



## The Balvenie Single Barrel Traditional Oak Aged 25 Years

**BRAND OWNER** William Grant & Sons

**RRP** £400, US\$640, €500

**MARKETS** Global

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The Balvenie Single Barrel range derives its name from the fact that it is drawn from a single cask of a single distillation. No two casks – even of the same type and filled with spirit from the same distillation – will produce an identical single malt, so each cask bottling of The Balvenie Single Barrel forms a limited edition, with each hand-numbered bottle carrying the number of the cask in which it was matured.



## Glenmorangie Dornoch

**BRAND OWNER** Moët Hennessey

**MARKETS** Travel retail/duty free

**RRP** €69, £59 (will be available in continental Europe from January)

**CONTACT** Glenmorangie.com

This expression is said to have been inspired by the distillery's setting on the banks of the Dornoch Firth in the Scottish Highlands.

A donation from the sale of each bottle of Glenmorangie Dornoch will be made to the Marine Conservation Society to help sustain and protect the estuary beside the distillery, as well as helping to protect Scottish and UK seas more widely.

Dr Bill Lumsden, director of distilling and whisky creation, said: "Glenmorangie Dornoch (43%) unites ex-bourbon American white oak barrels reflecting the distinctive vanilla and citrus Glenmorangie house style with a lightly peated Glenmorangie spirit that has been extra matured in ex-amontillado sherry casks.

"The swirling undercurrent of peat adds an unexpected dimension of distant, smoky apples, complemented by vibrant, sweet nutty flavours layered upon the rich, warm toffee and dried fruits. These balance to create a single malt whisky that reflects the beautiful setting in which Glenmorangie is crafted," he says.

## Earth's Essence

**BRAND OWNER:** KWV

**RRP** R89 (international pricing still to be determined)

**MARKETS** South Africa, Sweden to launch in April 2015. UK and Finland. Germany and The Netherlands will also look to launch the product early next year.

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Major South African producer KWV says Earth's Essence is the world's first 'natural' Pinotage wine from the Malmesbury Swartland area in the Western Cape.

It has "no sulphites or preservatives added", says the company, made possible by using "world-first technology, this following KWV's joint acquisition of the patent for a revolutionary process using indigenous Rooibos and Honeybush wood during various stages in the winemaking process".

It is aimed at urban, educated females, aged 30-45 in LSM (living standard measure) 8-10, and wine drinkers looking for healthy alternatives as well as sulphur allergy sufferers.

The use of non-traditional woods in the winemaking process is said to make it completely new.



## Cognac Frapin 1988

**BRAND OWNER** Domaine Chateau Fontpinot

**RRP** €140-150, £160

**MARKETS** Global, except US

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Chateau Fontpinot has introduced a 25-year-old (41.5% abv) 100% single estate grande champagne, premier cru cognac. Bottled at the family domaine the 1988 is a numbered limited edition and comes in a gift box.

An area characterised by chalky and clayey soil and crumbly chalky subsoil typical of the grande champagne terroir, produces this vintage made of Ugni-Blanc.



## Chene Bleu Astralabe 2009

**BRAND OWNER** Xavier and Nicole Rolet

**RRP** €22, £16-£18

**MARKETS** UK, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany

**CONTACT** Justerini & Brooks: justerinis.com

The 2009 Astralabe is a Grenache (70%)/Syrah blend from the Rhône and is christened Astralabe after the son of the medieval lovers Héloïse and Abélard, from who the other two award-winning flagship reds from this estate also take their name.

The wine comes from grapes from Chêne Bleu's 80-acre vineyard, La Verrière, which is in the Unesco biosphere of Mont Ventoux above Gigondas in the southern Rhône region of Provence. At an elevation of more than 500m (1,500ft), the domaine is said to be one of the highest in the south of France.

Astralabe is described as an easy-drinking yet complex red wine made with an "idiosyncratic approach combining the avant-garde with traditional practices – without compromising on standards of excellence – paving the way for the deformalisation of grand cru-style winemaking."



**Warninks White**  
**BRAND OWNER** William Grant & Sons UK  
**RRP** £12.99  
**MARKETS UK**  
**CONTACT** +44 (0) 208 332 1188

Warninks White is described as a white chocolate and mint vodka liqueur designed to be enjoyed neat or mixed with lemonade. Made in the UK, Warninks White has been launched to encourage year-round consumption occasions for a brand that is primarily associated with Christmas.



**Bunnahabhain Ceobanach 10 Year Old Islay single malt**  
**BRAND OWNER** Burn Stewart  
**RRP** €75, £59.99, US\$93  
**MARKETS** Global  
**CONTACT** bsmalts@stripecommunications.com

Said to be perfected and nurtured by master distiller Ian MacMillan for more than 10 years, the new expression "contains layers of flavour". The light golden whisky is described as having an "unusually rich, complex character marrying ex-bourbon cask sweetness with intense Islay malt peatiness and subtle hints of the sea". Ceobanach is unchill-filtered.

## Les Griffons de Pichon Baron

**BRAND OWNER** AXA Millésimes  
**RRP** €25, £30, US\$40  
**MARKETS** Global  
**CONTACT** pichonlongueville.com

Château Pichon Baron (Pauillac 2nd Cru Classé) has announced the worldwide launch of its latest second wine: Les Griffons de Pichon Baron.

Batches from specific plots are used to create the grand vin while others - of similar composition - are selected for Les Griffons. Both these wines are vinified with the same attention to detail, and are matured side by side, up to 60% in new barrels, for 18 months.



## Be Bordô

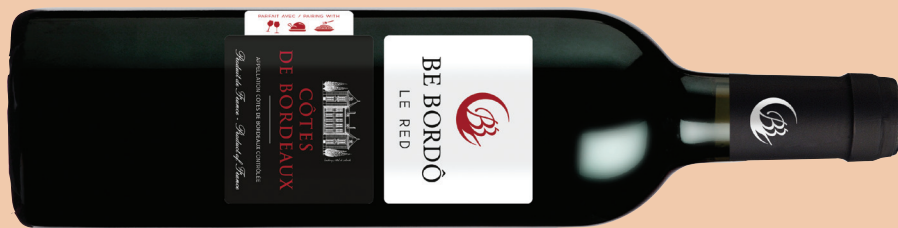
**BRAND OWNER** Stéphane Quien Wine & Spirits  
**RRP** CAD\$16.70, €4.99, £7.99  
**MARKETS** Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, Belarus, Estonia, Canada (with SAQ), China Quandong province, UK  
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The Be Bordô range is said to be the result of the winemaking tradition from the Port de la Lune, birthplace of the Bordeaux wine business.

This medium-bodied wine is said to honour the Bordeaux heritage while appealing to a new generation of wine lovers.

Despite probably being the most famous wine-producing country and Bordeaux being the world's most famous wine region, neither have strong brands and the latter is best known for the world's most expensive wines.

Be Bordô is claimed not to be another Bordeaux but an alternative to foreign wines: a brand but also a château. Stéphane Quien says Be Bordô is above all, "a Bordeaux simplified and understandable for everybody; accessible for most people; easy, and affordable for a premium-level wine".



## anCnoc Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky

**BRAND OWNER** International Beverage Holdings  
**RRP** €87, £70, US\$110  
**MARKETS** Worldwide  
**CONTACT** interbevgroup.com

International Beverage Holdings has announced the release of the 18-year-old expression of its anCnoc Highland single malt scotch from the Knockdhu distillery. An initial 6,000 bottles will be available worldwide.

Matured in selected Spanish oak ex-sherry casks and American oak ex-bourbon casks, each 70cl bottle will retail at £70 with an abv of 46% and non chill-filtered.

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