



History is centuries in the making with **The Macallan**

This is a story of Scottish spirits – of an unfaltering obsession distilled into 188 years. This is the storied history of The Macallan, one of the world’s most precious whiskies. Its official birth was in 1824, but its true origins can be traced back a further 280 years to a bishop and a Grant.

It was in 1543 that the land that would form The Macallan was granted to Duncan Grant by the Bishop of Moray. From this site emerged the Easter Elchies House in the 1700s, the current home of the renowned single malt. With ample land and the River Spey at its disposal, The Macallan founder Alexander Reid obtained a distillery licence and set to work in 1824. As a local farmer, Reid knew the importance of good ingredients and hard work when laying the building blocks of what was to become a global phenomenon. The Macallan’s stellar dram remained one of Scotland’s best-kept secrets until Roderick Kemp took command of the distillery from 1892 to 1909. Under his masterful guidance, The Macallan’s glowing reputation spread far and wide.

Fast-forward to the current millennium, and The Macallan has expanded countless times to enlarge production and provide more drink to the masses. The 2000s showered The Macallan with a wealth of accolades, including the sixth Queen’s Award for Enterprise in 2004. The elixir continued to win worldwide acclaim when, just a year later, it launched The Macallan Fine Oak. And last year, 250 discerning whisky connoisseurs had the chance to enjoy the limited edition *Eight Decades of Sir Peter Blake*.

From its humble beginnings as a local riverside distillery to a single malt whisky of choice the world over, The Macallan truly has a wealth of history bottled within. ■



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Sir Peter Blake and the team behind *Eight Decades of Sir Peter Blake*; Easter Elchies House by David Holmes; The Macallan team in bygone days