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**DISTILLERY WAVES GOODBYE TO LAST BOTTLE OF THE WORLD'S
OLDEST SINGLE MALT WHISKY**

Hong Kong Airport snaps up remaining Glenfiddich Rare Collection 1937

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Workers at the independent, family-owned Glenfiddich Distillery bade a fond farewell to the last bottle of Glenfiddich® Rare Collection 1937 to leave the distillery as it made its way to Hong Kong to be sold at the city's stunning Chep Lap Kok Airport, a major gateway for international travellers.

Glenfiddich Rare Collection 1937 (aged 64 years) is the oldest single malt ever to be bottled. Released in 2001 by William Grant & Sons, there were just 61 original bottles produced from a single cask.

Commenting on the departure of Glenfiddich's oldest son, Malt Master, David Stewart, said: "There are a lot of mixed emotions here today. On the one hand, we're extremely proud of having produced a whisky of such fantastic quality that's stood the test of time and on the other there's a tinge of sadness at saying goodbye. Having said that, this batch of six bottles is in the right shop window for finding good homes to go to."

Mr. Baker Salleh, CEO of Sky Connection Ltd added: "We are committed to having the world's best at our FREE DUTY shops and we are indeed honoured that William Grant & Sons agreed to part with their rarest and finest whisky so we can showcase it to international travellers at Hong Kong International Airport."

This true classic started life one summer's day in 1937 when oak cask 843, handmade by distillery coopers, was filled with spirit from the stills at The Glenfiddich Distillery in Dufftown, Scotland, and laid down in a dunnage warehouse to mature.

Normally whiskies that reach this great age are either long past their best or have lost their strength. However, this whisky is exceptional having matured slowly, allowing it to develop a distinctive character. With its wonderful toffee caramel and cinnamon



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nose, chocolate and treacle flavours and unique rich walnut colour, Glenfiddich Rare Collection 1937 is an extraordinary Scotch whisky, full of complexity and subtlety.

Cask 843 has lived through 64 years and numerous monumental world events, from the Second World War to the Liberation of China and the first man landing on the moon to the demise of the Berlin Wall.

Glenfiddich Rare Collection 1937 was distilled in the same year as the Coronation of King George VI, when JRR Tolkien's 'The Hobbit' was first published and Walt Disney's 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' was first released as a full length animated feature film. At the time, The Glenfiddich Distillery was one of only six distilleries open and producing whisky in Scotland. This makes Scotch whisky from 1937 extremely rare.

One day the warehouse key holder, responsible for monitoring the consistent quality of Glenfiddich examined cask 843 and discovered an unusually slow maturing Scotch whisky. He decided to leave it where it was, in the cold, dark and damp warehouse, which provided perfect slow maturation conditions, and continued to monitor its development.

Over its long life ten consecutive warehouse key holders at The Glenfiddich Distillery patiently watched over cask 843. It was only in the autumn of 2001 that present day Glenfiddich Malt Master, David Stewart, declared the Glenfiddich in cask 843 had finally matured to perfection.

On 24 October 2001, cask 843 was removed from its dark home, hand filled into just 61 bottles at 44% ABV (64 years of evaporation had taken the rest, 'the angel's share'), individually numbered with handwritten labels, signed by Peter Gordon, the great great grandson of Glenfiddich founder, William Grant, and presented in an oak box with its own lock and key.



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Glenfiddich Rare Collection 1937 has been sold in 20 countries around the globe and the last bottles have found their way to one of the world's best airports, in Hong Kong.

Picture Caption:

Glenfiddich's Chief Guide, David Mair prepares the last bottles of Glenfiddich Rare Collection 1937, the world's oldest and most expensive single malt, for dispatch to Hong Kong.

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- The Company also owns 30% of Highland Distillers, whose brands include The Macallan and Highland Park Single Malt Scotch Whiskies and The Famous Grouse blended Scotch Whisky.

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