

Douglas Laing unveils duo of aged vatted malts

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Leading Scotch whisky company Douglas Laing & Co has today announced the launch of a duo of limited-edition releases – Timorous Beastie 18yo and Rock Oyster 18yo.

Part of its Remarkable Regional Malts series, the first addition, Timorous Beastie 18yo, is a Highland ‘Vatted’ Malt, offered without colouring or chill-filtration, and comes in at 46.8% abv. Tasting notes include gentle spices, complemented by honey, vanilla and juicy barley. This is the third release under the brand to carry an age statement, following 2016’s 40yo and 21yo bottlings.



Next up, Rock Oyster 18yo is distilled on Arran, Islay, Jura and Orkney, with tasting notes described as ‘a blast of sea air, tobacco and sweet peat’. Sound interesting? So is the packaging, with a detailed illustration of a sailboat battling stormy seas off Scotland’s West Coast. It too is offered without colouring or chill-filtration, and comes in at 46.8% abv.

‘The launch of this pair of feisty yet mature teenagers is an exciting development for Douglas Laing,’ said Fred Laing, Douglas Laing & Co.’s managing director on the release. ‘Joining our recently-launched Scallywag 13yo, our Remarkable Regional Malts range is expanding and growing up, delivering a comprehensive and dynamic range of credible yet fun Scotch whiskies for the specialist retail channel.’

‘Our new limited releases represent a substantial opportunity for us to generate awareness and demand for the core Timorous Beastie and Rock Oyster brands,’ added marketing manager, Jenny Rogerson. ‘We intend to maximise their potential via a suite of point of sale materials, a global sampling programme and events such as Whisky Live Paris, ensuring this exceptional liquid reaches the lips of whisky consumers and influencers all over the world.’

Right up your street? Timorous Beastie 18yo and Rock Oyster 18yo is available to buy from specialist spirits retailers now.