

‘Exceptional’ rating for independent Scottish spirit

Rascally Liquor® takes Difford’s Guide by storm.

Both peated and unpeated expressions of the clear malt spirit from Annandale Distillery have scored 5 stars in a review and tasting on Difford’s Guide. The peated variant scored even higher with a [5 stars PLUS](#) rating.

Writing for the renowned drinks website, Difford describes both expressions as ‘attractive’ with ‘good breadly maltiness and pleasing ripe pear fruity notes’, and goes further to suggest the smoky drink is ‘so tasty that it almost seems too good to age’, and that it makes for a ‘very interesting cocktail ingredient’.

The ratings support Annandale Distillery’s ambition to develop the clear malt spirit category as a drink of choice for discerning spirits explorers. Clear malt spirit (known by those in the whisky community as ‘new make’ malt spirit) is less well known than Scotland’s cask-aged export due to variation in quality and a lack of understanding from consumers – something Rascally Liquor® will begin to address in the coming months.

The independently owned distillery, located a short drive from Dumfries in Annan, is keen to ramp up distribution of the spirit, currently only sold through its websites and retail shop, by partnering with Scottish hotels, bars and produce outlets.

‘Rascally Liquor® is a quintessentially Scottish drink, inspired by one of Scotland’s finest (Robbie Burns), and crafted in Scotland by Scottish hands’, says Brand Manager Vicki Hamilton. ‘By serving Rascally, hoteliers and publicans can offer their guests a true taste of Scotland, whether on its own or in a signature Scottish cocktail’.

Rascally Liquor® is available from www.rascallyliquor.com

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MORE ABOUT ANNANDALE DISTILLERY

Established in 1836, Annandale is one of Scotland’s oldest operating distilleries.

Located close to the Scotland/England border, it’s also the first (and last) distillery in Scotland.

Whilst in the ownership of the famous Johnnie Walker, Annandale Distillery closed in 1918, seemingly forever, but was saved from dereliction by Professor David Thomson and Teresa Church. Operations resumed on November 3rd 2014 and three years later on November 15th 2017, the first bottle of Annandale Single Malt Scotch Whisky was filled. Look out for Man O’Sword and Man O’Words from Spring 2018.



Rascally Liquor® Peaty Malt Spirit – scored a 5 Star PLUS rating from Difford’s Guide



Rascally Liquor® Unpeated Malt Spirit – scored a 5 Star rating from Difford’s Guide