

## The Dalmore celebrates Master Distiller's illustrious career with 50yo limited edition

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The Dalmore is set to release a rare Domaine Henri Giraud Champagne-finished 50yo single malt to mark its Master Distiller Richard Paterson's 50th year in the whisky industry.

"As the creative force behind some of the most iconic and innovative releases in the world, Paterson's passion, expertise and artistry has seen him pioneer the art of maturation and cask finishing which has been instrumental to the success of The Dalmore," the company said.

Building on the celebrations surrounding Paterson's 50th anniversary, The Dalmore 50yo limited edition has been crafted in partnership with four other luxury houses, as a tribute to each year of his career.

With up to 50 decanters released, which will be hand-filled on order, The Dalmore 50 has been matured in American white oak, Matusalem oloroso sherry casks from the Gonzalez Byass Bodega and port Colheita pipes from the Douro region of Portugal, before spending 50 days in rare Champagne casks from Domaine Henri Giraud.

Domaine Henri Giraud is one of the only Champagne houses to still mature its wines in casks. The casks selected have a unique intensity and aromatic complexity, giving Paterson the wood needed to

create the whisky.



French crystal house Baccarat has created the crystal decanters, each of which will be held within a presentation case designed and crafted by furniture makers at Linley.

Each decanter will be adorned with a solid silver stag, created by silversmiths Hamilton & Inches, holder of The Royal Warrant.

Paterson said: "This is a special year for me so I chose to finesse this whisky in a Champagne cask, as this magnificent drink is synonymous with celebratory occasions.

"Bringing the Champagne together with Matusalem oloroso sherry and port is perhaps the greatest example to date of our ability to innovate in both maturation and cask finishing while preserving the signature flavors of The Dalmore.

"This whisky is exceptional, as are the luxurious and sophisticated finishes applied by the craftsmen at Domaine Henri Giraud, Baccarat, Linley and Hamilton & Inches. They are true masters of their art and it is a pleasure to have worked with them to bring the 50yo to life in such a magnificent way."