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Inver House Goes For Gold With International Whisky Win

Growing Favourite Old Pulteney Achieves Best in Class

Inver House Distillers – a leading Scottish distiller – is celebrating record wins for its whisky range as results were announced for a highly competitive, internationally renowned event. As well as Inver House receiving a clutch of other awards, flagship brand **Old Pulteney** 12 year Old Single Malt was recognised with the highest accolade possible; a **Gold: Best in Class** medal.

The **2006 International Wine & Spirit Competition**, which was judged in London and attracted more than 6,000 entries from 73 countries around the world, decorated other Inver House brands with top medals, including Balblair Single Malt, anCnoc Single Malt, Speyburn Single Malt, Heather Cream Liqueur and further line extensions for Old Pulteney, bringing the total awards count for the Airdrie-based company to an impressive twelve.

“Naturally we’re thrilled with all of our awards, but are particularly pleased with the recognition that Old Pulteney has received in a competition that’s known for high quality, rigorous judging,” said Karen Walker, Marketing Manager of Inver House Distillers. *“The whole team at Inver House, from distilling to sales, have worked hard to ensure that the brand has enjoyed a growing reputation as a superb malt whisky and as a result Old Pulteney sales are thriving.”*

These latest awards build upon what has been already a hugely successful year for Inver House Distillers. Last month, Balblair 35 year old and Balblair 38 year old won Gold at the Drinks International Spirits Challenge, whilst in March top medals for Old Pulteney and Balblair were also awarded at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

The full range of **2006 International Wine & Spirit Competition** awards for Inver House is:

Old Pulteney 12 year old Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Gold, Best In Class
Old Pulteney 17 year old Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Silver
Old Pulteney 21 year old Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Silver
Old Pulteney Liqueur - Silver, Best In Class

Balblair 16 year old Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Silver
Balblair 26 year old Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Silver, Best In Class
Balblair 35 year old Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Silver
Balblair 38 year old Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Gold, Best In Class

anCnoc 12 year old Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Bronze
anCnoc 30 year old Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Silver

Speyburn 25 year old Solera Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky - Silver

Heather Cream, The Original Scottish Cream Liqueur - Silver

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Note to Editors:

Inver House Distillers Ltd is an independent Airdrie - based company that owns and operates five distilleries – Pulteney, Balblair, Speyburn, Knockdhu and Balmenach – each producing its own distinctive, individual single malt whisky. Highly active in distillation, warehousing and blending, it is one of the fastest - growing groups in the industry. Their distilleries contribute to sales of Single Malt and blended scotch whiskies to over 85 countries around the world.