



**The Balvenie Malt Master Releases Limited Edition
"Peated Cask" 17 Year Old Single Malt**

Speyside Distillery introduces whisky with layers of rich spice and smoky flavours

Toronto, January 18, 2011 - The Balvenie Malt Master, David Stewart, announces the launch of a new limited edition expression: The Balvenie Peated Cask aged 17 years, an exciting marriage of single malt Scotch whiskies finished in peated casks and new American oak. This new, limited-edition release will be available in Canada starting January, 2011.

More than 45 years of experience give David Stewart an unparalleled expertise in single malt maturation. With a strong desire to experiment, David continues to look at the effects of age and wood upon The Balvenie spirit. The Balvenie Peated Cask is the result of David's latest work and retains The Balvenie's traditional honeyed complexity, but introduces layers of rich spice and smoke on the nose and palate.

In 2001, a heavily peated batch of barley was bought from a local supplier and distilled at The Balvenie Distillery. The distilled liquid was allowed to mature until David decided it was time to rejuvenate the maturation process and so the whisky was transferred to newly prepared traditional casks.

The casks that had originally held the peated liquid had taken on much of its character but were without purpose, until David decided to experiment by filling them with 17 year old Balvenie for a short period. The result was an intensely peaty whisky. Marrying this liquid with 17 year old Balvenie finished in new American oak casks produced a hugely complex single malt, rich and spicy with layers of smokiness.

David Stewart comments: "In the crafting of The Balvenie Peated Cask, we wanted to explore the impact of peat and new American oak upon The Balvenie single malt. What we have created is a wonderfully complex and unique whisky which is layered with spice and smoke whilst retaining the characteristic honeyed sweetness inherent to The Balvenie."



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