



**PRESS RELEASE
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**"FROM DREAM TO DRAM"
NEW FIFE DISTILLERY AT KINGSBARNS IS "TOPPING OUT"**

The new single malt distillery under construction at Kingsbarns in Fife has passed another milestone in its development with the completion of the roof of the re-furbished listed building.

Director William Wemyss visited the site last week to put one of the last of the roof tiles into place. Joining him were the Distillery Founder and newly appointed Visitor Centre Manager, Douglas Clement; new Distillery Manager, Peter Holroyd; and Director of the site contractor Colorado, Ian Bownes. "Topping out" is a tradition in the building industry when a building is being completed with its roof or top. In this instance, the Wemyss party also marked the occasion with a dram from the Wemyss Malts whisky range.

The Wemyss family bought the Kingsbarns Distillery project in January 2013 and construction at the site began at Easter that year. Approximately 6 miles from St. Andrews, the distillery and its visitor centre are being built close to the world famous Kingsbarns championship golf course on the Cambo Estate. The site of the actual distillery is the historic and charming East Newhall Farm steading.

The new Kingsbarns Single Malt Scotch whisky will be classified in the Lowlands region and available after a minimum of three years maturation in oak casks. Fife grown malted barley has been secured to make the spirit and it will be matured predominantly in ex-Bourbon casks.

William Wemyss, commented on behalf of the family: "It's been a very exciting year watching the site re-development progress. We've still got a lot to do to fulfil our dream of distilling at Fife's newest single malt distillery, however we expect to be underway in November and are planning that the visitor centre and cafe will be open to the public from December this year. Key members of our new team are now in place and we welcome Peter Holroyd as Distillery Manager and the Distillery Founder Douglas Clement as Visitor Centre Manager. "

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Notes to the Editor:

- The Wemyss family is from Scotland and their historic family seat is Wemyss Castle in Fife where they've lived since the 1300s.
- The family already own Wemyss Malts which is an independent bottler with a whisky range including the blended malt whisky range comprising: The Spice King, The Peat Chimney and The Hive; single malt single cask bottlings and the blended Scotch named Lord Elcho after one of the Wemyss family's ancestors.
- The Wemyss family premium wines and spirits brands also include boutique gin Darnley's View together with the premium wine estate of Rimauresq Cru Classé in Cotes de Provence.
- The Wemyss family has a historical link with the site of the new Kingsbarns Distillery as the 7th Earl of Wemyss actually owned part of the Cambo Estate between 1759 and 1783.
- The Wemyss family is being supported in this exciting new development with a European Food Processing and Marketing grant via the Scottish Government for £670K.
- Newly appointed members of the Kingsbarns Distillery team are: Distillery Manager Peter Holroyd who joins from craft brewer Strathaven Ales; and Distillery Visitor Centre Manager and Founding Director Douglas Clement.
- Photography by Douglas Robertson.

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