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## **FIRST LEGAL WHISKEY DISTILLERY ON ISLE OF RAASAY ANNOUNCES NEW NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

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Raasay to be distributed nationally by Vision Wine & Spirits, LLC.

**EDINBURGH, Scotland** -Raasay Distillery has reached an agreement with Vision Wine & Spirits, LLC to import their Single Malt Scotch Whisky into the US marketplace.

Raasay began producing whisky in September 2017. It is owned by independent Scottish whisky company R&B Distillers. Co-founder Alasdair Day embodies this coupling: his great-grandfather, Allan MacDonald, hailed from the Hebrides, while his other great grandfather, Richard Day, was a master-blender in the Scottish Borders during the early 19th Century.

Co-founder Alasdair Day describes the project: "It is the location; an island off an island with complex geology, water and island climate with probably the best views from any distillery in Scotland that makes Raasay ideal for our innovative Scotch whisky distillery."

In February 2016, the Highland Council granted permission for the construction of a distillery on Raasay. Raasay Distillery is pioneering a new provenance for Scotch Whisky and, since opening their visitors' center in January 2018, it has become a popular tourist destination for whisky pilgrims. In fact, it was recently awarded VisitScotland's highest 'Five Star Visitor Attraction' accreditation, joining the ranks of some of the most unforgettable locations in the country.

Visitors to the Raasay Distillery can now experience first-hand the exciting journey from converting a disused Victorian building to handcrafting the first Isle of Raasay single malt. This distillery build project has relied upon the island resources: the stone used to build the supporting wall at the rear of the distillery is from the site itself; wood from the site has been used for furnishings within the accommodations, and an impressive feature wall in the Gathering Room comprises stones, bottles and treasures, found washed up on the shoreline.

Following a successful barley variety trial on the island in 2017, Raasay Distillery has the ultimate long-term objective of growing enough barley on Raasay to produce at least one batch per year of single malt made with 100% Raasay barley, local water and peat from the northern part of the island.

The distillery is presently producing a sourced Highland single malt whisky called While We Wait as they wait for their own Raasay Single Malt to come of age in 2020. The Raasay Single Malt will be elegant, fruity, and will have a light touch of smoke and peat.

Vision Wine & Spirits, LLC is a division of the Martignetti Companies, the 7th largest distributor in the United States, and an independent family-owned business since 1908.

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For more information on Raasay Distillery visit <https://raasaydistillery.com/>