BORN AT MELODY WHISKY BAR

THE ULTIMATE DRAMVENT CALENDAR

SPIRITUS 2026 *AMICITIAE*

The Collection

THE 26TH CALENDAR · A CHARITY EDITION

25 EXTRAORDINARY 25ML DRAMS · 1ST – 25TH DECEMBER 2026

BIDDERS' BOOKLET

AN INTRODUCTION

The Spirit of Friendship

The Ultimate Dramvent Calendar was born over a glass at Melody Whisky Bar, from a simple and slightly crazy idea: what if, instead of keeping our most treasured bottles locked away, we opened them together?

Twenty-five whisky friends each gave one extraordinary bottle from their own collection. Together they form a line-up valued at circa £42,000: old and rare single malts, a legendary single grain, lost distilleries, single casks and private bottlings spanning more than four decades of distillation.

Every bottle has been opened and hand-bottled into drams by the team at Melody Whisky Bar, so that each friend can enjoy one remarkable whisky every day from the 1st to the 25th of December.

From those same twenty-five bottles, one further calendar has been made. *The 26th calendar* carries exactly the same drams as the original twenty-five and is offered at auction, with **all proceeds going to charity**, so that the spirit of friendship can reach well beyond our circle.

This booklet introduces each of the twenty-five drams you would be bidding on.

Spiritus Amicitiae. The spirit of friendship. Slàinte.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Twenty-Five Days

1st – 25th December 2026

01	Jura 1981	ISLE OF JURA
02	Macallan Estate Single Cask 2025	SPEYSIDE
03	G&M Caol Ila 1981	ISLAY
04	Glenfarclas 1988	SPEYSIDE
05	Lagavulin 12 Year Old	ISLAY
06	Cadenhead's Caol Ila 1981	ISLAY
07	G&M Glenury Royal 1984	HIGHLAND
08	Macallan 1974	SPEYSIDE
09	Springbank 30 Year Old	CAMPBELTOWN
10	Talisker 1992	ISLE OF SKYE
11	Bunnahabhain 1975	ISLAY
12	Hibiki 21 Year Old	JAPAN · BLENDED
13	Macallan 1985	SPEYSIDE
14	Glenrothes 32 Year Old	SPEYSIDE
15	Glenlossie 1975	SPEYSIDE
16	G&M Strathisla 1967	SPEYSIDE
17	Knockando #1023	SPEYSIDE
18	Clynelish 1996	HIGHLAND
19	Aberfeldy 1991	HIGHLAND
20	Macallan 1990	SPEYSIDE
21	Glenfarclas 1966	SPEYSIDE
22	Bunnahabhain 1966	ISLAY
23	Glenturret × Jaguar C-Type	HIGHLAND
24	Bowmore 29 Year Old	ISLAY
25	North British 1960	LOWLAND · SINGLE GRAIN

THE COLLECTION

In Numbers

25 × 25ml
Rare whiskies, one for each day of Advent

c. £42,000
Combined value of the bottles the drams are drawn from

750+
Years of combined maturation across the collection

58
Years old: North British 1960, the oldest whisky in the calendar

50
Years old: Glenlossie 1975, the oldest single malt

1960 – 2005
Vintages spanning more than four decades

9
Single casks and private bottlings

6
Drams from Islay, plus Speyside, Campbeltown, Skye, Jura and Japan

THE LOT INCLUDES

- Twenty-five numbered 25ml drams, one for each day from the 1st to the 25th of December, hand-bottled at Melody Whisky Bar from the original bottles
- A handcrafted Dramvent display cabinet, made by Roca Designs of Leicester
- A dedicated label and card for every dram

Jura 1981

45 YEARS OLD · CASK MASTERS



THE DRAM

A 1981 single sherry butt, bottled at forty-five years old: one of the oldest Jura releases ever bottled. Maritime saltiness and fruitcake sherry notes, dashed with ginger and vanilla oak, and a long, warm finish. A huge Christmas dram.

REGION
Isle of Jura

AGE
45 Years

VINTAGE
1981

EDITION
Cask Masters · single sherry butt

Macallan Estate Single Cask 2025

20 YEARS OLD · ESH-11802/05 · 267 BOTTLES



THE DRAM

A Macallan Exceptional Single Cask, distilled in 2005 and bottled in 2025. Just 267 bottles were drawn from cask ESH-11802/05.

REGION
Speyside

AGE
20 Years

VINTAGE
2005

EDITION
Exceptional Single Cask ESH-11802/05 · 267 bottles

G&M Caol Ila 1981

40 YEARS OLD · PRIVATE COLLECTION



THE DRAM

Distilled in 1981 and bottled at forty years old in Gordon & MacPhail's Private Collection, a range reserved for some of the house's rarest whiskies.

REGION
Islay

AGE
40 Years

VINTAGE
1981

EDITION
Gordon & MacPhail Private Collection

Glenfarclas 1988

33 YEARS OLD · SINGLE CASK 7124



THE DRAM

From the spiritual home of sherried Speyside: single cask No. 7124, filled on 20 December 1988 and bottled on 21 September 2022. Rich, dark, dried fruit and spice.

REGION
Speyside

AGE
33 Years

VINTAGE
1988

EDITION
Single Cask No. 7124

Lagavulin 12 Year Old

WHITE HORSE BRAZILIAN · EARLY 1970S



THE DRAM

An old White Horse bottling of Lagavulin for the Brazilian market, from the early 1970s: a taste of Islay as it was half a century ago.

REGION
Islay

AGE
12 Years

VINTAGE
Bottled early 1970s

EDITION
White Horse · Brazilian market

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Deep and old-style, with dried figs, plums and dates over sherry wood and gentle peat smoke. Tobacco, leather, orange peel and toffee follow, with hints of smoked ham, kippers and coal.

PALATE

Oily and creamy, with sherry sweetness and fine peat in perfect balance. Toffee, honey, dark chocolate and stewed red fruits lead, with cinnamon, nutmeg and a salty, earthy edge.

FINISH

Long and warming, with dark chocolate, tobacco and tar. Orange peel, brine and soft peat smoke linger at the end.

Cadenhead's Caol Ila 1981

40 YEARS OLD · SINGLE CASK



THE DRAM

Four decades in a single cask from Islay's Caol Ila, bottled by Cadenhead's, Scotland's oldest independent bottler. A long-cherished bottle, kept back for exactly this kind of occasion.

REGION
Islay

AGE
40 Years

VINTAGE
1981

EDITION
Cadenhead's Single Cask

G&M Glenury Royal 1984

125TH ANNIVERSARY RELEASE



THE DRAM

A rare chance to taste a lost distillery. Glenury Royal of Stonehaven fell silent in the 1980s, and this 1984 vintage was released by Gordon & MacPhail as part of their 125th Anniversary collection.

REGION
Highland

VINTAGE
1984

EDITION
Gordon & MacPhail 125th Anniversary

Macallan 1974

18 YEARS OLD



THE DRAM

A Macallan from an era when time was the only ingredient that mattered: the deep, sherried style that built the distillery's legend.

REGION
Speyside

AGE
18 Years

VINTAGE
1974

EDITION
18 Years Old

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Rich dried fruits (sultana, dark raisin and Medjool date) layered with old sherry wood, beeswax and a hint of worn leather. A whisper of tobacco and orange peel develops with time in the glass.

PALATE

Full and warming. Christmas cake spice, dark chocolate, treacle and candied ginger. The sherry influence is pronounced but elegant, never cloying, with a deep, oily texture characteristic of this era of Macallan.

FINISH

Exceptionally long. Fading spice, dry oak, a trace of smoke and ripe fig. Lingers beautifully.

Springbank 30 Year Old

2025 RELEASE



THE DRAM

The 2025 release of Springbank 30: history, tradition and unmistakable character from Campbeltown's most celebrated distillery, and from the passionate people behind it.

REGION
Campbeltown

AGE
30 Years

EDITION
2025 Release

Talisker 1992

33 YEARS OLD · RE:SERIES · BOTTLED 2026



THE DRAM

A 1992 Talisker, bottled in 2026 at thirty-three years old: a special bottling from one of Scotland's most iconic distilleries.

REGION
Isle of Skye

AGE
33 Years

VINTAGE
1992

EDITION
Re:Series · bottled 2026

Bunnahabhain 1975

44 YEARS OLD · DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL · ELIXIR



THE DRAM

A forty-four-year-old Bunnahabhain from 1975, released as a Director's Special. Old Bunnahabhain of this vintage is among the most sought-after of Islay's unpeated whiskies.

REGION
Islay

AGE
44 Years

VINTAGE
1975

EDITION
Director's Special · Elixir

Hibiki 21 Year Old

SUNTORY 100TH ANNIVERSARY



THE DRAM

The Centenary edition of Suntory's revered Hibiki 21. Hibiki means 'resonance': the impression a fine whisky and good company leave long after the glass is empty.

REGION
Japan · Blended

AGE
21 Years

EDITION
Suntory Centenary Edition

Macallan 1985

31 YEARS OLD · CÀRN MÒR CELEBRATION OF THE CASK #1388



THE DRAM

A single cask Macallan from 1985, bottled at thirty-one years old in Càrn Mòr's Celebration of the Cask series.

REGION
Speyside

AGE
31 Years

VINTAGE
1985

EDITION
Càrn Mòr Celebration of the Cask #1388

TASTING NOTES

NOSE
Dark dried fruits, black tea, honey, caramel, eucalyptus, tobacco and a touch of leather with a faint rustic edge.

PALATE
Rich and mouth-coating with red fruits, dark chocolate, tea, tobacco and a gentle bitterness balanced by vanilla sweetness.

FINISH
Long and evolving. Red fruit, tea and wood with a late menthol freshness. Balanced and lingering.

Glenrothes 32 Year Old

PRIVATE DISTILLERY BOTTLING



THE DRAM

A rare private distillery bottling, released to private clients only. Heavily sherried and gentle on the palate, yet packed with layer upon layer of complexity: Glenrothes at its most indulgent.

REGION
Speyside

AGE
32 Years

EDITION
Private Clients Only

Glenlossie 1975

50 YEARS OLD · KINGSBURY



THE DRAM

At fifty years old, the calendar's oldest single malt: a dram distilled in another era and patiently matured for half a century.

REGION
Speyside

AGE
50 Years

VINTAGE
1975

EDITION
Kingsbury

G&M Strathisla 1967

35 YEARS OLD · BAR METRO 35TH ANNIVERSARY



THE DRAM

A richly sherried Speysider from one of Scotland's oldest working distilleries, distilled in 1967 and bottled by Gordon & MacPhail to mark the 35th anniversary of Bar Metro. A rich, sherried treat to carry us into the second half.

REGION
Speyside

AGE
35 Years

VINTAGE
1967

EDITION
Gordon & MacPhail for Bar Metro's 35th Anniversary

Knockando #1023

32 YEARS OLD · 50.7% · CASK OF DISTINCTION (J&B)



THE DRAM

From J&B's exclusive Cask of Distinction programme, cask #1023 at 50.7%. An extraordinary liquid that leaves a lasting impression, kept for a special occasion and now shared.

REGION
Speyside

AGE
32 Years

EDITION
J&B Cask of Distinction #1023 · 50.7%

Clynelish 1996

26 YEARS OLD · PRIMA & ULTIMA 4



THE DRAM

A single cask released directly by Diageo in the Prima & Ultima series, the crème de la crème of their rare releases. Very little Clynelish ever appears straight from its owners, which makes this one truly special.

REGION
Highland

AGE
26 Years

VINTAGE
1996

EDITION
Diageo Prima & Ultima, Release 4

Aberfeldy 1991

32 YEARS OLD · WIOF HOWSON SERIES 4



THE DRAM

Part of Ardent Spirits' celebrated collaboration with the artist Peter Howson, whose artwork adorns a series of magnificent aged releases from The Macallan, Springbank and Aberfeldy. Thirty-two years old, and as much a work of art outside the bottle as within.

REGION
Highland

AGE
32 Years

VINTAGE
1991

EDITION
Ardent Spirits · WIOF Howson Series 4

Macallan 1990

PRIVATE SINGLE CASK · 175CL



THE DRAM

A private single cask Macallan from 1990, presented in a 175cl bottle: more than two standard bottles' worth of whisky in one.

REGION
Speyside

VINTAGE
1990

EDITION
Private Single Cask · 175cl

Glenfarclas 1966

29 YEARS OLD · CHRISTMAS EDITION · 24/12/1966



THE DRAM

A time-honoured malt distilled on Christmas Eve 1966, sixty years ago, making it the perfect bottle for the festive run-in to Christmas.

REGION
Speyside

AGE
29 Years

VINTAGE
1966

EDITION
Christmas Edition · distilled 24/12/1966

Bunnahabhain 1966

37 YEARS OLD · JIM MCEWAN CELTIC HEARTLANDS



THE DRAM

A 1966 Bunnahabhain selected by Jim McEwan for his Celtic Heartlands series: a truly exceptional dram for the final days before Christmas.

REGION
Islay

AGE
37 Years

VINTAGE
1966

EDITION
Jim McEwan Celtic Heartlands

Glenturret × Jaguar C-Type

32 YEARS OLD



THE DRAM

A thirty-two-year-old collaboration between Glenturret, Scotland's oldest working distillery, and Jaguar, celebrating the legendary C-Type. Casks that quietly matured for three decades, presented in a bottle worthy of the marque.

REGION
Highland

AGE
32 Years

EDITION
Glenturret × Jaguar C-Type

Bowmore 29 Year Old

TIMELESS SERIES



THE DRAM

From Bowmore's Timeless Series: a rich, generous whisky with dark fruits and orange running all the way through.

REGION
Islay

AGE
29 Years

EDITION
Timeless Series

North British 1960

58 YEARS OLD · INCORPORATION EDITION · SINGLE GRAIN



THE DRAM

The oldest whisky in the calendar: a single grain distilled in 1960 and matured for fifty-eight years. Fittingly, it is suggested as the ideal skalk, the old Scots word for a morning dram taken before (or for) breakfast.

REGION
Lowland · Single Grain

AGE
58 Years

VINTAGE
1960

EDITION
Incorporation Edition

THE AUCTION

The 26th Calendar

One calendar. Twenty-five extraordinary drams.
Every penny to charity.

AUCTION HOUSE

WVA Whisky Auctions

wvawhiskyauctions.co.uk

BIDDING WINDOW

24th – 26th November 2026

PROCEEDS

100% to charity

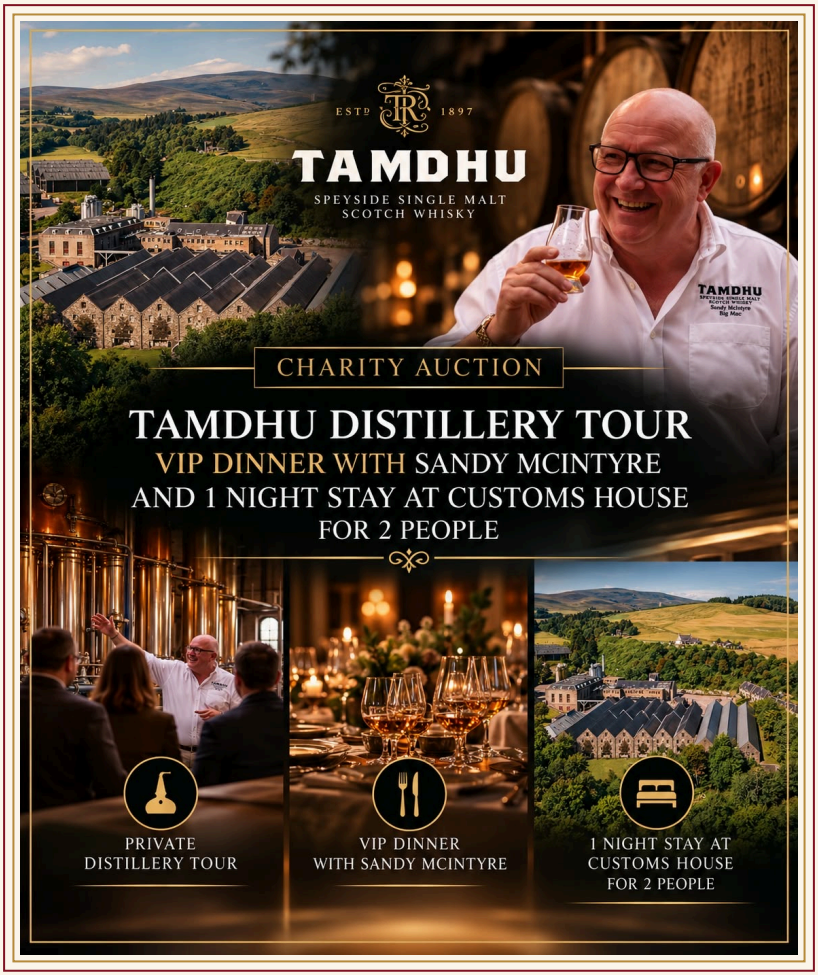
The winning bidder receives the complete 26th calendar, identical in every dram to the twenty-five calendars shared among friends, in its own handcrafted cabinet, in time for the first door on the 1st of December.

CHARITY AUCTION

The Tamdhu Experience

An unforgettable Speyside experience for two.

Valid for one year, until 28th November 2027



FOR BIDDERS

A Few Notes

The drams. Each 25ml dram is drawn from the original bottle shown on its page and hand-bottled by the team at Melody Whisky Bar. Original bottles and their packaging are shown for reference and are not included in the lot.

Descriptions. Bottle details and tasting notes are provided in good faith from the information supplied with each bottle. Please refer to the auction listing for the definitive lot description and terms of sale.

The value. The figure of circa £42,000 refers to the combined value of the twenty-five original bottles from which the drams are drawn, not the value of the lot.

Enjoy responsibly. This lot is available to bidders aged 18 and over only.

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ULTIMATE DRAMVENT CALENDAR

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Spiritus Amicitiae

THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP

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