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A LIMITED NEW VINTAGE FOR GLENFIDDICH®
Gently Luxurious!

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Glenfiddich, the world's favourite single malt Scotch whisky, has launched this year's limited edition 1973 Vintage Reserve, selected by a team of top whisky experts from Scotland.

The nosing and tasting event to select the top dram took place at the family owned Glenfiddich Distillery in Dufftown, Scotland. A group of industry aficionados blind tasted an array of vintages, pre-selected by the Malt Master, David Stewart, and after much deliberation decided upon the 1973 Vintage.

The panel of expert judges came from the leading Whisky retailers in Scotland; Gordon & MacPhail, Loch Fyne Whiskies, Royal Mile Whiskies, The Whisky Shop Group, Luvians, The Whisky Shop (Dufftown) and The Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre. All were joined by Malt Master David Stewart, who hosted the "nose – down" and selection of this year's Glenfiddich Vintage Reserve.

Two traditional oak casks were chosen yielding 200 and 240 bottles respectively. The casks were emptied and the Glenfiddich hand-bottled at the distillery. Hand-written calligraphy on each bottle label details the cask number, date the cask was filled, bottling date, individual bottle number and total number of bottles from the cask in the limited edition.

Michael Jackson, whisky writer and author of 'The Malt Whisky Companion' was specially commissioned to write nosing & tasting notes for the Glenfiddich Vintage Reserve 1973,



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which he describes with words like “Rounded”, “Slippery-smooth” and “Gently luxurious”.

On nosing the Glenfiddich 1973 Vintage Reserve Michael Jackson said it was:

“Very clean. Soft. Fragrant, but sweet...Flapjack made with treacle and slightly toasted in the oven.” The palate he found: “lightly syrupy, then creamy, with vanilla spiciness.”

He commented: “The sweet elegance of Glenfiddich Solera Reserve with yet more maturity. Soft-centered, but with plenty of structure.”

He finished with the appropriate words: “Gently luxurious”.

There are only a small number of vintage casks at The Glenfiddich Distillery, all of which have matured for over 30 years. The maturation of each vintage takes place in a traditional dunnage warehouse, which with its low roof, earth floors and damp climate provide perfect whisky maturation conditions. Each new Glenfiddich Vintage Reserve edition contains whisky from just one identified year, selected for its exceptional quality, balance and unique character.

Glenfiddich 1973 Vintage Reserve will this year be bottled at 49.8% ABV and the whisky is not chill-filtered.

Despite high demand only 440 bottles of the Glenfiddich 1973 Vintage Reserve are being released, causing this bottling to be on strict allocation. It will only be available from July 2003 through whisky specialists in selected markets or in our online shop at a retail price of £249 for a 70cl bottle at 49.8% ABV.



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