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| BLADNOCH UNVEILS THREE NEW SINGLE MALTS

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Bladnoch Distillery has unveiled a trio of single malt Scotch whiskies, the first releases from the 200-year-old site since it ceased production eight years ago.



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The distillery was closed in March 2014, after its parent company, Northern Ireland-based Co-ordinated Development Services, went into liquidation.

But in 2015 it was revealed that Bladnoch Distillery was set to restart production after the site was acquired by Australian businessman David Prior, who later hired Gavin Hewitt, former chief executive of the Scotch Whisky Association, as non-executive director.

The new whiskies were crafted by master distiller Ian Macmillan, former master blender of Burn Stewart, who joined the distillery in October 2015.

Displaying traditional Lowland characteristics, the two new Bladnoch releases include Samsara – a no-age-statement tribute to the rebirth of the 200-year-old distillery, described as "luscious, full-bodied and fragrant with a rich, lingering core".

While Adela is a 15 year-old single malt, described as "rich, noble and ultra-smooth" and matured in Oloroso casks for a "warm, sweet flavour".

Completing the trio is Talia, a 25-year-old single malt finished in American new oak cask. The whiskies are all non-chill filtered and naturally coloured.

"This is a moment I hope all single malt whisky drinkers from around Australia will enjoy because Bladnoch is back. I'm delighted for the Bladnoch team in Scotland who've kept the distillery going until I was fortunate enough to purchase it. This moment is as much for them as it is for our loyal customers," said Prior.

"Single malt Scotch whisky is special to me because of the shared appreciation it attracts. I want Bladnoch to be a brand that people discover, share and remember.

"We have great plans for Bladnoch and we know this rebirth of the brand is just the beginning. We are currently investing significantly in the distillery to plan for future growth and ensure continuity of ownership. In the coming year there will also be new releases in the PureScot range as well."