

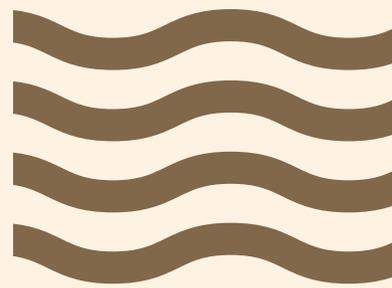


ARDNAHOE

— DISTILLERY —

ISLE OF ISLAY, SCOTLAND

PRIVATE CASK SALES ~ INAUGURAL YEAR





Introduction

Ardnahoe Distillery, when it opens in Spring of 2018, will become the ninth Malt Whisky distillery on the world-renowned Isle of Islay.

The family-owned Ardnahoe is currently being purpose-built in an idyllic greenfield location to produce the finest Single Malt Scotch Whisky possible, in the classic Islay style.

In its inaugural year of distillation, we are pleased to offer private individuals the unique opportunity to purchase their own cask of Ardnahoe spirit, to be matured on the island and - in due course - bottled as an exclusive, personalised expression of Ardnahoe Islay Single Malt Scotch Whisky.





The Isle of Islay

Situated off the west coast of Scotland, the Isle of Islay is known as "The Queen of the Hebrides" and is of course strongly associated with Malt Whisky production.

As much of the island is covered in deep peat bogs, Islay peat has been and is still used as the fuel to malt the barley for most of the whisky produced here.

As a result, Islay whiskies have come to be highly regarded for their rich, smoky, maritime character – the most intensely flavoured and distinct of all Scotch Whiskies.

Islay Single Malt Whiskies produced at the island's eight existing distilleries are revered and enjoyed all around the world.



Family - Owned

Ardnahoe Distillery is being built and wholly-owned by Glasgow-based blenders and bottlers, Hunter Laing & Co. Ltd run by Stewart Hunter Laing and his sons Scott and Andrew.

As a family we have been involved in the whisky industry since Stewart's father Frederick founded his own whisky blending and bottling company in the 1940s and as a result Hunter Laing & Co. Ltd has inherited wonderful cask stocks of whiskies dating back as far as the 1960s from distilleries all over Scotland.

Stewart has himself spent well over 50 years in the whisky business and Hunter Laing and Co. Ltd is a member of the Scotch Whisky Association, specialising in both Blended Scotch Whisky and single cask bottlings of Single Malts.

Our family have connections to Islay, with ancestors on Stewart's mother's side

having lived in Bowmore in the 18th and 19th centuries, and both Stewart and Andrew undertaking periods of distillery training at Bruichladdich Distillery – in the 1960s and 2000s respectively.

Having had for so many years a great appreciation for Islay Malts, it was always our dream to one day create our own. Finally, in 2015 we took the far-reaching decision to build our own Islay distillery and make the dream a reality, having identified what we believe to be the perfect location at Ardnahoe.

Family ownership lends itself especially well to a whisky distilling business, with its requirements for passion, commitment to excellence and a particularly long-term outlook. We are committed to making Ardnahoe Single Malt Whisky a paradigm of quality, fully in keeping with its Islay provenance.





Ardnahoe

Ardnahoe – which means “Height of the Hollow” in Scottish Gaelic and gives the Ardnahoe distillery its name, is a location of breath-taking beauty, situated on the North-East coast of Islay equidistant between Caol Ila and Bunnahabhain Distilleries.

Loch Ardnahoe, reputedly the deepest loch on Islay, is situated directly behind the distillery site and will provide the necessary water for making the spirit

and for cooling the vapour as it comes off the stills.

The distillery buildings are being constructed into the side of a gentle slope on a four-acre site purchased from the local landowner, with vistas over the Sound of Islay, the majestic Paps of Jura and out towards the isles of Colonsay and Mull beyond. A truly inspirational setting in which to distil an extraordinary whisky.



The Distillery

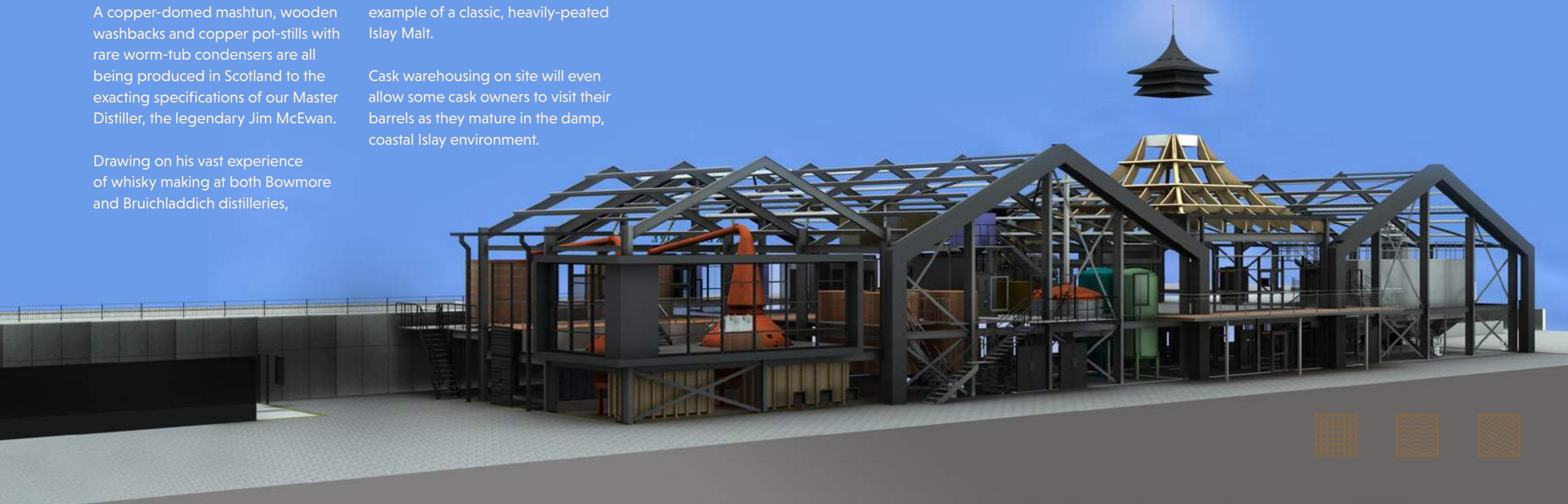
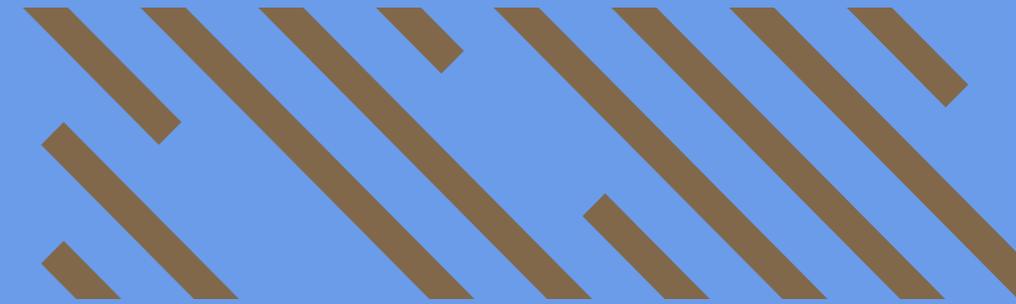
Ardnahoe Distillery has been expertly designed to enable the distillation of a top-class Islay Single Malt Whisky as well as to provide a visitor experience that is both hugely enjoyable and illuminating.

A copper-domed mashtun, wooden washbacks and copper pot-stills with rare worm-tub condensers are all being produced in Scotland to the exacting specifications of our Master Distiller, the legendary Jim McEwan.

Drawing on his vast experience of whisky making at both Bowmore and Bruichladdich distilleries,

Jim has begun securing supplies of the finest - quality ingredients - barley, yeast, American oak casks. Once producing, he will craft the character of the Ardnahoe spirit in such a way that it matures beautifully into a unique, richly-flavoured example of a classic, heavily-peated Islay Malt.

Cask warehousing on site will even allow some cask owners to visit their barrels as they mature in the damp, coastal Islay environment.





Opportunity

In its inaugural year of production Ardnahoe Distillery will offer a limited number of casks of new spirit for sale to private individuals, with private cask fillings beginning in July 2018. The casks, fresh American oak ex-bourbon barrels of about 200 litres capacity, will contain the same peated new spirit as that which will eventually comprise the core output of the Ardnahoe brand. Early batches of private casks filled will be stored under bond at the distillery's on-site warehouse, allowing owners to visit their casks by prior appointment. The price of £7000 per cask will include full insurance and storage for ten years. Cask samples will be drawn on request and charged at standard industry rates.

At the appropriate time, Hunter Laing & Co. Ltd will bottle the cask at standard industry rates of bottling. The owner will be able to have the labels personalised with their name, company logo, family crest etc,

and would expect to receive around 300 bottles after ten years of maturation, if bottled at 46% alcohol, or around 250 bottles if bottled at natural cask strength.

As the whisky will be held under bond, no VAT or Excise Duty will be due until the whisky is removed from bond.

We are now accepting pre-orders and invite lovers of Islay and its whiskies to join us as we begin to write the first chapters in the story of Islay's newest distillery.

Please visit www.ardnaoedistillery.com for order form and full terms and conditions.





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