

ROSEBANK LAUNCHES 31 YEAR OLD WHISKY AS 'GHOST DISTILLERY' NEARS REVIVAL

- *It's the second global release since the distillery was mothballed in 1993*
- *Three decades on, the Rosebank distillery 'revival' will be complete in early 2023*
- *Film: At the heart of Falkirk's iconic Kelpies, four of the whisky industry's leading commentators were the first to sample the 31 Year Old dram.*

Rosebank Lowland Single Malt Scotch Whisky has launched a rare bottling drawn from casks that were salvaged before the distillery's untimely closure in the early 1990s.

The 31 Year Old is comprised of scarce stocks from just before Falkirk site was mothballed in '93. Despite spending over three decades in casks, the Lowland single malt retains a bright and zesty nose, with hints of lime and lemongrass.

This light, vibrant profile continues onto the palate, where mint and chamomile are met with more robust notes of leather and banana bread. The dram finishes with long herbal notes, sweet peaches, and a hint of oak.

Malcolm Rennie, Rosebank Distillery Manager, said: *"This is the first Rosebank release during my tenure as Distillery Manager and I'm under no illusions as to the importance of this launch. The spirit was distilled before the distillery closed its doors and has matured in casks ever since, waiting to be awoken."*

"It fills me with great pride to know that the 31 Year Old will be the last 'old Rosebank' release before the distillery is reopened to the public. The revival of this sleeping giant is a huge moment for the whisky community, but most importantly for the people of Falkirk who have patiently awaited its return for three decades."

It's Rosebank's second global launch since being purchased by Ian Macleod Distillers and bottles of this rare whisky are priced at £1,800 (70cl). Purchases can be made directly from [Rosebank's website](#) and through leading specialist retailers.

To celebrate the brand's transition from a distant memory back to a tangible reality, and ahead of its official release, Rosebank hosted a first sip tasting of the coveted dram, at the heart of a legend local to the distillery.

Located less than ten minutes away, Falkirk's incredible 'Kelpie' structures represent the mythical creature of Scottish Folklore. Akin to these shapeshifting creatures,

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Rosebank's own reincarnation is underway as the new distillery approaches completion.

Invited to the tasting in this magical setting were four leading whisky commentators: Becky Paskin, Brad Japhe, Moa Nilsson, and Thijs Klaverstijn.

Upon sampling the 31 Year Old, **Paskin** said: *"The first taste was mind blowing. It was a rush of exotic fruits, with a subtle hint of cask wood and spice. A juxtaposition of styles that makes Rosebank truly unique."*

Brad Japhe added: *"There's an evolution that happens as it sits in front of you – toasted biscuits, brioche, cotton candy, and grapefruit zest all developed while the dram was in the glass."*

And **Klaverstijn** noted: *"You get depth, richness and lingering spice from the cask, then there's a tropical grilled pineapple influence – it's just perfect."*

Speaking of the dram's eye-catching colour, **Moa Nilsson** said: *"Golden amber mixing with a light straw – the whisky looks so vibrant, alive and inviting."*

The full film and reactions to the new Rosebank dram can be viewed [here](#).

The Rosebank distillery is due for completion by the end of 2022, and its official opening will take place in early 2023.

Distillery Manager Malcolm Rennie has overseen the install of three stills made to the blueprints of the originals from pre-1993. Worm tub condensers have also been installed, each with a hand-made copper coil stretching up to seventy metres in length.

Externally, the distillery retains its distinctive 108ft chimney which is complemented by a contemporary sloping, stepped roof. This mix of original and contemporary design is reflective of how the distillery is being brought back to life while still respecting its distillation style and local legacy.

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ABOUT ROSEBANK 31-YEAR-OLD

Nose: Citrus burst, lime, lemongrass and coriander seed, clove with soft vanilla and sugar-coated almonds

Palate: Fantastic age while still light and vibrant, mint, camomile with leather, berry and banana bread

Finish: Sweetens with hints of peach, oak and long herbal notes

ABV: 48.1% ABV

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Extended quote (Malcolm Rennie)

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"It fills me with great pride to know that the 31 Year Old will be the last 'old Rosebank' release before the distillery is reopened to the public. There is a real sense of anticipation in the air with the new distillery nearing completion and most of the equipment in place.

"The Douglas Fir washbacks were built on-site in the last few weeks and three stills have been designed and installed based on blueprints from the originals from 1993.

"Each of our worm tub condensers house a hand-made copper coil up to seventy metres long, which will give the new make spirit an extra dimension of body and depth. Put simply, the ambition is to make the new whisky in the old style.

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"The project is due for completion in mid-December and I have an experienced distillery team of five who are all raring to go ahead of our official opening in early 2023.

"The revival of this sleeping giant is a huge moment for the whisky community, but most importantly for the people of Falkirk who have patiently awaited its return for three decades. It's safe to say that it will be an immensely emotional moment to see the spirit flowing through the Rosebank spirit safe once again."