Challenge in November, including Independent Bottling of the Year for Milton Duff 1969.

Joint Managing Director David Urquhart said "We're proud and delighted with this result. For generations, our company has been laying down, maturing and bottling the best and rarest whiskies Scotland has to offer. It's satisfying for all our team at Gordon & MacPhail to have those efforts recognised.

The firm also won Gold for Milton Duff 1969 and Silver for Longmorn 30 Years Old in the over £75 category, and two Bronze awards for Glen Grant 25 Years Old and Strathisla 30 Years Old in the £30-£75 category.

The company bottles over 300 expressions of single malt whisky and exports to over 50 countries worldwide. Gordon & MacPhail also owns Benromach Distillery in Forres and launched its flagship single malt, Benromach 10 Years Old, in 2009.

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The Coffee Shop is Open Every Day Until 5pm



The Store has left its roots of the old bothy and leapt across the yard and set up home in what was The Pottery Barn.

As well as having our current large selection of Store, local and deli produce we plan to increase the range with having increased space.

We have dedicated an area to a coffee shop where we will be serving up coffee, teas, homebakes as well as soups, salads and sandwiches. We may even fire up the BBQ in summer.

The quality of the produce will be what you have come to expect from The Store and more.

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Mackintosh of Glendaveny is Young Entrepreneur Runner Up

Gregor Mackintosh was named runner up at the 2010 Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust (PSYBt) Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

Gregor is the entrepreneur behind Mackintosh of Glendaveny, the business was launched in 2009, harvesting his own rapeseed crop to produce Extra Virgin Cold Pressed Oil. The rapeseed is harvested, pressed and bottled on his family's 800 acre farm. The oil is sold in Asda supermarkets, farm shops, delicatessens and butchers throughout Scotland.

Mr Mackintosh had already won the Grampian region final of the awards.

Mr Macintosh developed the idea for his business whilst studying at the Scottish Agricultural College in Aberdeen. The oil is 100% naturally pure with tremendous health benefits. It also has the lowest saturated fat level of any alternative, as well as 10 times more Omega 3 than Olive Oil, and is a good source of vitamin E.

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Macbeth's Butchers Wins Four Great Taste Awards!!

Macbeth's Butchers in Forres, Morayshire is celebrating once again after winning four Great Taste Awards. Scottish Traditional Online Butchers Macbeth's entered six products into the awards which are regarded as the industry Oscars. This follows their recent recognition earlier in the month by the Times Newspaper as one of the top ten butchers in the UK.

Winning 2 Gold Stars for a product is given for 'products setting new standards of excellence' and it was this that was awarded to Macbeth's rib eye steak in the Fresh Beef category and their pork sausage in the Sausage category. In the Bacon category their newest product, a dry cure bacon, won 1 Gold Star along with their rump steak.

Jock Gibson, manager of Macbeth's said "Everyone at Macbeth's was thrilled when we heard about this, especially with the 2 Gold Stars for the rib eye and our pork sausage."

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