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Wemyss Malts launches limited edition Velvet Fig whisky

Independent bottler Wemyss Malts is launching a luxurious new limited edition to complement its award-winning blended malts range. The new 'Velvet Fig' comprises specially selected single malts matured wholly in ex Oloroso sherry casks, evoking rich autumn and winter fruits and spices.

Knowing their customers' passion for whiskies matured in ex Sherry casks, Wemyss Malts has created this no-age statement expression to diversify their existing line-up and is its first blended malt to be non-chill-filtered and bottled at 46% abv. With a limited release of just 6000 bottles globally, it is presented in a gift carton and available in specialist spirits stores at around £40.

Like the rest of the Wemyss Malts blended malts selection, Velvet Fig is named after the whisky's natural flavours and aromas. The natural mahogany colour has a depth and richness that comes from the quality sherry casks selected. The generous nose is abundant with rich fruits bound with sweet mead and warm leather. The palate has luscious golden sultanas, soft fig and Medjool dates, spiced with nutmeg and ginger and yielding sweet chestnut and toasted walnuts in the finale.

William Wemyss, Managing Director of Wemyss Malts, commented: "We are thrilled with the new Wemyss Malts Velvet Fig blended malt as it will provide a unique, yet complementary addition to the Wemyss blended malt range. Velvet Fig is sure to be a favourite with those who have a passion for sherry cask matured whiskies or are looking for the perfect festive whisky."

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Notes to the Editor:

- Edinburgh based Wemyss Malts is owned by the Wemyss family and their family seat is Wemyss Castle in Fife where they've lived since the 1300s.
- Wemyss Malts has an ongoing blended malt whisky range comprising: The Spice King, The Peat Chimney and The Hive; single malt single cask bottlings and blended Scotch range, Lord Elcho.
- The Wemyss family premium wines and spirits brands also include boutique gin Darnley's View, together with the premium wine estate of Rimauresq Cru Classé in Cotes de Provence.
- Recent awards for The Hive 12 years old include: a Double Gold at the San Francisco Wine & Spirits Competition 2014 and a World Whisky Award Gold Medal in 2012.
- The Spice King 12 years old won the Best of the Rest of whisky at the Whisky Shop Dufftown customer choice competition 2014 and a World Whisky Award Gold Medal in 2013.
- The family is building a single malt distillery at Kingsbarns, near St. Andrews in Fife, which will be open to visitors from 1st December 2014.

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