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Suntory Rolling Stones Whisky: Bottled satisfaction

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Japanese distillery Suntory will release a special-edition blended whisky to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the legendary Rolling Stones. But with only 150 bottles produced, it might be difficult for the fans to get their sticky fingers on the good stuff.

It's hard to believe, but 50 years have passed since the Rolling Stones threw their very first gig at London's Marquee Club on 12th July, 1962. Persistent rumours suggest that the legendary group is gearing up for a world tour to celebrate, and it seems that everyone is getting in on the act – including Japanese distillery Suntory.

Suntory is launching a blended whisky inspired by the rock band, contained in a bottle shaped in the band's signature tongue and lips logo. The musical blend is a mix of six different whiskies, each carefully chosen from significant years in the band's history. The whisky will be available in two single malts, from 1962 – the year the band was formed, along with a 1971 variant – from when the famous tongue and lips logo was first introduced. In turn, the blended versions will feature a Yamazaki malt from 1972 to commemorate the release of the ground-breaking album 'Exile on Main St', while a Hakushu malt and a Chita grain from 1990 are also included to mark the Stones' first ever visit to Japan.

But as you might have guessed, drinking like a Rolling Stone does not come cheap. Reportedly, the special-edition liquor will retail at a wallet-emptying £4000 per 700ml bottle – reflecting the sort of privileged, rock 'n' roll lifestyle that's only open to a select few. But never mind that; let's raise our glasses to arguably the greatest rock band of all time. Here's to the hope that the Rolling Stones will continue to roll in the years to come. Cheers!



The release date for the Stone's themed whisky is set for 30th October.

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