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anCnoc Unveils Limited Editions to Mark Distillery's 125th Anniversary

Knockdhu Distillery, home to anCnoc Single Malt Whisky, first opened its doors in 1894

To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Knockdhu Distillery, anCnoc whisky are proud to introduce two Limited Edition single malt Scotch whiskies: anCnoc 16 Years Old Cask Strength and a 125 Year anniversary peated whisky.

anCnoc's Limited Edition 16 Years Old Cask Strength, retailing at £100, is matured exclusively in American oak ex-bourbon casks. Bottled at cask strength, the whisky combines traditions from the distillery's past and modern methods of the present, honouring the distillery team's passion for whisky making. It offers up a light, elegant expression – the epitome of a spectacular anCnoc malt. The pale, bright golden whisky offers aromas of sweet vanilla mixed with coconut and butterscotch toffee, and to taste, green apple and citrus mix with a faint, warming spice.

The second Limited Edition, **anCnoc's Peated whisky** takes the drinker on a mellow journey from the heart of Banffshire's rich peatlands. Retailing at £80, it is matured in American oak ex-bourbon casks, then further matured in Spanish oak butt, giving it a deliciously sunset gold colouring. The new peated whisky features a hint of wood smoke mixed with almonds and dried fruit; with smoke and a touch of burnt toffee on the palate. A stunning, smoky sweet dram.

The Limited Editions feature collectible packaging, each one illustrated to tell anCnoc's unique story about the distillery's heritage, with a celebratory copper lid, marked in honour of the 125th Anniversary. From August 2019, just 500 bottles of each will be available to purchase in the UK, in specialist retailers including The Whisky Shop, Whisky Exchange, Royal Mile Whiskies, and Master of Malt.

anCnoc distillery manager, Gordon Bruce, said:

"To be celebrating 125 years of making exceptional whisky is a real achievement.

The traditional methods that make our whisky so special are still in use today, but we're constantly innovating to offer a fresh take. It's this combination of tried and tested means with a contemporary twist that makes anCnoc, and Knockdhu Distillery, one of the best places in the world to work – we have a lot of fun here. I'm lucky to have a seat at the helm of the Distillery in such an exciting year, and it's an honour to the whole team to be able to oversee these two very special Limited Editions.

To me, anCnoc 16 Years Old is a very good example of what anCnoc should be – it's a lovely, light, bouncy, zingy whisky – a beautiful dram. The Limited Edition Peated whisky is a great opportunity to offer something smoky with a hint of sweetness too – appealing to both peat enthusiasts and those who might not normally opt for peat. It was really important that, to mark this special year, we could offer something for everyone, and I think we've done just that."

Knockdhu Distillery, home to the award-winning anCnoc whisky, is a distillery like no other, using traditional production methods to craft a bold and modern single malt. Founded in 1894 by visionary John Morrison, the copper pot stills remain the same shape and style as they did at the beginning. Meanwhile, the distillery proudly uses worms to condense the vaporised alcohol – a rarity in this day

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Notes to Editors:



About anCnoc

The Knockdhu Distillery, established in 1894 and one of the smallest and most enchanting in the Scottish Highlands, nestles quietly in the shadow of the mysterious Black Hill.

A distillery like no other, traditional production methods are used to craft a curiously modern Single Malt. Proudly named anCnoc, meaning simply 'the hill' in Gaelic, every drop of this remarkable Scotch Whisky celebrates its Highland home. Our history, pride and passion run through Knockdhu's majestic stills today, just as they did all those years ago to create a thoroughly modern yet traditional spirit.

To create anCnoc, we still use our original style copper pot stills and, more importantly, worms to condense the vaporised alcohol (which is very rare these days). Ironically, it's these traditional techniques which help to create the distinctive, modern flavour.

About the Limited Editions

Both limited editions proudly celebrate anCnoc's Highland home, and 125 years of pride and passion; and the bespoke packaging brings tales of the distillery's history to life through striking turquoise illustrations from Leib Chigrin.

Stockists: Whisky Shop, Whisky Exchange, Royal Mile Whiskies & Master of Malt.



anCnoc's Limited Edition Peated Whisky (RRP £80)

- *Colour:* Sunset gold
- *Aroma:* Wood smoke, with almonds & dried fruit
- *Palate:* Smoky with a hint of burnt toffee

Packaging Illustrations

The Trainline – The story of Knockdhu Distillery starts with John Morrison's vision – he had a great eye for good investment. The surrounding land was full of peat, barley and the Great North Scottish Railway line ran nearby.

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The Deer – Deer are often seen roaming the land, an animal which shares the land with Knockdhu distillery just as equally today as it did 125 years ago.

anCnoc 16 Years Old Cask Strength (RRP £100)

- *Colour:* Pale bright golden
- *Aroma:* Sweet vanilla, notes of coconut & butterscotch toffee
- *Palate:* Citrus, faintly spice, vanilla & green apple fruitiness



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The Black Hill – The timeless allure of the nearby Knock Hill, known to the locals as the Black Hill attracted John Morrison to the land. It is the source of the springs which bring our whisky to life and in whose shadow the distillery has flourished since 1894.

Bramble the Dog – There are several dogs owned by the distillery manager and distilling team who are now considered part of the family at Knockdhu. Bramble in particular is a character and is often on site with Gordon Bruce. Visitors all over the world are familiar with the family of dogs and recognise them as part of the family of Knockdhu.

The Pot Still – The pot stills have not changed shape since the original design and are one of the reasons that we still produce a light, intriguing and thoroughly modern whisky to this day.