35TH ANNIVERSARY SINGLE MALT WHISKEY

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE

In celebration of 35 years at the vanguard of the American artisan distillation movement, we are honored to share St. George 35th Anniversary Single Malt Whiskey. This whiskey is the result of decades of craftsmanship, diligent treasure hunting among our own barrel reserves, and painstaking blending.

This special anniversary release is limited to only 771 hand-numbered and signed bottles—making it a collector’s item for true connoisseurs of American single malt whiskey.

HONORING A LEGACY

St. George 35th Anniversary Single Malt Whiskey bears the mark of three generations of St. George distillers: Jörg Rupf, a living legend and true master of artisan distillation, who founded St. George Spirits in 1982; master distiller Lance Winters, who established St. George’s whiskey program in 1998, authored our mash bill, and developed our single malt’s signature style; and head distiller and blender Dave Smith, the guiding hand behind our whiskey program.

“Every release of our single malt needs to be iconic,” says Dave, “and we endeavour to exceed expectations with each expression. It was a genuine joy and honor to build upon the legacy of our whiskey program by blending this 35th Anniversary release.”

TASTING NOTES

Aroma: Opens with notes of cherry cola and a touch of coffee. Over time, these aromatics give way to buttery pastry/walnut baklava, with a dose of mandarin orange. Stone fruit and rose geranium dance through as well.

Palate: Dried fruit and more cola, with grain, cocoa, and a hint of black pepper. The finish is rich and creamy, with warm baking spices and the lingering sensation of Sauternes.

ABOUT ST. GEORGE SPIRITS

California’s St. George Spirits was founded in 1982 by master distiller Jörg Rupf. Over 35 years at the vanguard of the American craft spirits movement, the distillery has earned a reputation as one of the most prolific and innovative distilleries in the nation. Now owned and operated by master distiller Lance Winters and head distiller Dave Smith, St. George has been inducted into the Spirit Journal Hall of Fame and named “best craft distiller in America” by Thrillist.

We don’t distill to meet your expectations, we distill to exceed your imagination.
GRAIN
100% two-row barley

ROAST LEVELS
Classic St. George Single Malt Whiskey profile: pale malt, crystal malt, chocolate malt, black patent malt, and alder- and beechwood-smoked malt from Bamburg, Germany.

COOPERAGE
St. George 35th Anniversary Single Malt Whiskey is comprised of eight of the most venerable barrels in the St. George single malt library. Each individually was a treasure; together they are a masterpiece.

Of particular note is our use of six French oak finishing barrels that came from one of our favorite California dessert wine producers. The producer shall remain nameless, but they make a remarkable Sauternes-style wine. Botrytis—also known as noble rot—is a hallmark of genuine dessert wine and an important contribution from these California dessert wine casks.

"Using their barrels to finish our single malt has been a dream of mine for almost 19 years," says Lance. “I hope that after tasting our 35th Anniversary Single Malt, you’ll understand why.”

SM-FO15-05
Our Lot 15 bottling of St. George Single Malt Whiskey ranged 4–16 years; we finished a portion of this release in California dessert wine cask for two years, which imparted lively apricot notes and a defined minerality and brought total time in cask to 6–18 years.

SM-FO14-33
Our Lot 14 bottling was named Craft Whiskey of the Year by Whisky Advocate and earned St. George the title of Craft Whiskey Producer of the Year from Whisky Magazine.

Resting a portion in California dessert wine cask for another three years further mellowed this whiskey and brought in notes of fruit pastry and rich salted butter.

SM-FO12-05
When it was originally put together for our Lot 12 bottling, this whiskey was a blend of 15 barrels ranging 5–12 years in age. After five additional years in California dessert wine cask, this whiskey ranged 10–17 years. It contributes a densely rich, dried fruit quality to the final blend.

SM-RB-06
The wildcard. Barreled in a Tennessee whiskey barrel for seven years, this whiskey then spent another five years in a Bourbon barrel that had previously held St. George California Agricole Rum (elephant cane fermented with a Sauvignon Blanc strain of yeast). This cask contributes esters of barrel-aged rum, tropical fruit, and the long finish of jasmine tea.

Dave included this barrel in the blend precisely because it was an outlier, saying “As with jazz, sometimes it’s the unexpected notes that are most memorable and engaging.”

SM-FO14-30
Originally distilled and barreled in 2009, this whiskey spent five years in American oak before being transferred to a California dessert wine cask for another three years. It imparts sandalwood, heather, and green apple.

LOT 17
In order to honor our present as well as our past, we included a portion of our Lot 17 blend in our 35th Anniversary bottling. Lot 17 is comprised of 19 barrels aged 6–8 years consisting of once-used Breaking & Entering Bourbon barrels, port casks, and California dessert wine casks.

SM-FO14-31
This whiskey went into American oak in 2010, then into California dessert wine cask in 2014 for another three years (totaling seven years in barrel). The honeyed aspect of botrytis marries here with candied mandarin peel before finishing with baked pecan.

SM-04
This barrel was especially hard to part with. This is whiskey that Lance and Jörg distilled in 1997, the fourth barrel of St. George Single Malt Whiskey ever laid down. It spent 13 years in American oak before we transferred it to stainless steel to allow the whiskey further time to mature without additional oak influence. There are some things that are so beautiful that you want to share them, yet so finite that you want to hold onto them. This is it.

SPECS
Batch size: Limited edition of 771 bottles
Age range: 6–18 years
ABV: 41% ABV / 82 proof
Filtration: Light, non-chill filtration. Some sediment may occur.
Label: Hand-numbered and signed by all three generations of St. George distillers
Bottle: 750ml Apotheker bottle (4.5” W × 5” D × 10.5” H)
Box: Oak, branded like a St. George barrel head
Cases: Packed three to a master case