# Press release

**Rock meets whisky: Scorpions and St. Kilian Distillers launch exclusive cooperation with two new single malt whiskies**

With Rudolf Schenker as star guest, St. Kilian celebrates *60 years of Scorpions* in a unique online tasting event

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When rock history is written, a toast is in order: To celebrate the Scorpions' 60th band anniversary, St. Kilian Distillers invites you to a special online whisky tasting on Wednesday, **2 July 2025 at 7:00 pm** – live from Hanover, the home of the world-famous band. Fans of great music and first-class single malt whiskies can look forward to an unforgettable evening that offers a first taste of the future collaboration between St. Kilian and the Scorpions.

Scorpions founding member Rudolf Schenker, St. Kilian master distiller Mario Rudolf and brand ambassador Christoph Albietz will guide you through this extraordinary online event. Together, they will take whisky lovers and music fans on a journey through the band's eventful history – accompanied by eight selected samples, exciting anecdotes and pure enjoyment.

*Highlight of the evening: Two St. Kilian single malt whiskies created especially for the anniversary*

Under the names ‘SCORPIONS – ROCK BELIEVER’ and ‘SCORPIONS – 60 YEARS OF ROCK’, the internationally award-winning whisky distillers combine aromatic power with the band's unmistakable energy. The Scorpions' personal selection of fine German white wine and characterful tequila casks reflects the multi-faceted sound and flavour of the rock legends.

This exclusive collaboration was made possible in co-operation with Bravado, the world's leading provider of music merchandising and brand partnerships.

The line-up will be complemented by other new products such as this year's Kiliani Edition HEDAN, which will be officially available on 8 July on the name day of the patron saint of St. Kilian Distillers. A particularly smoky single cask bottling with an ultra heavily peated character will also be part of the entertaining online whisky tasting.

The collaboration between the distillery from Lower Franconia and Germany's most successful rock band from Hanover goes far beyond this event: ‘We are delighted to be able to celebrate our 60th band anniversary with such a special co-operation,’ says Scorpions founder Rudolf Schenker. ‘Whisky and rock – they simply go together. In St. Kilian, we have found a partner who stands for passion and character just as much as our music. The whiskies created especially for us are truly unique – just like our journey as a band.’

Philipp Trützler, Managing Director of St. Kilian Distillers, is also delighted: ‘The Scorpions are living legends – not just in Germany, but worldwide. It is a great honour for us to be able to develop two special whiskies for this anniversary and thus become a part of this unique band history. Both special bottlings reflect the powerful, unmistakable energy of the band in their own way – matured with character, just like their music.’

Whisky fans and rock enthusiasts have the opportunity to secure one of the limited tasting sets until 25 June 2025 - online in the St. Kilian shop or directly at the visitor distillery in Rüdenau.

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

**Scorpions – Rock Believer – Unpeated (limited to 7,500 bottles):** This single malt whisky combines German rock history with fine cask art from German wine-growing regions. Fully matured in different types of cask – pre-matured with sweet wine from Bacchus and Scheurebe, fine late harvest white wine and fine Chardonnay – this unpeated whisky unfolds an expressive world of flavours. Fine notes of sun-ripened grapes, melting toffee and fine oak spice create a harmonious interplay that is reminiscent of a powerful guitar solo: intense, authentic, with real stage charisma. A whisky that, like the Scorpions themselves, stands for passion, identity and character – pure rock energy in liquid form.



*Colour:*  Glowing amber

*Nose:* An elegant interplay of aromas of sun-ripened grapes, velvety apricots and juicy pears is refined by delicate vanilla, fine oak spice and a hint of melting toffee.

*Palate:*  Silky and balanced, a fruity sweetness of light grapes, juicy apricots and ripe pears unfolds, carried by gentle oak warmth, fine toffee and the subtle dryness of light grape skins.

Finish: The creamy fruit notes reverberate with gentle wine flavours, spicy dry oak, fine tannins and a hint of light grape skins in a warming and long finish.

*Abv:* 47.0 % vol

*RRP:* € 49.90 (0.7 Litre)

**Scorpions – 60 Years of Rock – Smoky (limited to 760 bottles):** An anniversary whisky with bite – made from German smoked beech malt and matured in expressive ex tequila casks. A bold combination: Franconian craftsmanship meets the fiery soul of Mexico – home of the ‘escorpión’, the scorpion. Spicy fruit, fine smoke, herbal freshness and a hint of agave give this whisky an unmistakable flavour. Powerful and multi-layered like a striking riff – a dramatic appearance in the glass.



*Colour:*  Shining gold

*Nose:* Bright fruit notes of overripe pears and juicy apricots combine with creamy vanilla and fine wood smoke to create a complex bouquet that harmoniously combines subtle earthy tones, vegetal agave notes, fine toffee and elegant oak spice.

*Palate:*  The creamy fruit sweetness of yellow pears and ripe peaches is perfectly accompanied by a warming blend of fine spicy oak, creamy vanilla and dark toffee, while fine wood smoke gently caresses the palate.

Finish: The light-coloured fruit jam leaves a warming impression that is lingered on for a long time by vegetal nuances, a hint of dark chocolate and increasingly dry oak spice.

*Abv:* 57.8 % vol

*RRP:* € 69.90 (0.7 Litre)

**Kiliani Edition 2025 – HEDAN – Unpeated (limited to 900 bottles):** This year's Kiliani bottling in honour of the Apostle of Franconia combines Franconian identity with vinophile depth. The mild single malt made from regional organic barley (‘Heimatmalt’) matured for four years in Dunkelfelder red wine barriques from the Palatinate. A multi-layered whisky with ripe fruit, creamy vanilla, fine spice and a hint of dark chocolate.



*Colour:*  Amber with reddish reflections

*Nose:* A lush fruit potpourri of ripe peaches, juicy pears, red grapes and cherries is elegantly framed by a hint of strawberry sorbet, creamy vanilla, malty depth and gentle oak spice.

*Palate:*  Juicy notes of peaches, pears, cherries and red grapes merge into a velvety pleasure experience of creamy sweetness, fine oak spice and a hint of pepper, rounded off by delicately dry tannins, malty accents and dark chocolate.

Finish: Fruity creaminess slowly turns into an elegant dryness, carried by fine grape skin notes, gentle wood tones and warming oak spice, which lingers for a long time with a hint of cocoa.

*Abv:* 46.0 % vol

*RRP:* € 59.90 (0.5 Litre)

**Ex Sherry Oloroso Single Cask – Ultra Heavily Peated (limited to 790 bottles):** A statement for lovers of peaty whiskies: This single cask bottling was distilled from ultra-heavily peated barley malt with a phenol content of 135 ppm (HPLC analysis) and was allowed to mature for five years in a single, large-volume sherry oloroso butt made from American oak. A complex, powerful whisky that combines intense peat smoke with the creamy sweetness of light dried fruit, dark chocolate, fine nutty notes and spicy sherry in a fascinating way.



*Colour:*  Glowing amber

*Nose:* Intense peat smoke penetrates the nose, with fruity notes of sultanas, dried apricots and dates flashing in the background, accompanied by ripe sherry flavours, a hint of dark chocolate and subtle nutty tones.

*Palate:*  A powerful interplay of peat fire and spicy oak notes is accompanied by the creamy sweetness of light dried fruits, marinated in Oloroso sherry, and rounded off by delicate toffee, dark chocolate and ashy smoke in fascinating depth.

Finish: The multi-layered combination of creamy dried fruit and ashy smoke lingers impressively long with dry oak spice and fine pieces of chocolate.

*Abv:* 59.7 % vol

*RRP:* € 99.90 (0.5 Litre)

*Available in limited numbers*

All special bottlings from the Scorpions tasting can be ordered directly after the online event on 2 July in the St. Kilian online shop. From 4 July 2025, the limited editions will also be available in the distillery shop in Rüdenau, subject to sufficient availability.

*About the Scorpions*

The Scorpions are one of the most successful rock bands in music history. Founded in Hanover in 1965 by guitarist Rudolf Schenker, the band made their mark on generations of music fans worldwide with classics such as ‘Wind of Change’, ‘Still Loving You’ and ‘Rock You Like a Hurricane’. With over 100 million records sold, countless sold-out world tours and numerous international awards, the Scorpions have written rock history. Even after six decades, they still stand for energetic live performances, musical innovation and an unbroken passion for handmade rock. Further information about the band, current projects and tour dates can be found at www.the-scorpions.com.

*About Bravado*

Bravado combines music and fashion in a unique symbiosis. We create high-quality, licensed merchandise products that enable an organic, emotional connection between fans and artists. This expertise has made us the leading provider in this field.

With teams in 40 countries, Bravado develops individual strategies for each licensing partner - from opening up new market segments to realising an artist's creative vision. Our goal: to create brands and memories that last far beyond music.

Bravado works closely with up-and-coming and established artists and influencers to develop innovative, customised products. These are offered on live tours, in selected retail shops and via online shops. In addition, Bravado licences rights to a global network of third-party licensees.

As part of the Universal Music Group, we benefit from a world-leading distribution network and the exceptional marketing power of the world's largest record company.

*About St. Kilian Distillers GmbH*

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 250 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 Thümmler 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 www.massvoll-geniessen.de. For more information on the company and portfolio, visit www.stkiliandistillers.com.

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