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Getting to Know

The MACALLAN®

It's one of the top-selling Scotch brands in the world, and for good reason, but there's so much more to the storied Speyside distillery.

Going once, going twice...

The Macallan holds the world record for the most expensive bottle of whisky ever sold: a bottle of The Macallan Valerio Adami 1926 60-year-old sold at auction in Edinburgh in 2018 for £848,000 ($1,509,738 in 2020 dollars).

Screen gems

The Macallan is well-known for its incredible, natural color, which may explain why it keeps appearing on screen. Perhaps the first film to feature The Macallan was Nicholas Roeg's 1973 thriller "Don't Look Now," and the highest profile to date is undoubtedly in the recent James Bond outings, "Skyfall" and "Spectre."

"MAGHELLAN"

The area surrounding the distillery was called "Maghellan." The name grows from the Gallic word "magh," meaning fertile ground, and "Ellan," from the Monk St. Fillan.

A solid foundation for the future

Each bottle of The Macallan is made with six pillars in mind:

The Spiritual Home:
Macallan is connected to its "Spiritual Home," Easter Elchies House, and the natural beauty which surrounds the ancient Speyside manor.

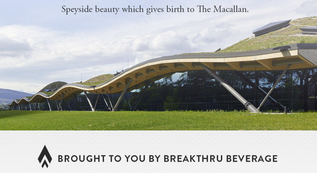
Curiously small stills:
They are some of the smallest on Speyside, with a unique size and shape which provide maximum contact between the spirit and copper. The design helps to provide the rich, fruity, full-bodied flavors of The Macallan.

Finest cut:
The Macallan is built on the "finest cut" from each still, creating a distinctly robust and characterful "new make" spirit.

Exceptional oak casks:
The bespoke casks used by The Macallan contribute up to 80% of the final aromas and flavors. The Macallan spends more per cask than any other distillery in sourcing, crafting, seasoning and caring for its casks.

Natural color:
What you see is what you get. No artificial dyes or pigments go into the color of The Macallan. Instead, these whiskies derive their color from the wood casks they age in.

Peerless spirit:
The Macallan team is made up of some of the whisky industry's most talented and passionate professionals.

A Scotch to be experienced

The Macallan is also home to a state-of-the-art visitor center. Six years in the making and designed by a top-tier European architecture firm, The Macallan Estate is built to reflect the rolling hills and lush Speyside beauty which gives birth to The Macallan.