

Sum-It Bespoke Software Case Study

The English Whisky Co. Ltd - Stock Control & Accounts System

The English Whisky Company, based near Thetford in Norfolk, was founded by James Nelstrop with his son Andrew, both existing Sum-It Users, diversifying away from farming into establishing the first Whisky Distillery in England for over 100 years.

Their requirement was to be able to track each batch of whisky from after its production, starting from its original storage in barrels, moving through the bottling stage and then as cases transferred from the bonded section of their storage to the un-bonded area, at which point Excise Duty is required to be paid. As the bottles are purchased a specialist pricing and invoicing system was needed to demonstrate complete clarity as required under UK Customs & Excise rules.

To avoid unnecessary duplication of data entry a single system was necessary to handle the whole process and so we developed a dedicated Sales Order Processing Module for them.

This Module ensures precise stock reports are available instantly to identify the value and quantity of the spirit at every stage of the process. Duty is automatically calculated on the relevant quantities as they become liable and purchase orders are managed with confidence from accurate stock sheets.

Finally, the orders are turned into generated invoices that are subsequently posted through to the Total Accounts software. The multi-user system has therefore streamlined the whole process, ensuring that everyone involved can see the current status of each bottle or order instantly.

“The new software developed by Geoff and his team at Sum-It has negated the use of numerous different spreadsheets and overlapping manual records, massively streamlining the record keeping requirements. The module can be operated by different staff at different locations without giving access to the main accounts systems – allowing different levels of user access has been incredibly useful. The new system also needs to evolve as the business grows and Sum-It are quick to cure new problems that we encounter – a facet of their business that has remained unchanged in the 30+ years we have been trading with them and is without doubt a true reflection of their flexibility and understanding of their clients’ needs, this combined with real people always at the end of a phone line make it a pleasure to continue working with Sum-It.” says Andrew Nelstrop, English Whisky Co. Managing Director

Since the Distillery was launched Sum-It have been able to further enhance the software as new requirements appear, so the system is forever evolving through continuous development.

Check out The English Whisky Company’s website at www.englishwhisky.co.uk for further information on their wonderful whisky.

