

Royal Brackla, Connoisseurs Choice

£60.00

Vintage: 1999
Bottle Size: 70cl
Alcohol %: 46%
Country: Scotland



Description: Nose: Earthy notes with a defined freshness developing. Some freshly cut grass and hints of well toasted malt linger. Palate: Sherry wood, with a burst of black pepper, some milk chocolate sweetness and a touch of sea air.

Cepages:

Group: Scotch Whisky

Sub group: Highland

Colour: Single Malt Whisky

Closure: Cork

Producer: Gordon & MacPhail

Website:

Organic/Bio Status:

Food / cocktail match:

Food / cocktail recipe:

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Awards

Other Info: The Bacardi-owned Royal Brackla gained its regal prefix in 1835 when King William IV bestowed a Royal Warrant upon the distillery. It was the first distillery to attain such an accolade and the spirit was heralded accordingly as the King's own whisky. Lying in blissful serenity in the Highlands, not far South of the town of Nairn, Brackla's life blood is the pure waters of the Cawdor Burn. Its capacity today is large at some 3.9 million litres and all of this, save for a few thousand casks, is used in Dewar's blended products. The distillery was founded in 1812, by Captain William Fraser and it was not until 1919 that it parted from

Fraser-family hands, after it was acquired by the Aberdeen-based James Leict and John Mitchell. Brackla ran in-house maltings for some time, though they were closed in 1966. Four years later the still capacity was increased with the addition of two further stills. Royal Brackla is currently under John Dewar and Sons ownership - Dewars was acquired by Bacardi in 1998, ending Diageo tenure, save for the warehousing which the drinks giant still rent as part of a long time lease. Accordingly Royal Brackla spirit is matured elsewhere. An official ten year-old was released in 2004 and there have been several independent bottlings throughout the years.

Gordon and MacPhail was founded in 1895, as a Family Grocers, Tea, Wine and Spirit Merchant. The founding fathers, James Gordon and John Alexander MacPhail who's approach was to personally select their stocks for their quality. The company started buying up casks of single malt whisky from local distilleries. They were one of the first companies to specialise in single malt whiskies long before individual distilleries started to do so. They used to bottle under licence from famous distillers such as Macallan, Glenlivet, Glen Greant, Linkwood and Mortlach. Eventually they started to fill their own casks, mostly ex sherry casks and age them for much longer than was the norm.

In the mid 1960's, they released what would become an icon in the world of single malts, namely their Connoisseurs Choice range. These were a range of single malts from different distilleries ladled under Gordon & MacPhail's own Connoisseurs Choice label. These were focused at the Italian, French, American and Dutch markets and ignited the interest in single malt whisky which is still present in these countries today in single malt whiskies.

Gordon & Macphail became a limited company in the late 1970's but is still family owned and managed to this day.

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