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Media release

Balblair launches new 1991 and 2000 limited editions

Premium global whisky brand, Balblair, is, this month (January 2018) unveiling the limited-run second release of its 2000 vintage and the third release of its 1991 vintage.

Matured and bottled at one of the oldest working distilleries in Scotland, Balblair whiskies are crafted and timed to perfection, and bottled at the exact point of optimum maturation.

The second release of the 2000 has been matured for 13 years in American oak, ex-bourbon casks and five years in first fill Spanish oak butts. The liquid is bright copper in appearance and the nose is full-bodied with aromas of seasoned oak, baked red apples and fruitcake, followed by warming vanilla and ripe tropical stone fruits.

The second release of the 2000 features ground spices and old hardwood which build up to brighter flavours of tinned pineapples, bitter orange peels and honey. The finish graduates slowly with lasting sweetness, creaminess and notes of bitter chocolate.

The third release of the 1991, matured for 24 years in ex-bourbon, American oak casks with a further three years in first fill Spanish oak butts, does not disappoint.

Bright amber in colour with rose gold highlights, the nose is expansive and complex with rich citrus fruits and vanilla notes as well as toffee and chocolate. Notes of honey, winter spices and apricot, with a hint of liquorice are imparted from the bourbon barrels and Spanish oak butts used in the maturation process.

The palate features Balblair's signature citrus orchard flavour profile and is followed with rich creamy chocolate and layers of poached apples and pears, Christmas pudding and hot vanilla sauce. It finishes with sparkling orange and toasted coconut overtones accentuating full-bodied sweetness of vanilla and caramel creating a rich and celebratory dram.

Matt Jamieson, Balblair Global Brand Manager said: "At Balblair, we only release our whisky when its ready and these new vintages are no exception. Both featuring a very different nose and palate, the 2000 and 1991 are exquisite drams which are sure to appeal to the most discerning of whisky drinkers."

Established in 1790, Balblair distillery is one of the oldest working distilleries in Scotland. Its location on the Dornoch Firth is intrinsically linked to the process with its water source in the Allt Dearg burn water flowing nearby.

Balblair 2000 and Balblair 1991 will be available globally online, and in independent and specialist retailers.

www.balblair.com

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Notes to Editors

Balblair distillery is the oldest working distillery in the Scottish Highlands, initially established in 1749 and the first official records of it from 1790. The distillery building and its warehouses sit on the original site to this day.

Balblair whiskies are only released when they have reached their exact point of 'optimum maturation', the peak of perfection.

About International Beverage Holdings

International Beverage Holdings (www.interbevgroup.com) was established in 2005 as the international arm of ThaiBev, one of South East Asia's leading alcohol beverage companies. With a network of regional offices in Asia, Europe and North America, the company is responsible for the production, sales, marketing and distribution of a portfolio of premium global brands in over 80 countries and territories.

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