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With enthusiasm for unique, premium spirits growing each year, BC Liquor Stores searches the globe for rare, highly recommended selections for the annual Spirit Release.

The 2012 Spirit Release features a large collection of whiskies from around the world and gorgeous 21 year old rum from Panama. There are whiskies from traditional regions like Scotland to emerging market leaders like Japan and France. These unique products will appeal to both the whisky enthusiast and the avid collector.

This year's collection of premier spirits is an opportunity to explore the ever changing world of whisky. The Classic Six malts are a great representation of the Scotch whisky regions. There are award winning whiskies from Japan and extremely allocated and sought-after bourbons from Kentucky. There is also one of the rarest old whiskies in the world; the 70 year old Glenlivet from Gordan and MacPhail.

The broadest selection of product will be featured at the 39th & Cambie Signature BC Liquor Store. The rarest of the selection are available in limited quantities, so some bottle restrictions will apply. For more information visit www.bcliquorstores.com.



GORDON & MACPHAIL GENERATIONS GLENLIVET 70 YEARS OLD

253997 2 bottle limit **\$7088.00**

Only 175 - 200ml bottles were produced for worldwide sale.

"Nose: the very first notes have a diced ginger... As that fades, a recognisable trait of great age begins to creep in: something akin to exotic fruit... Taste: ...Leave for about 15 minutes, then start tasting: a thick amalgamation of natural caramels and barley: shows almost a nougat quality at times with the toffee carrying with it a squeeze of sultana;...Finish: long. Not a threat of bitterness: just magnificent oak. Moves into a mocha mode. And as it oxidises, the creamier it becomes, helped along the way by an extra quarter spoonful of Demerara every now and again...; Balance. ...Like an ancient glacier, it is malt on the move: so slowly, it is imperceptible... This whisky seemingly defies nature... For the lucky ones amongst us, it is a unique journey of a lifetime. "

95.5 pts - Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012



MACALLAN MASTERS OF PHOTOGRAPHY 2

324731 1 bottle limit **\$1100.00**

Very limited worldwide availability – only 1000 produced

This unique collaboration with Albert Watson, winner of the prestigious Royal Photographic Society's 2010 Centenary Medal, involves a bottle of The Macallan 20 year old sherry oak with a hand-signed portfolio and The Macallan's exceptional 1946 whisky with a one-off platinum print. Watson was invited by The Macallan to weave a visual narrative of the long journey made from acorn to glass to eventually produce a rich and complex single malt.

The outcome is a stunning anthology which captures the genuine emotional connection between the photographer and his subjects: the striking landscapes, beautiful settings and the spectacular weather patterns. Watson's photographic prints exude an air of drama and romance, trailing a stylish couple taking a voyage to unearth the key secret behind The Macallan. These are coupled with intimate shots of the time served master craftsmen of the cooperage and dramatic stills of the surrounding wilderness.

SCOTLAND - ORKNEY

HIGHLAND PARK THOR

Concentrated and forceful, with bold waves of aromatic smoke. This whisky immediately commands your attention from the first encounter. Its high strength grabs the palate, refusing to let go. As its big flavours swirl around the mouth, some softer, sweeter notes develop, giving Thor an unexpected layer of complexity and depth.



2 bottle limit 185686 \$250.00

SCOTLAND - ISLAY

PORT ELLEN - DOUGLAS LAING 32 YEAR OLD & RARE

Opens richly spiced, carrying a fresh leather character - still surprisingly peaty for its age with an earthy, smoked grist character. The palate is initially sweetly peated and runs to a smoke, toffee and spiced character - each pushing for more attention until they harmoniously join in the long finish, with a salty licorice, soot and a charcoal ashy quality.

229823 1 bottle limit \$850.00

LAPHROAIG 18 YEAR OLD

"Absolutely brimming with character and panache, from the first molecules escaping the bottle as you pour to the very final ember dying on the middle of your tongue. This is as noisily Islay as a sky blackening invasion of White-fronted Geese or rain pelting against your cottage windows. Relentlessly first class."



94 points – Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012

Double Gold Medal - 2011 San Francisco World Spirits Competition

136580

1 bottle limit

\$179.95

LAPHROAIG 25 YEAR OLD

"Very different from a standard, bourbon barrel-aged Laphroaig with much of the usual complexity reined in, though its development is first class. This one's all about effect – and it works a treat!"

94 Points – Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012



Gold Medal Best in Class – 2010 International Wine & Spirit Competition

182378

1 bottle limit

\$629.95

LAPHROAIG CAIRDEAS ORIGIN

With a nose that constantly evolves and is full of flavour with a quick hint of concentrated orange that moves quickly into huge peat flavours, ashy and dusty with hazelnut. The flavours evolve slowly on the palate and with great body it begins with white pepper moving into an earthy peaty flavour, some slight salt then purple heather. Huge creamy apricots that last and last and it ends with some charred damp wood.



794230 1 bottle limit \$99.95

LAPHROAIG TRIPLE WOOD

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94 Points - Jim Murray's

Whisky Bible 2012



Gold Medal Best in Class - 2010 International Wine & Spirit Competition

\$89.95 180174 1 bottle limit

ARDBEG GALILEO ANNUAL LIMITED RELEASE

The nose has soot, tar, spicy toffee, butterkist popcorn with hints of ripe, exotic tropical fruits (banana, mango and lychee). The taste is a chewy/oily texture which leads in to sweet, creamy fudge, smoked apricots smothered in cream. ripe banana and lots of spices - cinnamon, clove and aniseed. The finish is smoky, but sweet, and



lingers long in the mouth, again drawing the mind back to rich, smoked fruits.

269662

2 bottle limit

\$138.95

BRUICHLADDICH OCTOMORE 5.0

For this, the fifth annual release of Octomore dialed up the peat to a new record, 169PPM, but the spirit retains the elegance and poise delivered by a tall, long-necked Bruichladdich stills and the creamy vanillins of American-oak maturation – the latest expression of what has become the new cult Islay.

Strictly limited edition – only 18,000 numbered bottles worldwide.



409672

1 bottle limit

\$189.95

BRUICHLADDICH ISLAY BARLEY 2006

This is a limited release and the ultimate single, single malt: single barley variety, single harvest from a single field grown, matured and bottled on the Isle of Islay. Unpeated, for maximum barley flavour with Islay



spring water...non-chill-filtered and colouring free. The texture of the spirit is remarkably smooth for such a youngster. The mouth feel is quite irresistible; it's fresh and zesty.

201277 \$78.99

KILCHOMAN MACHIRE BAY

Kilchoman Farm Distillery is the first new distillery established on Islay in 124 years.

"The palate...gristy barley followed by light coffee, vanilla and gently oiled peat followed by hints of fish and brine. Very full with the Oloroso finish...beautiful tropical fruit, spice and herbal moments. Lovely length with a faultless bitter/sweet balanced finish and a long, dry peat after taste." – Chris Goodrum



Gold Medal – 2012 International Wine and Spirits Competition

844316 **\$84.95**

BUNNAHABAIN 18 YO

A most welcoming fragrant nose releases honeyed nuts and a slightly sea-induced salty tang. Rich toffee and leathery oak aromas can be sensed upon further inspection. Beautifully balanced, the palate is influenced by mellow sherried nuts and shavings of the finest natural oak wood. A finish of dry notes with mixed spices fading into a light salt and sherry finale.



Double Gold Medal - San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2012

605592 \$159.00

BUNNAHABAIN 25 YO

Stunning introduction with sweet caramel dessert aromas with subtle oak and polished leather. Sweet berries and cream ensures a wonderful mélange of tastes that progress into a roasted nut and malt feast, sprinkled only with the most complementary of spices to balance the profile perfectly. A soft, yet dry finish awaits you, with the sense of lingering sugar and spicedoak flavours.

Double Gold Medal – San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2011 & 2012



694836 2 bottle limit **\$389.95**

SCOTLAND - ARRAN

THE ARRAN MALT THE DEVIL'S PUNCH BOWL

First-ever combination of peated and un-peated Arran, which results in a delightful combination of classic dried fruits along with spiced-wood aromas. A touch of butterscotch and orange zest with light peat in the background. Over time, a subtle touch of tobacco leaf and green tea emerges.



195198 \$145.00

SCOTLAND - HIGHLAND/SPEYSIDE

BEN RIACH PEDRO XIMENEZ

"Nose: a delicate PX influence? This is magnificent...vanilla and lime; ...buzz of spice. All clean: not a single bitter or off note...wow! Taste mouth-filling barley then a spreading of a sugary but fruity theme... a slow burn of increasing spice; finish: long, absolutely thick with butterscotch barely, framed by a constant drone of spicy, sugared grape."

94.5 Points - Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012



738849 **\$87.99**

GLENFIDDICH 40 YEAR OLD

The nose is beautifully rich and aromatic with layer upon layer of dried fruits, dark chocolate, roasted coffee and ripe black cherries. Occasional wafts of gentle wood smoke, polished leather and cloves. The initial flavours are intense dried fruits. Christmas cake, dates, raisins and stewed apples. Over time slightly dryish oak notes appear with some bitter chocolate and just the merest hint of peat. The finish is incredibly long lasting and complex - a truly memorable experience.



Gold Best in Class - International Wine & Spirit Competition 2011

300442 1 bottle limit **\$3,375.00**

GLENFIDDICH 1974

Brian Kinsman, Glenfiddich malt master commented: "...The nose of the 1974 Glenfiddich Vintage Reserve is rich and oaky with vibrant vanilla sweetness and an intriguing hint of polished leather and liquorice. To taste, it's initially very sweet with a vanilla toffee character – it's a beautiful whisky."

Limited edition of only 1000 bottles worldwide, only 16 coming to Canada.

Clentiddict

548990 1 bottle limit

\$955.95

TOMINTOUL WITH A PEATY TANG

"a bit more than a tang, believe me! Faultlessly clean distillate that revels in its unaccustomed peaty role. The age is confusing and appears mixed, with both young and older traits being evident."

94 pts - Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012



114900 \$75.00

TOBERMORY 15YO

Dripping with fresh, clean, ultra high quality oloroso, there remains enough tangy malt to underscore the island location; a fabulous marriage of juicy grape and thick, uncompromising malt. It is an arm wrestle for supremacy between the two... but it is the delicate spices which win; salty chocolate raisin; a tang to the oils on both nose and finish suggests an over widened middle. But such is the quality of the sherry butts and the intensity of the salt-stained malt, all is forgiven.



93 pts – Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012 373605 **\$174.55**

BALBLAIR 1978

"evidence of great hangs all over this nose...lush delivery offers up an improbably malty juiciness...countered by a spicy oakiness which offsets with great charm the salivating barley chorus and layers of delicate fruit and almost nutty vanilla.. such is the clarity of the vanilla-led silkiness. Again, great age is never in doubt. Towards the very death the wisps of smoke found on the nose make a lingering



reappearance...just one of those drams that exudes greatness and charm in equal measures...
Glorious malt."

94pts – Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012 254136 **\$349.95**

GLENMORANGIE ARTEIN

"Nose: to start there's some bracken before it sweetens into hard toffee and then waves of fruits. All very exotic and fragrant with notes of sweet vanilla and chocolate. Palate: Sweet, there's a good elegant maturity and lots of spice. The Finish: Rosehip syrup. ...Unlike other double matured samples here this shows integration and is distillate rather than wood driven."

90pts - Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012 - Dave Broom



856070 **\$102.00**

BALVENIE 21 YR OLD PORT WOOD

"Nose: chocolate marzipan with a soft sugar-plum centre; deft, clean and delicate; Taste: ...perfectly weighted: a rich tapestry of fruit and nut plus malt melts on the palate... finish: delicately dry with the vanilla and buttered fruitcake ensuring balance... What a magnificently improved malt."

94.5 pts – Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012



598573 **\$241.95**

OLD PULTENEY 21

"Nose: ...citrus, the most delicate smoke imaginable, sharp barley..., toasty vanilla...hazelnut, ... honey...perfection... taste: the sugars arrive: ...Demerera. This is followed by a salty...barley at varying intensity and then a slow but magnificently complete delivery of spice...finish: ...spices continue, the vanillas



dovetail with the malt and the fruit displaying a puckering, lively intensity. Ridiculously long... by far and away one of the great whiskies of 2012, absolutely exploding from the glass with vitality, charisma and class."

97.5 pts, whisky of the year – Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012

72645 1 bottle limit **\$189.99**

DALMORE 1978

"Lovely aromas of banana fudge, peach marmalade, pound cake and honeycomb with a supple, dry-yet-fruity medium-full body and a dense, seemingly endless finish with intricate layers of chocolate dusted figs and apples, nut, spice and mineral notes. Spectacularly complex and elegant whisky."

International Review of Spirits Award: Platinum Medal

98 points - Beverage Testing Institute 2012

525386 1 bottle limit



\$849.99

WEMYSS THE HIVE 12 YEAR OLD

This is a blend of malt whiskies, with an emphasis on 12 year old Speyside malt from both fresh and refill sherry casks. Nosing reveals sweetness and a hint of spice; reminiscent of fresh honey, toffee apples and cinnamon sticks. The rich,



honeyed sweetness continues onto the palate; dominating over aromas of dessert spice and candied fruits. The lengthy finish is smooth and sweetly satisfying.

Winner Whisky Magazine, World Whisky Award, Best Blended Malt Scotch, 2012

783803 **\$79.99**

DISTILLERS EDITION

CRAGGANMORE DISTILLERS EDITION

The Distillers Edition is doublematured in ruby port cask wood, its complex flavours carefully chosen to marry succulence and depth with the signature malty, smoky flavours and finesse of Cragganmore. It has a deep-fruited sweetness, rich in complexity, and a drying oaksmoked finish.

Master – Scotch Whisky Masters 2011



207167 1 bottle limit **\$89.95**

DALWHINNIE DISTILLERS EDITION

The Dalwhinnie Distillers Edition is double-matured in Oloroso cask wood, its fragrant grapey notes carefully chosen to complement the signature moorland peat and heather-honeyed notes of Dalwhinnie. It has a rich, winey sweetness, spicy complexity, and a very drying, oaky finish.

Master - Scotch Whisky Masters 2011 Dalwhinne

207191 1 bottle limit **\$95.10**

GLENKINCHIE DISTILLERS EDITION

The Glenkinchie Distillers Edition is double-matured in Amontillado cask wood, its nutty character elegantly chosen to round out and deepen the sweet and dry character of Glenkinchie; it has a firm, dry and really malty palate, and a spicy oakdriven finish.

Gold – International Wine & Spirit Competition 2002, 2011

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244103 \$99.99

LAGAVULIN DISTILLERS EDITION

The Lagavulin Distillers Edition is double-matured in Pedro Ximenez cask wood, a wine derived from intensely flavoured sun-dried grapes, expertly selected for its raisiny sweetness to magically accentuate and deepen every aspect of the intense, rich character of Lagavulin.

Gold - Scotch Whisky Masters 2011



364356 **\$134.99**

OBAN 14 YEAR OLD DISTILLERS EDITION

The Oban Distillers Edition is double-matured in Montilla Fino cask wood, its dry, sea-laced flavours expertly selected to release a complex, slumbering giant, which has a rich fruitiness that cleverly accentuates this graceful coastal malt's salty sea breezes.

Gold – San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2011

503094

2 bottle limit



\$139.99

TALISKER DISTILLERS EDITION

The Distillers Edition of Talisker is double-matured in Amoroso cask wood, expertly selected to complement its rich fruit sweetness with the powerful, peaty, peppery character of Talisker. The result paints a richer picture, with an altogether richer, rounder palate.

Gold - Scotch Whisky Masters 2010



776955 **\$85.99**

VATTED MALTS/BLENDS AND SINGLE GRAINS

CLAN DENNY DOUGLAS LAING 48 YEAR OLD CAMBUS SINGLE GRAIN

Look at the colour! On the nose there is bourbon, vanilla and cereal based, spicy zesty sweetness. The palate is perfectly weighed – tinglingly spiced on the tongue with oak, honey and more of that citric zestiness – all leading to a lightly camphored, still vanilla'd and a late buttery finish.



229856 **\$349.00**

USQUAEBACH OLD RARE SUPERIOR BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY

The nose is fragrant, almost flowery at the onset, carrying a vanilla sweetness and runs to a grassy, herbal freshness with multi-layered opulence on the palate. Concentrated flavours of pepper, coffee and sherry dazzle the taste buds. The sublime mid-palate and long heavenly after taste are remarkably balanced, supple and graceful.



178384 **\$175.00**



IRELAND

BUSHMILLS 21 YEAR OLD SINGLE MALT

This rare whiskey is in scarce supply with only a limited number of casks. It's matured in bourbon and sherry barrels for 21 years, before being married together for two years in Madeira-infused oak. The result is dark chocolate and caramelized toffee aromas and a sip that clings to the palate before releasing a magical burst like mint.

Best Irish Whiskey – 2012 San Francisco World Spirits Competition

166892



\$185.99

JAMESON GOLD RESERVE

A blend of three whiskies of advanced years, one of which is uniquely matured in virgin oak barrels...The virgin oak, coupled with the bourbon barrels and sherry casks account for the whiskey's satisfying complexity and honey toasted sweetness. It is a marvelously rich pot still character whiskey with creaminess and honev sweetness that create a taste sensation of spicy character. A very long finish with a pleasantly peppery finale.



Gold Medal – 2011 San Francisco World Spirits Competition

694174 **\$99.99**

MIDLETON GREEN SPOT

Nose: Fresh, aromatic oils and spices with orchard fruits and barley on a background of toasted wood. Taste: Full, spicy body. A hint of cloves along with the fruity sweetness of green apples, rounded off with toasted oak. Finish: Lingering flavours of spices and barley.



748194 **\$57.99**

WRITERS TEARS POT STILL BLEND IRISH WHISKEY

"Nose: a glossy Pot Still character: rather than the usual fruity firmness, the recognizable Pot Still traits are shrouded in soft honey tones which dovetail with lightening kumquat-citrus tones. ..Taste: works beautifully well: ... determination to hammer home its traditional Pot Still standpoint; the sweeter, more yielding notes dissolve with little or no resistance, leaving an acacia honeyed trail; towards the middle a juicier malt element mingles with soft vanilla."

93 pts – Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012



209544 \$57.50

FRANCE

BASTILLE 1789 HAND CRAFTED WHISKY

"Bright orange amber color. Intriguing aromas of orange marmalade, dried apricot, spice cake, pineapple blossoms and suede with a vibrant, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and a long, orange bread crust, peach cobbler, peppery spice and limestone accented finish. A remarkably fruity, exotic and enigmatic whisky that will make unique cocktails."



94 pts – Beverage Testing Institute, July 2011 206060 \$62.99



JAPAN

NIKKA SUPER

"Nose: excellent crisp, grassy malt... hint of peat, maybe offers a little weighty extra; taste: .. rich, mouthwatering and entirely uncompromising malt that almost over-runs the taste buds; Finish: soft fabulously intrinsic peaty notes...Balance



a very, very fine blend which makes no apology whatsoever for the peaty complexity of Yoichi malt. ...brilliant day-to-day, anytime, anyplace dram. One of the true 24-carat, super nova commonplace blends not just in Japan, but in the world."

93 pts - Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012 865501 **\$74.95**

NIKKA TAKETSURU 17 YEARS OLD PURE MALT

A tropical nose with a touch of cherries and baked apples and a little toffee and smoke as it broadens. Starts sweetly on the palate but soon the spice and oak kick in with heavier emphasis and the balance is maintained by the roundness and the touches of vanilla and mocha on the finish.



569830 **\$144.95**



AMERICAN

BUFFALO TRACE ANTIQUE COLLECTION

The annual release of the Buffalo Trace Antique Collection will once again feature five limited-release whiskies of various ages, recipes and proofs. Introduced a decade ago, it continues to grow in popularity. Since 2000 these whiskies have garnered numerous awards from such notable publications as Malt Advocate Magazine and Jim Murray's Whisky Bible.

Available only at 39th & Cambie. Bottle Limit – 1 of each

EAGLE RARE 17 YEAR OLD

Masterfully crafted and carefully aged for no less than ten years, each barrel is discriminately selected. The rareness of this great breed of bourbon is evident in its complex aroma, as well as the smooth and lingering taste. Each bottle offers consistent flavours, but with a seemingly individual personality from each unique barrel.



556092 1 bottle limit **\$160.00**

SAZERAC 18 YEAR OLD

"This is an amazing, truly unique whiskey. There is no rye whiskey on the market that is as old or perfectly balanced as this one. For all who can't get enough flavors and intensity in you whiskey your search has ended."

95 Points Malt Advocate.



364133 1 bottle limit **\$160.00**

GEORGE T. STAGG UNCUT UNFILTERED

George T. Stagg, an uncut, unfiltered rye recipe bourbon, has a characteristically high proof – some strong stuff! While just as delicious as in years past, you may pick up some different notes in this year's release.



134007 1 bottle limit **\$175.00**

THOMAS H. HANDY SAZERAC STRAIGHT RYE WHISKEY

Thomas H. Handy Sazerac Rye is an uncut and unfiltered straight rye whiskey. This year's Handy will also carry a high proof and will be delicious as ever.



56630 1 bottle limit **\$175.00**

WILLIAM LARUE WELLER UNCUT UNFILTERED

William Larue Weller is the Antique Collection's uncut, unfiltered, wheat recipe bourbon. This release will also be high-proof, anywhere in the range of 110-115 proof and delightful to fans of wheated bourbon.



369918 1 bottle limit **\$175.00**

PAPPY VAN WINKLE'S 23 YEAR OLD BOURBON

This ultimate beverage comes from select barrels which have aged the bourbon most gracefully. The flavour complexities and smoothness is unparalleled in the industry.



33613 1 bottle limit **\$249.99**

FOUR ROSES SINGLE BARREL

"The perfect bourbon nose: floral (pansies/daffs) meets spice (ginger/pepper/clove) meets honey (acacia) meets fruit (redcurrant/dates)... Clean delivery, almost like crystallised brown sugar melted by the increasing warmth of spice. The oak adds a degree of liquorice but absolutely no bitter back chat; finish is long...for me, the finest Four Roses I have ever come across."



96.5 pts - Jim Murray's Whisky Bible 2012

653055 **\$56.99**

EH TAYLOR SINGLE BARREL

This bourbon whiskey is very delicate. The aroma carries lightly toasted oak, with dried figs and butterscotch. The sweetness on the tongue remains balanced with tobacco and dark spices that finish just long enough to prepare the palette for another sip.



272708 1 bottle limit **\$89.99**

EH TAYLOR STRAIGHT RYE

On the nose, this whiskey is full of dried fruit, black pepper, and a touch of fresh dill. A small sip brings an array of flavors both sweet and savory with a terrific balance of dark spices and subtle caramel overtones. The finish is especially pleasing with an oaky dryness that lingers just long enough.



272732 1 bottle limit **\$89.99**

RUM

RUM NATION PANAMA 21 YEAR OLD DECANTER

On the nose it isfresh, fragrant and sweet with dried figs and dates...The palate is soft, velvety, never pungent or, on the contrary, too thick. Flavours of chocolate, candied oranges and orange liqueur are found with dried figs, dates, and mixed tropical fruit hints. Just a touch of pepperiness in the finish contrasts the very smooth,



moderately sweet and easy character. The soft and fresh style is quite unusual for such an old rum, which remains stimulating and lively, and devoid of excessive wood influence.

244962 **\$174.99**





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