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Angove Winemakers has drawn on more than a century of history to produce its first single malt

Angove Family Winemakers has taken the plunge into single malt whisky, after more than a century producing its St Agnes Brandy

Angove Family Winemakers has combined its more than century-old St Agnes Distillery stills with an oak reserve “close to unrivalled across Australia”, to produce its first ever single malt whisky range.



The new Camborne range from Angove/St Agnes, pictured at Hains & Co.
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The fifth-generation wine and spirits company is one of the oldest family-owned wine companies in Australia, and has long been at the forefront of

innovation, from Tom Angove's invention of the wine cask in 1965 to its more recent embrace of organic methods in its vineyards.

The company has long been known for the production of St Agnes Brandy at its Renmark distillery, and released a high-end range in 2015, with its St Agnes XO Grand Reserve 40 Year Old now selling for \$790 per bottle.

The four new whiskies will sell for \$275 per 700ml bottle, with the name - Camborne Single Malt Whisky - harking back to the birthplace of the business's founder, Dr William Thomas Angove, who emigrated from Camborne, Cornwall, in 1886.

Angove said the production of the new whisky was also steeped in history.

"Camborne Single Malt is distilled through the original copper pot stills installed at the St Agnes Distillery in 1911," the company said.

"Made by HJ Jennings of Adelaide, these copper pot stills are a true piece of South Australian distilling heritage and history.

"Their structure, shape and history help define a complex and pure whisky spirit."

The release includes a Tawny Cask expression, along with Sherry Cask, XO Brandy Cask and a Red Wine Cask expression.

"Oak maturation is the most important piece of the whisky-making puzzle, contributing colour, flavour, texture and complexity," the company said.

"Since 1886, the Angove wine and distillation businesses have been built on making brandy, sherry, grand and rare fortified and premium wines, ensuring the family has access to an amazing range of super premium second fill casks.

"This heritage has resulted in an oak reserve being close to unrivalled across Australia."

The Angove family said in a statement the new range made been made "with extreme care and craft in minuscule quantities".

"With over 100 years of distillation experience we have a clear purpose, to create Australian spirits of exceptional world standard with a unique Australian expression."