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Press release

St. Kilian Distillers Online Tasting: Five novelties in the spotlight

Distillery from Rüdenau introduces new series "Whisky Solera by St. Kilian" as well as Grave Digger single malt whisky matured under earth

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St. Kilian Distillers, Germany's most experimental whisky distillery, is proud to announce an extraordinary online tasting experience. On 04 November 2023 at 7:00 p.m., master distiller Mario Rudolf, whisky connoisseur Dr. Heinz Weinberger and St. Kilian brand ambassador Christoph Albietz will unveil no less than five exciting new products live from the stillhouse in Rüdenau, Lower Franconia.

The absolute highlight of the second online tasting of the year marks the launch of the "Whisky Solera by St. Kilian" series. With the transfer of the cascade-like maturation system for sherry and brandy to single malt whisky, the distillery from Rüdenau once again sets standards for quality and taste, and raises the enjoyment of whisky to a completely new level.

"The initial spark for our enthusiasm for sherry casks, Spanish bodegas and the solera system came with our first trip to Andalusia in 2019. The idea of adapting the sophisticated and complex solera system, which stands for maturity, age and constant quality in sherry and brandy, to whisky quickly matured," recalls master blender Mario Rudolf. "Now we are very proud to have installed a whisky solera here at St. Kilian that is probably unique in the world so far. We are very much looking forward to the wealth of flavours that this complex maturation system will reveal over the years."

Furthermore, St. Kilian presents a new, earth cask matured heavy metal special bottling in cooperation with the band Grave Digger, an exclusive Ambassador's Choice from two former Laphroaig casks as well as a Handfilled single malt whisky from an ex cider cask of the wine press Kelterei Kuhn. As a sweet finale, the tasting participants can also look forward to the new edition of the St. Kilian MARZIPAN CREAM - cream liqueur. Until 29 October 2023, lovers of fine spirits can conveniently order the tasting sets with the five new products and three additional samples online or purchase them directly in the shop of the visitor distillery.

The St. Kilian novelties for online whisky tasting in detail:

Whisky Solera by St. Kilian - Peated (limited to 620 bottles): The first bottling of the new "Whisky Solera by St. Kilian" series is sure to attract the attention of whisky enthusiasts. The smoky single malt whisky passed through the three stages of the St. Kilian solera system, in which the last stage of maturation consists exclusively of Pedro Ximénez sherry casks. The first series of casks is made up of a mixture of 20-year-old Amontillado and 30-year-old Fino Sherry butts, while the second series of casks consists of the finest Oloroso Sherry casks, which are topped up with smoky whisky matured in former Bourbon barrels. The perfect combination of tradition and innovation makes this limited special bottling a very special pleasure.



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<i>Colour:</i>	Dark amber
<i>Nose:</i>	Warming peat smoke interwoven with dark, sherry-infused fruits, plums and baked apples, blends harmoniously with fine herbs, a hint of walnut and dry ash tones in the complex overall picture.
<i>Palate:</i>	The intense sweetness of sherry, plums, sultanas and brown sugar harmonises perfectly with the simultaneously warming melange of oak spice, herbs, dry ash tones and green walnuts, which is surrounded by finely spicy peat smoke.
<i>Finish:</i>	The flavours of green walnuts, dry ash and warming oak spice last pleasantly long with creamy fruit notes, herbs as well as fine dark chocolate.
<i>Abv:</i>	56.8 % vol

RRP: € 99.90 (0.5 Litre)

Grave Digger - Exhumation - Earth Cask Maturation (limited to 460 bottles):

After an initial two-year maturation in fresh Palatinate oak casks in the Bunker City warehouses, the smoky whisky was allowed to mature for the second half of its time underground in the middle of the majestic Odenwald. Small, 30-litres Oloroso Sherry, Amarone red wine, Ruby Port and American white oak casks were used. The result is a mystical essence of dark smoke, incomparable depth and complex, subtly earthy-spicy taste.



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Colour: Amber

Nose: Sweet peat smoke surrounds the fruit flavours of red grapes, apples and apricots, accompanied by vanilla, ashy and subtle earthy notes and rounded off by spicy oak with fresh mint and menthol.

Palate: The sweet taste explosion of crisp apples, red grapes and vanilla cream with a simultaneously warming melange of spicy oak, fine ash, subtle earthy tones as well as malty herbal sweets is wrapped in delicate peat smoke.

Finish: The creamy sweet fruit notes are followed by dry dark chocolate, spicy herbs and subtle earthy as well as ashy tones that linger with a hint of peat smoke.

Abv: 49.4 % vol

RRP: € 99.90 (0.7 Litre)

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Ambassador's Choice with Gavin Ryan Thomson (limited to 620 bottles): This smoky bottling results from the successful cooperation with St. Kilian honorary brand ambassador Gavin Ryan Thomson. Together with master blender Mario Rudolf, he selected two former 190 litre ex-Bourbon barrels from the Islay distillery Laphroaig. Special casks, which had already been used for the bottling "Spirit of St. Kilian Batch 4". After the second filling with smoky new make, the distillate was allowed to mature for five years in the warehouses in the Odenwald.



<i>Colour:</i>	Straw
<i>Nose:</i>	Foreground peat smoke leaves plenty of space for creamy vanilla, fruity apricot and tangy citrus notes, which are rounded off with fine toffee and a hint of spicy oak.
<i>Palate:</i>	The intensely powerful melange of fruity apricots, sweet vanilla cream and fine toffee, accompanied by peat smoke and a warming, peppery spiciness, is refined with dry ash tones and a hint of allspice.
<i>Finish:</i>	Creamy vanilla and dry ash notes linger with fine spicy oak, allspice and subtle herbal tones, wrapped in delicate peat smoke.
<i>Abv:</i>	61.6 % vol
<i>RRP:</i>	€ 69.90 (0.5 Litre)

Handfilled Whisky - ex Cider Cask (limited to 310 bottles): This mild four-year-old single malt whisky matured in a former Jack Daniel's cask that had previously been seasoned with cider from the wine press Kelterei Kuhn for 462 days. Inspired by the local cider culture, the limited bottling with the beguiling aroma and intense fruit sweetness of ripe apples guarantees a refreshingly tangy enjoyment experience.



<i>Colour:</i>	Bright gold
<i>Nose:</i>	Beguiling aroma of crisp red apples and yellow ripe pears with a hint of apricots, rounded off with sweet vanilla and fine spicy oak notes.
<i>Palate:</i>	Intense fruit sweetness of ripe apples and pears, garnished with creamy vanilla and accompanied by a warming spiciness with a finely dosed pinch of pepper as well as delicately dry oak notes.
<i>Finish:</i>	The creamy and mildly warming melange of fruit, sweetness and vanilla lingers pleasantly with a subtle dry oak spiciness.
<i>Abv:</i>	57.3 % vol
<i>RRP:</i>	€ 69.90 (0.5 Litre)

Marzipan Cream - Cream Liqueur - Made with Single Malt Spirit: St. Kilian Distillers now also presents the popular premium liqueur in the new, elegant, matt black pot-still glass bottle. The sensual interplay of almond, creamy marzipan and sweet caramel provides the perfect setting for deliciously warming moments of enjoyment during the cold season.



<i>Colour:</i>	White coffee
<i>Nose:</i>	Intense aroma of delicious marzipan, accompanied by almonds, toffee and a hint of milk chocolate.
<i>Palate:</i>	Seductive sweetness of marzipan and creamy toffee, refined with almonds and delicate milk chocolate.
<i>Finish:</i>	Sweet notes of marzipan, almonds and creamy toffee linger for a long time.
<i>Abv:</i>	23 % vol
<i>RRP:</i>	€ 24.90 (0.5 Litre)

Available in limited quantities

All new bottlings presented on 04 November from 19:00 will be released for sale in the online shop during the online tasting. If there is sufficient availability, remaining bottles of these limited editions can also be purchased directly on site in the shop of the visitor distillery from Monday, 07 November 2023.



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About St. Kilian Distillers

The German whisky distillery from Rüdenau near Miltenberg am Main in Lower Franconia produces top-class whiskies and liqueurs that have been awarded more than 200 gold medals at the most prestigious competitions around the globe. In addition, awards such as "World-Class Distillery", "Distillery of the Year" and "Whisky of the Year" testify to the top international level at which the young distillery, founded in 2012 by investment banker Andreas Thümmeler and in production since 2016, operates with its whiskies. St. Kilian Distillers supports the responsible use of alcohol, about which you can find out more at <https://www.massvoll-geniessen.de/>. For more information on the company and portfolio, visit www.stkiliandistillers.com.



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