



The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C. is the Only Hotel in D.C. to Add The Macallan 72 to its Lineup of Rare Spirits at Quadrant Bar & Lounge

Luxury meets luxury is what's in store when one of the rarest spirits in the world finds a new home in the District's premier luxury hotel

Washington, D.C. – November 18, 2019 – The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C., the city's most renowned luxury hotel for nearly 20 years, announces the addition of The Macallan 72, the oldest whisky ever released by the distillery, to its curated portfolio of spirits at Quadrant Bar & Lounge. Known for its selection of rare spirits, its innovative approach to mixology and its one-of-a-kind sound-aged whiskey program, Quadrant Bar & Lounge is committed to pushing the boundaries behind the bar to provide exceptional service to its guests. The acquisition of The Macallan 72, one of only 156 bottles in the country, allows Quadrant to offer guests an unparalleled experience.

Making its DC debut at The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C., The Macallan 72 is the pinnacle of The Macallan's experience in whisky making since 1824. Distilled in the 1940's during the optimistic post Second World War period, it is aged exclusively in American Oak Sherry casks and was transferred into re-fill casks during the 1980's to preserve the character of the spirit and allow for longer aging. Unlike most expressions of The Macallan, The Macallan 72 contains a delicate peat smoke, which gradually fades to leave a ciscous mouth coating of citrus fruits and subtle green apples.

With only 156 bottles available in the United States, guests tasting The Macallan 72 will experience what few in the world may have the opportunity to relish. The liquid is presented in 'Genesis Decanter,' a crystal decanter handcrafted by Lalique.

"As the whisky market grows in the United States, Quadrant Bar & Lounge and The Macallan continue to pursue excellence in how the spirit is shared, presented, experienced and celebrated," said Chris Mendenhall, Lead Mixologist of Quadrant Bar & Lounge. "Our program is all about pushing the boundaries of mixology and ensuring we are at the forefront of what's next, and we are thrilled to grow our prestigious offerings with the addition of The Macallan 72 to our rare reserves."

The Macallan 72 will be the newest and most pristine addition to Quadrant Bar & Lounge's The Vault; a combination safe measuring six feet high and four feet wide, that holds the establishment's most magnificent and rare reserves. When ordering from the reserve list at Quadrant Bar & Lounge, guests are taken to The Vault where Mendenhall enters the code, turns the brass five-spoke handle and carefully removes the bottle for guests to view. The Macallan 72 will remain in The Vault in a concealed custom-built glass display case where guests are encouraged to appreciate the one-of-a-kind bottled spirit as one would a renowned artistic masterpiece.

For more information on The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C. or any of the information above, please email ashley@thebrandguild.com, visit RitzCarlton.com/washingtondc or call (202) 835-0500. Follow The Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C. on Instagram @ritzcarltonwashingtondc and #RCMemories.

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About The Macallan

Founded in 1824, The Macallan is one of the worlds' most admired and awarded single malt whiskies. The reputation of The Macallan is based on a product of outstanding quality and distinctive character. An obsession with excellence has been the hallmark of The Macallan since its founding, by Alexander Reid, on a plateau above the river Spey in north-east Scotland.

In May 2018, The Macallan unveiled its new £140 million distillery and visitor experience on its Speyside estate, increasing investment in whisky, warehousing and in The Macallan's signature sherry-seasoned oak casks. The striking contemporary architecture, cut into the slope of the land, takes its cues from ancient Scottish hills. It stands nearby Easter Elchies House, the Highland Manor built in 1700 which has been The Macallan's spiritual home since 1824. The new distillery marks an important milestone, recognising the significant journey of The Macallan since 1824 and marking an exciting new chapter in the evolution of the luxury single malt."

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