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The Macallan brings together chocolate and whisky in new release

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The Harmony Collection Rich Cacao. Image courtesy of The Macallan

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Scottish whisky maker The Macallan has unveiled an indulgent collaboration as it moves in a more sustainable direction.

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Polly Logan, whisky maker at [The Macallan](#), teamed with pastry chef Jordi Roca and master chocolatier Damian Allsop to create a limited-edition single malt, The Macallan Harmony Collection Rich Cacao. In a first, the whisky is packaged in a recyclable and biodegradable presentation box to minimize waste from the chocolate-making process.

Chocolate meets whisky

The Macallan Harmony Collection Rich Cacao is the first in an annual release series that is centered around sustainable packaging.

To learn more about the chocolate-making process and tasting profiles, Ms. Logan visited Mr. Roca's chocolate factory, Casa Cacao, in Girona, Spain. The result is a rich single malt, crafted in a combination of European and American oak casks, with a deep, dark chocolate profile.

"For this expression, I sought out a specific chocolate note in The Macallan's traditional sherry seasoned European oak casks and combined this with a vanilla note imparted by sherry seasoned American oak casks to sweeten the slightly bitter chocolate note I had found," Ms. Logan said in a statement.

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Natural by-products from the chocolate-making process, including discarded husks from cacao pods, were used to make the whisky's recyclable and biodegradable presentation box. The Macallan Harmony Collection Rich Cacao is now available globally for a suggested retail price of \$160.

The house also partnered with Jonathan Graham, CEO of luxury handmade gourmet chocolate brand Compart's Chocolate, to create a whisky and chocolate pairing tasting set. It includes a bottle of Rich Cacao, a 10-piece box of custom-made chocolates inspired by the whisky, a pairing guide and two glencairn glasses.

Limited to 200 tasting sets, The Macallan Harmony Collection: Rich Cacao & Compart's Chocolate Tasting Set will be available for preorder starting on Nov. 8 at high-end spirits retailer ReserveBar.

"This exquisite single malt offers a delightful whisky and chocolate pairing experience and the chance to elevate The Macallan experience to a new dimension," Ms. Logan said.

This summer, The Macallan announced a new partnership with British automaker Bentley Motors, with a focus on sustainability.

The marque and whisky maker will share expertise and insight from their respective industries while pursuing the excellence affluent consumers expect from luxury brands.

The partnership will focus on a set of core areas including the brands' shared journey to carbon neutrality, research into the sourcing of sustainable materials and working together to identify and share sustainable, local suppliers ([see story](#)).

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