



INCHDAIRNIE DISTILLERY ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Fife based InchDairnie Distillery is announcing a significant management transition effective May 1st, 2024. Whisky industry visionary Ian Palmer will hand over the reins as Managing Director to Scott Sneddon, the distillery's current Distillery Director.

Ian Palmer's illustrious career in the whisky industry commenced in 1978 at Invergordon Distillers, where he cultivated his expertise at the grain distillery in Invergordon. His unwavering passion for whisky led him to Edinburgh, where he oversaw the company's whisky bottling operations following its acquisition by Whyte and Mackay. After holding various senior roles in the industry and assisting in building others, both malt and grain, distilleries, Mr. Palmer conceptualized the innovative InchDairnie Distillery and brought it to life in 2015, pioneering equipment that defies convention to unlock unique flavour profiles.

“We will forever be grateful for Ian’s foresight, innovative spirit and willingness to seek the boundaries of Scotch whisky” explains incoming Managing Director Scott Sneddon. “Ian has been a key driver in developing the award-winning InchDairnie bottle and in securing the equipment such as our unusual hammer mill and mash filter, that has enabled us to distil winter barley, unmalted barley, rye, wheat, oats and create future classics such as Scotch Sour Mash and Pot Still whisky”.

Scott Sneddon has been with the distillery since it was a green field site and has been instrumental, together with outgoing Managing Director Ian Palmer, in the planning, building, commissioning, running and ongoing expansions of the InchDairnie Distillery which first spirit ran from the stills in December 2015.

Prior to joining InchDairnie Distillery Scott Sneddon was Site Manager at Diageo’s Glen Ord Distillery & Maltings and Classic Malt flagship Glenkinchie Distillery.

“From the outset, it has always been the intention for Scott to take over my role” explains Ian Palmer. “Nobody knows more about the intricacies of the running of the distillery, from every little bolt to secret yeast recipes, cask purchasing, visionary flavour extraction, and spirit innovation, this is a natural evolutionary transition”.

Scott Sneddon, who is known to a core of whisky fans as passionate and knowledgeable, will still be frequenting whisky shows and will be an integral part of the continued launching of the highly successful and praised rye whisky RyeLaw across the world - and indeed the coming brands released from InchDairnie Distillery, including the peated malt KinGlassie in 2025 and the InchDairnie Single Malt in 2029.

“Ian has been an inspiration, not just to me, but the entire distillery team and to many in the industry” explains Scott Sneddon. “I am truly excited to further explore the boundaries of Scotch whisky, keeping the right environment for innovation with my strong team and continue to create one of the most complex and flavoursome single malts – to be launched in 2029. And fortunately, Ian will not be far away..”

Mr. Ian Palmer will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board, guiding InchDairnie with his wealth of experience and vision.

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Notes to Editors:

- RyeLaw, Fife Single Grain Scotch Whisky is the first release from the distillery, which was launched in April 2023. Since then, the distillery has also launched a limited-edition series with the Whisky Shop, called the Sample Room Range.
- RyeLaw is available at Selfridges, Royal Mile Whiskies, The Whisky Shop, The Whisky Exchange, Luvian's, Speciality Drinks, Harvey Nichols, Hedonism, Good Spirits Co, Amathus, House of Malt, Fortnum & Masons amongst others.
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