

TURNBULL CLAN WHISKY CASK HAS BEEN FILLED

Yes . . . it's now in the barrel!

On Thursday, 25th March, 2021, the date Robert the Bruce was inaugurated King of Scotland in 1306, a European oak barrel was filled with Borders Distillery private reserve whisky and set aside exclusively for members of the Turnbull Clan Association. What's more, for a limited time, **you can be part of this history-making once-in-a-lifetime project.**

The TCA cask which has now been sealed and identified with the Turnbull name is resting and aging in the cellars of the Borders Distillery, also known as The Three Stills Company in Hawick. By law, Scotch whisky must mature in a cask for at least 3 years and one day before it can be sold but single malt whisky like this is usually matured for 8 or more years. The best quality is achieved at 12 or more years depending on one's taste preferences.

To age our whisky, we selected a cask that was previously used for Muscat wine. This means that as it ages the whisky will not only take on butterscotch and vanilla notes from the wood but also floral and fruity notes of peach and citrus from its wine history.

The cask was filled with pure distilled spirits of 63.5 % or 127 proof alcohol by volume. The alcohol level will be reduced over time by evaporation and the cask strength of the whisky is expected to be around 55% at the time of bottling in 12 years.

Our 'Single Malt' Turnbull whisky will come of age and be ready to drink in 2033. After the angels take their share during the aging process, we should be left with around 250 bottles in the cask.

One hundred bottles of this rare whisky are being made available on a first come basis for a donation of \$75 US. This donation level will be available for a limited time only. **What a great gift to yourself or to future generations.**

For those of you who live in the USA, a portion of your donation will also be tax-deductible. You can have the bragging



Filling the barrel at the Hawick Distillery

rights of owning part of a cask of whisky aging in a Hawick cellar. Later you will have the pleasure of drinking your very own limited edition "uisge beatha." (whisky)

Unless US laws and circumstances change you will be required to arrange for delivery of your prize in Hawick. But what an excuse that will be to visit the Borders of Scotland!

Reserve yours today at: www.turnbullclan.com/whisky to mark your place in this history making event!

Announcing the 2021 in person AGM!

TCA President and first lady Walter and Brittany Turnbull are going all out at the 49th annual Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA to welcome members of the clan. They have reserved the Turnbull Tent and are busy planning for the Annual General Meeting. Mark the dates October 15-17, 2021 as you won't want to miss this gathering. More information to follow, including where to stay with a special TCA discount. Were you ever part of one of the TCA tours? Consider making this a reunion with your fellow Turnbull cousin travellers! For more information email communications@turnbullclan.com.



Author's Corner

Sam Turnbull

Sam Turnbull, Canadian cookbook author and vegan recipe blogger, has had huge success with the launch of her first cookbook, **'Fuss-free Vegan'** in 2017 that now has overwhelming reviews.



When it comes to going plant-based, there are some myths she aims to dispel. A lot of people have concerns that protein is difficult to obtain from a plant-based diet. However, foods such as tempeh, lentils, quinoa, beans and even leafy greens can contain a lot of good protein.

Another common misconception is that plant-based food lacks flavour. So she has dedicated an entire cookbook and blog to sharing vibrant flavour packed plant-based recipes. **'Fuss-Free Vegan'** presents to the readers that "vegan" does not equal unappetising dishes and complicated steps with special ingredients when preparing food. Or for that matter even food that tastes healthy. Instead, Sam gives the reader fuss-free recipes that will tempt everyone together at the table, vegans and non-vegans alike, in a chorus of positive rave assessments.

This is a cookbook Sam wishes she had when she decided to go vegan: one that recreates and veganises the dishes she loved most in her pre-vegan days, such as fluffy pancakes, crispy bacon, pizza pockets, creamy Caesar salad and macaroni and cheese, rich chocolate and more.

The book has turned out to be a best seller with over 1,000 five star reviews.

Rated: ★★★★★

Book 2: **'Fast Easy Cheap Vegan'** is also available through Amazon.



SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES 2021



The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games will be held on 8-11 July 2021, in Linville, North Carolina, USA.

The Turnbull Clan will be represented by our new tent host Katherine Turnbull.

This event is one of the largest and oldest Highland Games in the United States and the setting for this event is in the mountains of North Carolina.

We are looking forward to seeing and meeting many Turnbolls/Trimbles at this annual get-together.

A SCOTTISH WEDDING CELEBRATION

Andrew David Turnbull recently married Helen Elizabeth Skimming on the 8th May, at the coastal town of Ardrrossan, in North Ayrshire, Scotland.

Congratulations from your TCA family!



BULLSEYE

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'HISTORIC' SNP ELECTION WIN



On the 6th of May, Scotland voted. The results show it is clear that the people have won a majority of pro-independence parties in an historic win in the Scottish Parliament.

Nicola Sturgeon has hailed the SNP's "historic and extraordinary" fourth consecutive victory in the Scottish Parliament election. She said her party had won the most constituency seats and secured the highest share of the constituency vote in the history of devolution.

She pledged " . . . the task of building a better Scotland for everyone who lives here will be my priority every single day." Ms Sturgeon added her priority was to steer the country through the pandemic. But she still intended to hold an independence referendum once the crisis has passed.

"Both the SNP and the Scottish Greens stood in a clear commitment to hold an independence referendum within the next Parliamentary term. However, the timing of this will be decided by a simple majority of the MSP's in the new Scottish Parliament." Ms Sturgeon added, "So, in no way can a referendum be described as just a demand of me or of the SNP.

"It is a commitment made to the people by a clear majority of the MSP's who have been elected to the National Parliament. It is the will of the country. Given that outcome, there is simply no democratic justification through either Boris Johnson or indeed any other member who seek to block the right of the people of Scotland to choose their own future.

"Let me be very clear about this. If the Tories make such an attempt, they won't be placing themselves in opposition to the SNP, they will be standing in direct opposition to the will of the Scottish people. And they will demonstrate conclusively that the UK is not a partnership of equals and astonishingly, the Westminster no longer sees it as a voluntary union of Nations.

"That in itself, will be a powerful argument for Scotland becoming an independent Country." Nicola Sturgeon is the most popular leader the SNP has ever had and her standing amongst the general public is well ahead of her rivals."

DNA PROJECT CHATS . . .



The DNA project is rolling along quite nicely via FTDNA. We currently have 226 members in the project which is amazing since we only broke 100 in June 2018. This is a great time to remind participants to get their Trimble/Turnbull matches from any of the DNA sites to join the group.

They can easily transfer their autosomal DNA results from Ancestry, 23andMe or MyHeritage for free and then join the project. Also, look for matches in FTDNA that haven't already joined and invite them to the project. We have our own Facebook group (for project members only) direct email address, Sunday chats, new website and a new promo video!

At present we have 16 members who have taken the BigY test although only four of them are Trimble/Turnbull via their direct male lines. If more of our Trimble/Turnbulls upgrade to BigY, then we can firmly find our place and unique variants in the tree of mankind. Another helpful test to take for our Y testers is the 'Family Finder' test.

This is an autosomal test and can help you find cousins who haven't taken a Y test. It also helps us place female members into the various groups that we currently use for the Y testers. Look for a sale before taking another test with FTDNA. Last year sales took place around holidays, so keep an eye out for upcoming sales!

The most interesting results we have found recently include one male member who found out that his Turnbull line is broken but we were able to figure out why he matched so many of another surname by looking at the family neighbours in 1900. By looking at just the Y111 testers we have been able to prepare a nice chart which shows a clear break, probably around 1500, into two distinct branches.

There is a core group identified as "All The Usual Suspects" who most likely descend from Turnbells based in Jedburgh in the 16th century. We have a group spreadsheet where members can look at shared lineages and try to see how they connect. We also use the spreadsheet to connect project members regionally to help look for patterns.

We invite all Trimble/Turnbull/Trumbles etc. To join the project and dip their toes into the genetic genealogy pool.

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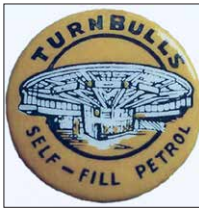
USA - Vaccination supporter

Tasha Turnbull who has been a pillar of fitness in the Virginia Beach community with T2 Fitness for more

than a decade, is partnering with the Virginia Beach Department of Health. She hosted a COVID-19 vaccination clinic with the aim to help save lives in the Black community. "I saw a lot of people in our community, not just becoming ill, but severely ill, to the point that they had to be hospitalized," said Turnbull. She commented that this virus is affecting a wide range of the African-American community, including the 50's, 40's and 30's.

UK - Motor Trader is still going

It was 65 years ago, George Turnbull a motor service station owner began a Vauxhall dealership at Charles Cross in Plymouth in the south-west of England. His business expanded and as a result, he has been recognised as starting the first 24 hour Self-Service petrol Station in Britain. George Turnbull eventually sold the business in the 1970's and retired. The business changed ownership several times and moved to Peverell. All the while the name of Turnbull Radio has been retained.

**Caribbean - Back to school**

'Ti Koko and Kush Kush' by Patricia G. Turnbull is now on the

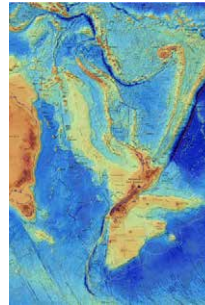
School Reading List for Grade 4 students, said Janice George Harris, Education Officer for Language Arts and Theatre in the Ministry of Education, Tortola, Virgin Islands. "The progress of this excellent storybook published in the Caribbean has landed it in the curriculum of the Virgin Islands," said Jacqueline Sample of House of Nehesi.



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

New Zealand - Zealandia now recognised as a continent

The evidence of billion-year-old rocks under New Zealand is now recognised as further proof that the huge underwater expanse of continental crust known as Zealandia, is in fact, a genuine continent.



The sunken continent of Zealandia could be partly explained by something similar to a massive super-slow earthquake that resurrected ancient subduction faults that had lain dormant for many millions of years. Research analysis into microscopic grains of the mineral zircon in granite rocks found at the surface in Fiordland and Rakiura/Stewart Island, has concluded the age of the rocks. Study lead author Dr Rose Turnbull of GNS Science said the sampled granites were basically crystallised magma that formed deep in the Earth's crust and had then been brought to the surface. "This new study ticks that final continental box. There is no longer any doubt that we live on top of a continent."

Ireland - Columbus Makes Art on the Acting Process

With the increasing number of opportunities for performing artists of all strengths and interests into the acting world in 2015, Jarrod Turnbull first started with Evolution Theatre Company as an acting apprentice in its 2019 season. Since then he has performed in several productions, including 'The View Upstairs', 'Who Killed Joan Crawford?' and 'Cabaret'. He is currently working as an actor for Evolution Theatre Company. His philosophy, "Always have something in your life that you are looking forward to."

**Canada - Public art collection decorates Edmonton**

The Valley Line Southeast LRT project is seeing a splash of colour and texture added to its shelters along the 13-kilometre stretch in Edmonton. Included in the project is the Elle Flinders, final works composites which are meant to look like 19th century dioramas. "What they really work with is the intersection between the past and the present, the natural and the built environment," said David Turnbull, Director of Public Art for the Edmonton Arts Council. It's one of 14 differently themed projects. "This is what the environment and the local wildlife would have been hundreds of years ago."

Scotland - Radio Awards Winner

This prestigious award showcases the best of hospital radio, from the interaction with station listeners to the delivery of an engaging station output. The Judges awarded volunteer Ross Turnbull at the Hospital Broadcasting Service in Glasgow, the Bronze Award winner with his warm and friendly voice. Someone nice and friendly to listen to and to the callers. "An enjoyable entry, showing their real presenter skills."

**New Zealand - Schoolboy wins race**

Flynn Turnbull an 11-year-old Timaru schoolboy at Gleniti School, wrapped up the NRS title when he won the two-day Central Hawke's Bay Tour at Waipukurau in late March, winning two of the three stages for the 15-second general classification win. Flynn, who rode BMX from the age of six in Australia, has been road cycling for three years and won three of the four rounds. As an added bonus for the overall win, it means he can ride in the under-13 NRS leaders' yellow jersey for the season.

UK - One last time on the GMB

Late in May, former BBC Breakfast hosts Bill Turnbull and Susanna Reid were reunited on ITV's Good Morning Britain for one last time, much to the TV veteran's delight. Bill Turnbull expressed his joy at being back on TV as he shared a post celebrating his recent stint on the breakfast show 'Good Morning Britain' alongside co-host Susanna Reid. Sharing a snap on social media he said: "Big thanks to everyone at GMB and all those watching who sent such lovely messages during the week. It was a huge pleasure to be back on the telly."

TURNING OF THE BULL

THE MAKING OF A BRONZE REPLICA

TCA has recently announced that two sizes of desktop replicas of the Turning of the Bull monument will be made available to TCA members.

These replicas are artist created bronze art castings, museum quality worthy. Creating one of these masterpieces is a multi-step process.

Since the original monument is life size, an artist first must recreate the statue in its smaller size, duplicating the detail and movement of the original. This requires a talented sculpture's hands, as once this is created, only the detail found in this piece will be duplicated.

Once the artwork is completed, the piece is cut into smaller manageable pieces for making of the molds. The sculpture is sealed and then covered with a release agent to allow for the removal of a rubber mold. A Master Mold maker applies a rubber layer. When this layer is set, additional coats are applied, setting "keys" in the rubber to ensure the proper positioning of the mold. When this rubber is completely set, a Mother Mold is applied to make the pieces able to support the wax pouring process.

Next comes the wax casting. A first coating of wax is painted into the mold to assure that the fine details of the artist's masterwork are preserved. Then the mold is reassembled and more wax is poured in to create a thickness of 3/16 to 1/4 of an inch. Excess wax is poured out and the rubber mold is removed.

Seam lines are removed through a process called wax chasing. Then the wax pieces are fitted together for the correct alignment. Register marks follow and the piece goes through a final inspection.



Wax rods called spurs or gates are inserted and a large cup is installed. This cup will be used for the pouring of the molten bronze. The gates system allows molten bronze to flow, allowing gases to escape through this venting system.

At this point, a secondary ceramic mold is created by dipping the wax into a liquid binder solution. The slurry of very fine silica sand is applied through several coats. Each coat must thoroughly dry before applying the next.



The slurry coats both the outside and inside, allowing for a hollow shell.

These ceramic shells are placed in an autoclave or burn-out oven. Once the shells are de-waxed, they are cooled and inspected

for cracking. Then they are heated to up to 1400 degrees Fahrenheit and placed in a pouring pit. Bronze is heated from between 1900 and 2100 degrees Fahrenheit and poured into the hollow shells.

Once solidified and cooled, the shell material is removed until the un-



The finished bronze replicas are museum quality with the detail of the original Turning of the Bull monument in Hawick. finished bronze casting is revealed. It's then glass beaded, water, or sand blasted to remove any remaining shell material, revealing the intricate details of the original piece. This process is called devesting.

Since the piece is now in multiple pieces, it is carefully fitted and reassembled and welded together to form the original sculpture. It's then polished to remove any signs of welding or cracks.



The final step is applying the desired patina or finished colour. This is done through a variety of chemicals that react with the metal. After the patina is applied the completed replica is sealed with a wax coating to protect the finish.

TCA is offering two sizes of these beautifully created museum quality *Turning of the Bull* replicas. The smaller one measures 6" x 9" x 6" and the larger 9" x 11" x 9". The smaller one is available for a donation of \$1650 and the larger for a donation of \$2475. Each is HAND MADE and truly a permanent piece of art to be passed down from generation to generation. Visit <https://www.turnbullclan.com/projects> to reserve your desktop replica. You will be contacted with details and asked for the shipping address. Questions? Contact communications@turnbullclan.com

CAMPAIGN FOR A SCOTTISH BORDERS NATIONAL PARK

One dark day in September of 1545, the Earl of Hertford with an army of 12,000 foot soldiers and 4000 horsemen devastated the Valley of Rulewater, located in the southern Scottish Borders, burning and looting towers and settlements during Henry VIII's 'Rough Wooing' campaign. In all, twelve towers throughout the valley were destroyed.

In 2019, a Scientific research team was established and in partnership with Archaeology Scotland, together they have now made a strong case for funding and developing the heritage project that aims to bring to life the story of the Twelve Towers of Rule.

As well as uncovering the mysteries surrounding the towers that were burned to the ground, the Twelve Towers team aim to tell the tales of how the families survived. Some of their descendants still live in the valley today and follow some of the many of the famous local clans who now have members all over the world including in North America and Australia.

Ongoing consultation with local residents and input from a series of public meetings will determine the best and most accessible locations for visitors.

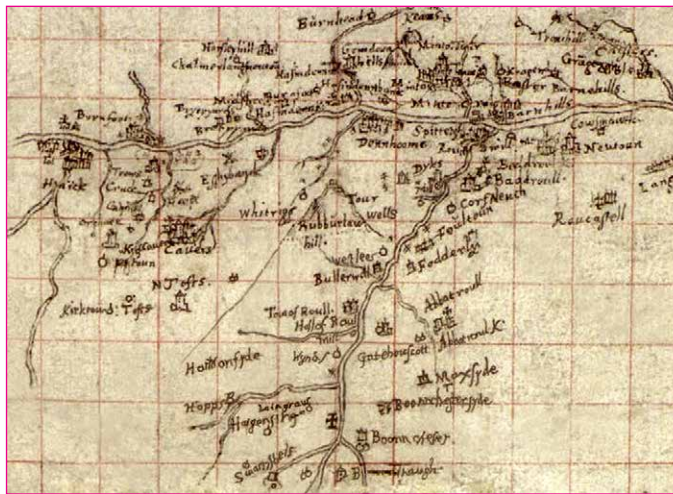
Documentary research with existing and new cycle routes are to be upgraded, extended or installed; landowners' agreements signed; archaeological research and project timetable drawn up; interpretation and way-finding tools developed; an events and activities programme that includes school visits and skills development workshops devised.

As SBNP team leader Professor Jane Bower says: "Teviotdale is one of the Borders" hidden gems and lies at the heart of the proposed Scottish Borders National Park. The Twelve Towers of Rule project will be undertaken over three years.

Most businesses, landowners and community groups in the immediate area are broadly supportive of the proposal and see the wider community benefit.



Aerial view of Timpendean Tower House ruins, 15th C.



Teviotdale Map, surveyed by Timothy Pont, 1583-1596

Some farmers already actively encourage walkers and have, or are planning tourism diversification. Many are keen to promote responsible access where a defined paths network could be developed.

The overall plan is to have the revealing stories of the burning of the towers, to be seen as a 'hidden gem' experience, uniting the string of unique historical sites along the Rule Valley.

It is also an introduction to a series of related topics that will help to fire the imagination of local people and visitors.

The proposed interpretive resources and activities will help people to understand and appreciate more about this now tranquil valley, its tumultuous past, community life before, during and after the time of that devastating day, and life in the Valley today. The valley has evidence of a troubled past across the landscape.

Stories of the area will be included with the many clans, the kinship and community, proud loyalty and survival as a celebration of the Borders heritage. The Rule Valley Routes will follow in the footsteps of all those passing through, from royalty to reivers and clan visitors. This in turn, this will help to discover more about and be proud of the rule Valley's heritage.



Three Survey team members



Fatlips Castle, a Peel Tower



Fulton Tower ruins. Oblong with two incomplete stories. Permission granted by Professor J. Bower to publish this report.

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR PAST . . .

THE TWELVE TOWERS OF RULE - BEDRULE CASTLE

The Comyn family from the central Highlands first built the castle in the 13th century. They were the most powerful family in 13th century Scotland until they were defeated in civil war by their rival to the Scottish throne, Robert the Bruce.

On the forfeiting of the Comyn lands in 1306, the castle passed to the Douglas family who in turn, made the Turnbull family tenants. In 1545, Bedrule Castle, was destroyed during English raids into Scotland. It was again burnt by an English army commanded by the Earl of Sussex in April 1570.

In 2020, a new Scientific Research Campaign commenced with the aim of eventually building and developing a Scottish Borders National Park. This initiated a detailed research into the 'Twelve Towers of Rule' in partnership with Archaeology Scotland and in particular, the local community.

Their aim was to understand more about each of the found sites. The team of historical experts have also looked at the period before as well as the period after this event, to gain and experience a better understanding.

It is hoped to eventually develop some good walks, drives and rides around these areas, with accompanying information about these and other important events. Moreover, a growing number of organisations are also becoming involved with the team.



The Bedrule Castle site at ground level.

The strategic Bedrule castle location, overlooking the Teviot River, was believed to have been built in late 13th century.

The layout which can just be discerned in the first image, indicates an early stone-built castle of the 12th Century, of a circular type called an 'enceinte'. This was a common type in Scotland, where a circle of masonry enclosed a domestic and operational space. Depending on its situation and resources, towers were also added. * *Model based on floor plan imaging.*

Today, the site now consists of largely grassed over remains. All the walls have been robbed out, leaving indeterminate trenches, but interpretation from the Inventory Plan suggests a gatehouse on the north-west side and two small towers on the south-west side. Of interest, King Edward I of England stayed here during a visit in 1298.

After the fall of the Comyns, the Douglas's were in occupation, but by the early 15th Century, the Turnbells were promoted following Will 'o Rule's naming by King Robert the Bruce. They had been granted the Barony and for two centuries, were pre-eminent in Rulewater. The Turnbells' held lands of Hallrule, Bonchester, Fulton, Blindhaugh, Newton, Clarelaw, Firth, Beulie, Apotside, Hoppisburne, Wauchope, Stanledge, Whitehope, Belses and a few others.

However, the castle and surrounds were a focus for regular raids, as one record describes an attack on the village:

Sir Raff Ewere's Letters of the 19th July, 1544.

Tyndal and Riddisdale with Mr. Clefforth and his Garrison, &c. have burned a Town called Bedroul with 15 or 16 other Steds, whereby they have gotten 300 Nolt, 600 Shepe, with very moche insight; and in ther comming home fought with the Lord Farnyhurst and his Company, and toke him and his Sone John Carr Prisonners, and brought 300 Nolt, 600 Shepe and moche insight Geare, with 3 Basses (well fed animals) whiche the Lord Farnyhurst brought to the Feld with him also recorded as having been burnt in the raid of 1545.

Tancred records that by 1591 'the old castle was a ruin', the Turnbells power was now waning. On the death of Walter Turnbull in the late 17th century, Thomas Kerr of Cavers took possession of the 'ruinous castle, fortalice and most of the lands of Bedrule'.

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*Aerial view of the Bedrule Castle site. Inset: * Castle model.*

Twelve sites have been identified, including the Bedrule Castle ruins in their studies, while research remains ongoing. What is left of the Bedrule Castle location, is a site of particular interest and importance in their research.

Project activities continued despite the many disruptions and setbacks encountered throughout the first year of their research. Their studies included audio recording and video construction which will progressively be made available to the public.

The historical team has been conducting the on-site filming, using drones for 3D mapping and recording the survey findings on the Towers as the project progresses.

Research findings on Bedrule Castle in 1858, were described as being 176 yards (8 chains) west of Bedrule village and on the east side of Rule Water. The report on the Castle description and location, states the Castle was also occupied by the family of Turnbells for about two centuries.

SCOTTISH MEDIEVAL WHISKY STILL DISCOVERED IN FIFE

Scottish entrepreneurs, geniuses and eccentric inventors with their ability to think outside the square, have helped to change our everyday lives throughout the world for the better. Continuing on from the last edition, here is yet another example of Scottish invention and imaginative foresight.

The site of Lindores Abbey, founded in 1191 in Fife, has recently released a long hidden secret. In late 2018, archaeologists discovered what is believed to be one the world's oldest Scottish whisky stills, dating back to 1494, and according to the records in the Exchequer Rolls of King James IV of Scotland.



The word 'whisky' comes from the Gaelic *uisge beatha* or *usquebaugh*, which means "water of life".

The discovered stone structure was recognised to be consistent with medieval kilns.

Moreover, residue traces of charcoal, barley, wheat and oats identified within the structure, were consistent with medieval brewing and distilling practises. Pieces of medieval pottery were also found at the construction site.



The hollow stone construction

At that time, the Abbey's monks were starting to distill their "bols of malt" (*Bol* – a straw basket for drying grain) which we now know as Scotch Whisky.

DID YOU KNOW? Whisky has been produced in Scotland for centuries and is widely celebrated as the country's national drink. It's distinct and varied flavours are heavily influenced by the regions in which it has been made; a fact that is celebrated in Scotland as part of their annual National Whisky Week. Scotch whisky is produced at more than 120 distilleries across Scotland, each producing unique and stimulating tastes.

You can be a part of the Scottish Whisky tradition by reserving your special bottle of Turnbull Scotch Whisky being aged in the barrel now for a 2033 release. (See page 1 for details) Reserve your special limited quantity bottle at www.turnbullclan.com/whisky

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