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Best Drinking Friends Release No. 3 (2018/2024)

The Best Drinking Friends Release No. 3 dates back to 2018 and was bottled in 2024 - a fine period that has given the whisky enough time to develop. As an independent bottling, it has the typical character of an Irish whisky without being boring or predictable. The Great Northern distillery may not be the best-known address in the whisky world, but that is precisely what makes such discoveries so exciting.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	BOTTLER
Single Pot Still Whiskey	Ireland	Great Northern	Irish Whiskeys
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
8 Years	55.2% Vol.	107.00 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

After a little air contact, the flavour profile develops. Vanilla and honey emerge, followed by a lovely cereal sweetness that is typical of Irish whiskies. Pear and almond join in, creating an almost dessert-like composition. The freshness remains, but it is no longer distracting, but invigorating.

PALATE

What was still a little hesitant on the nose unfolds into a true feast of sweetness on the palate. The whisky is almost sticky sweet - but in a very pleasant way. The vanilla dominates at first, accompanied by fresh apple and a creamy texture that really fills the mouth. The marzipan note that develops is particularly impressive. It's like biting into a fresh marzipan roll - sweet, nutty and incredibly delicious. The blossom honey is omnipresent and gives the whisky an almost meditative quality. There is also a slight maltiness that gives the whole thing structure and prevents it from becoming too monotonous.

FINISH

The finish is medium-long and warming. The oak spice now comes into its own without becoming too dominant. There is a lovely balance of vanilla and light spice that stays with you long after the last sip

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

A whisky that instantly wins you over with its sweet, almost sticky charm - it feels like a cozy chat with old friends. The marzipan and honey notes bring a smile to your face, even if the balance wobbles a bit at times. For anyone looking for an uncomplicated Irish whiskey, this is a genuine pleasure to drink with plenty of character.

SASCHA

The Best Drinking Friends Release No. 3 impresses with its clear structure and the balanced interplay between sweet vanilla and nutty marzipan aromas, complemented by subtle oak spice in the finish. Despite its intensity, the whisky remains well controlled, though it shows minor imbalances here and there that keep it from being entirely flawless. A solid example of Irish distilling craftsmanship, particularly notable for its texture and depth.

RATINGS

MARCEL
77/100
Very good

SASCHA
80/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

