



From left: Raphaël Grisoni, Managing Director at Mount Gay Distilleries Ltd.; the Hon. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados; Reynold 'Blues' Hinds; Valérie Chapoulaud-Floquet, CEO of the Rémy Cointreau Group; and Marc Hériard Dubreuil, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Rémy Cointreau.



The Hon. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, cuts the ribbon with Marie-Amélie Jacquet, Chair of Mount Gay Distilleries Ltd.

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“There is no doubt in my mind that the story when told increases the potential for the value-added that can be commanded by the product called rum from Barbados. And that story can’t just simply be an afterthought, but has, with sincerity and accuracy, to be told,” she stressed.

“That it is also intertwined with the history of Barbadian families and workers is self-evident. And in the 21st century today as we seek to find a new way to set our financial and economic well-being on a stable path, that we can come today to repurpose how we do what we do, is absolutely critical.”

Prime Minister Mottley therefore suggested the repurpose of plantations “to tell a story; to help us secure greater stability in our financial and economic well-being is absolutely critical”, rather than becoming derelict.

“So plantation houses in our country need to be the subject of a deliberate plan, whether for international business, as living museums or heritage aspects for tourism.”

The Prime Minister also congratulated Hinds who joined the St. Lucy distillery in 1965, pointing out, “It is a signal honour not just to you, Blues, but to all Barbadian workers

that you have dedicated your life in this way and that it is now being recognised forever with your name being immortalised with this Still.

“But, perhaps more than that, it is signal honour in recognition of that which you have done over the years, has not been the subject of a computer, but the absolute refinement of an art to know when, how, what and where to produce the finest.”



Sampling the finest: (from left) Marie-Amélie Jacquet, Chair of Mount Gay Distilleries Ltd.; the Hon. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados; Valérie Chapoulaud-Floquet, CEO of the Rémy Cointreau Group; and Marc Hériard Dubreuil, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Rémy Cointreau.



Specially invited guests to the recommissioning of the Coffey Still.