



## **RAASAY DISTILLERY LAUNCHES *RAASAY WHILE WE WAIT 2018***

In October 2018, Raasay Distillery will release ***Raasay While We Wait 2018*** – the fourth expression to date of the brand's independently bottled single malt – which was created as a representation of the flavours that drinkers can expect from future Raasay scotch whisky. The release of *Raasay While We Wait 2018* begins the countdown to 2020 when the first ever Raasay single malt in Scotch whisky history will be released.

Unlike some new whisky distilleries, the adventurous team at Raasay Distillery decided to concentrate their attention on whisky. The result is an independently bottled single malt – *Raasay While We Wait* – which has been crafted as an accurate representation of Raasay Distillery's future core style.

Designed as a peaty and fruity single malt, each iteration of *Raasay While We Wait* has been crafted through the vatting of two malts from a single Highland distillery – heavily peated at 45ppm and unpeated – matured in bourbon barrels and finished in Tuscan Montechiari wine casks.

The team at Raasay Distillery are keen to push the boundaries of the spirit, exploring the effect that different finishing times and casks have on the flavour profile of the spirit.

Compared to previous releases, the 2018 Release uses a higher proportion of second-fill than first-fill Tuscan Montechiari wine casks, resulting in a finer balance between the influence of French oak and smoke.

With a welcomed smokiness on first nosing, mixed with red berries, lemon, lime and grassy notes. With more time in the glass this evolves into notes of pear, tangerine and melon. On the palate there is dry peatiness, mixed in with fruity red wine notes and orange zest, while the finish is oaky and buttery.

This easy to drink whisky adeptly balances peatiness with smoothness, making it the perfect introduction for newcomers to peated single malt, and acts as an unusual addition to a flight of red wine finished whiskies. *Raasay While We Wait 2018* has been crafted to be enjoyed neat, on the rocks, and served in premium cocktails.



### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

*Raasay While We Wait 2018* is priced at £53 and available to purchase on [raasaydistillery.com](http://raasaydistillery.com) and Master of Malt

Raasay Distillery is now working with the award-winning U.K. specialist wholesaler, Gordon & MacPhail. With over 120 years of experience, Gordon & MacPhail offers the largest and most complete range of mainstream and eclectic single malt, single grain, blended whiskies from Scotland and the world over. Focusing on the highest quality whisky and premium spirits, Gordon & MacPhail will be now be Raasay Distillery's sole U.K. distributor.

### **ISLE OF RAASAY DISTILLERY:**

The Isle of Raasay Distillery broke ground in June 2016 and opened in September 2017, becoming the first "legal" distillery on this remote Hebridean island. Co-founded by Scottish entrepreneurs Bill Dobbie and Alasdair Day, Raasay Distillery is designed to produce Scotland's modern island malt, and catapult Raasay into the global market as Scotland's newest whisky producing island.

Raasay Distillery is proud to be one of the few 100% Scottish-owned Scotch whisky businesses in Scotland. On the site of the Victorian-era Borodale House, formerly the Isle of Raasay Hotel, is a state-of-the-art modern distillery, offering year-round tours and luxury accommodation, with, arguably, the best view of any distillery in Scotland. The distillery has since received Five-Star Visitor Attraction rating and Four-Star Accommodation rating from VisitScotland for the visitor centre and accommodation respectively.

Isle of Raasay Single Malt will be lightly peated and fruity, utilising the best of the island's natural elements and reflecting Raasay's rugged natural beauty. Raasay Distillery uses water from an ancient Celtic well located behind Borodale House at every stage of production, from mashing to fermentation, cask reduction and reduction to bottling strength, ensuring that natural flavours from the high mineral content are retained in the final whisky.

Working with local crofters, Raasay Distillery has successfully grown and harvested barley in a nearby field, the first time that barley has been grown on Raasay in over 40 years. In August 2018, the team successfully produced spirit from the 2017 batch of Raasay barley crop, which will mature into the first ever single malt produced from Raasay-grown barley in 2021.

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