

IMD to launch Chieftain's Cigar Malt at Viking Line whisky fair



IMD's whisky ambassador will host a masterclass aboard the cruise ship

[Ian Macleod Distillers](#) (IMD) has introduced a new Chieftain's Single Cask Cigar Malt to be showcased alongside its full Scottish malt portfolio at the [Viking Line](#) Cinderella Whisky Fair (taking place from March 9 to 11).

According to a press release, "Chieftain's 16-year-old Single Cask Cigar Malt is a Speyside single malt, non-chill filtered and bottled at cask strength (ABV 62.89%). It was distilled in May 2006 and matured in a specially selected and exceptional first-fill European Oak sherry cask #6189. There are just 588 bottles available, all exclusive to Viking Line. Cigar Malts are expertly paired with the perfect cigar to compliment the whisky and in this case Davidoff Escurio Gran Toro has been selected. In the same way as cask #6189, the Escurio Gran Toro's flavors evolve with time, making it the perfect partner to this powerful and complex dram."

"We are delighted to partner with Viking Line and showcase our portfolio alongside other exceptional whiskies from leading global distilleries," says Ian Macleod Distillers' Global Travel Retail Director, William Ovens. "We are really excited to introduce passengers to Chieftain's 16-year-old Single Cask Cigar Malt. Chieftain's has an enviable reputation amongst whisky connoisseurs and its superlative single casks are highly sought after."

On each of the three crossings from Stockholm to Mariehamn, IMD's whisky ambassador, Gordon Dallas will run a Sherry Matured and Chocolate Whisky Range masterclass. The tutored tasting will include Tamdhu Gran Reserva, Tamdhu 2008 Vintage, Glengoyne 10-year-old First Fill and Glengoyne 15-year-old PX Edition.

Viking Line Tax Free Senior Category Manager of Commercial Operations, Carl Mörn, said, "Viking Line is a hugely important annual event giving whisky connoisseurs in Sweden the chance to buy exclusive editions and rarities they won't find elsewhere and learn more about their favorite whiskies directly from the makers. We anticipate lively debate and interaction and a great response to Chieftain's 16-year-old Single Cask Cigar Malt and the wider IMD portfolio."

Over 3,000 whisky connoisseurs will board the Viking Line cruises where they will be invited to sample and buy IMD's exceptional range. Other IMD whiskies at the fair include Rosebank Lowland Single Malt, Smokehead Islay Single Malt, Tamdhu Speyside Single Malt, Glengoyne Highland Single Malt and Shieldaig Speyside Single Malt whiskies.