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SPECIALITY DRINKS LTD RELEASE GLENFARCLAS 1953 TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S CORONATION

Speciality Drinks Ltd will launch their latest bottling today. A very special crystal decanter filled with a single cask 1953 vintage Glenfarclas Single Malt Whisky, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Queen Elizabeth II ascended the throne upon the death of her father, King George VI, on 6th February 1952, and was proclaimed Queen shortly thereafter. As tradition dictated that an appropriate period of mourning should be observed for the preceding sovereign, the coronation was held more than a year later on 2nd June 1953.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of this historic occasion, we are proud to introduce The Coronation Decanter. With just 60 specially commissioned crystal decanters being released, this is an exceptional, exclusive bottling that reflects the importance of The Queen's Coronation.

The outstanding whisky has been matured in a single sherry butt at the distillery in Ballindalloch for almost six full decades and has been bottled at its natural strength. Only the natural elements of air, wood and time have influenced the development of its magnificent flavour profile.

Connoisseurs of fine whisky will recognise the rarity of any single malt reaching such a great age; for the whisky to still be in such amazing condition is little short of miraculous. This remarkable sherry cask has yielded a whisky of unsurpassed quality, with an exquisitely refined array of rich and complex flavours.

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Tasting notes:

Nose – At first concentrated dark fruit, macadamia nuts and orange liqueur. Baked apples and raisins develop in the glass for a more subtle style of whisky, while shiitake mushrooms, autumn leaves and sandalwood add a wonderful savoury aspect. Spiced cake and dried fruit provide a balancing sweetness.

Palate – An initial launch into clove studded oranges and mulled wine, with fragrant arabica coffee, dark chocolate and umami. The flavours then lighten and lead towards an explosion of fruit - ripe mango and guava are balanced by grapefruit and juicy mandarin. Behind this, gentle honey sweetness and barley sugar combine with ground nutmeg and cinnamon to give a complex and rounded body. Given time, tarragon and cedar wood compliment leafy mint and cooked blackberries.

Finish – Soft orchard fruit and bread pudding linger on the palate, with touches of hazelnut, fresh mint and citrus juice leaving you ready for another sip.

Sukhinder Singh, Director of Speciality Drinks, says: "We are delighted to launch The Coronation Decanter to celebrate The Queen's 60th regal anniversary. This whisky really is exceptional, it reminds me of a citrus, spiced Christmas pudding. The depth and range of flavour in this whisky really is extremely rare for its age and has only been achieved on few occasions. We have presented it in a beautiful crystal decanter that we had specially crafted solely for this one-off release. As there are only 60 bottles being produced, this is not only a fantastic investment opportunity for the avid collectors and enthusiasts but more importantly, it is a Single Malt the connoisseurs from around the world will truly appreciate."

The Coronation Decanter is available to buy exclusively from The Whisky Exchange (www.thewhiskyexchange.com) with an RRP of £6000. It is not unjust to say that this is extraordinary value for a Single Malt of such a great age.

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Notes to editors:

Media Centre: www.thewhiskyexchange.com/selection/coronation

ABOUT SPECIALITY DRINKS LTD:

Speciality Drinks Ltd is the brainchild of Sukhinder and Raj Singh, two brothers with a passion for fine spirits and nearly fifty years of experience in the drinks business between them. They went online in 1999 with the launch of The Whisky Exchange, a site which has grown to become the web's No.1 specialist retailer of whisky & other fine spirits and liqueurs, with an enormous range of over 4000 products available online at any one time. TWE's philosophy has always been to offer the best range and service in online spirits retailing, and the company is constantly on the lookout for quality new spirits and liqueurs with genuine heritage to add to our range.

The company has diversified over the years, building up a thriving on-trade business supplying our top-quality products to an ever-increasing number of the UK's finest hotels, Michelin-starred restaurants and world-famous style bars. One of the company's strengths is the ability to cater to the needs of a very diverse client list, servicing all kinds of customers from international five-star hotel chains to small country pubs with the same expert knowledge, personal service and attention to detail.

Almost since its inception, SDL has been releasing exciting single malt whiskies to enthusiastic praise from the whisky world. Beginning with one-off expressions from top-end distilleries, their expertise and rigorous cask selection is now channelled toward the creation of new products and ranges, all of which have gone on to win awards and critical acclaim. These include the innovative Elements of Islay and Port Askaig brands, as well as the acclaimed Single Malts of Scotland series of independent bottlings, while the latest SDL product, Black Tot, is a luxury bottling of the last stocks of authentic Royal Navy Rum.

SPECIALTY DRINKS LTD - BRANDS:

Speciality Drinks have been bottling some of the finest whiskies on the UK market for several years, winning numerous awards at international spirits competitions. The company releases a wide variety of different whiskies under our three proprietary labels: The Single Malts of Scotland, Elements of Islay and Port Askaig. In 2010, Speciality Drinks added Black Tot Rum, the last consignment of British Royal Navy rum, to its portfolio.

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