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Big Peat Small Batch Release - Douglas Laing

You might think the glass is empty - that's how transparent the Big Peat Small Batch Release from Douglas Laing's is. But don't be fooled! But waiting in this glass is an exciting Islay experience.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	BOTTLER
Blended Malt Whisky	Scotland	Isle of Islay	Douglas Laing
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	46% Vol.	48.65 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The first impression? Smoke. And then more smoke. It's as if a strong sea breeze is blowing directly from a smoking fisherman's hut. But beneath this intense blanket of smoke lurk subtle notes of iodine and lemon, which give the Big Peat an exciting depth. A hint of vanilla and salt mingles underneath, followed by an unusual note reminiscent of parsnip puree - unusual, but fascinating.

PALATE

This whisky is like a sip of pure Islay. Oily and full-bodied, it lies on the tongue and unfolds a phenolic note that is strongly reminiscent of plasters and an idea of a rubber band. This may sound off-putting at first glance, but don't worry - it harmonises perfectly. Buttery flavours, combined with a hint of grass and vanilla ice cream, give the Big Peat a pleasant sweetness. This is joined by an unexpectedly gentle note of sweet leather, which adds an extra dimension to the whisky.

FINISH

The finish is long, lingering and as smoky as you would expect from a real Islay whisky. Sea salt and a fresh breeze, as it blows on a rocky cliff, make the farewell to this whisky an intense experience. A hint of burnt toast remains as a final memory.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Big Peat Small Batch is like a smoky adventure by the sea - wild, powerful, yet surprisingly approachable. This whisky delivers genuine Islay character in the glass without any rough edges to get in the way. A clear recommendation for fans of maritime dram moments!

SASCHA

This Big Peat impresses with its balanced interplay between intense phenolic notes and a subtle sweetness that elegantly complements the maritime profile. Its clear structure and long-lasting finish make it a solid representative of typical Islay whisky blends, even if its complexity has its limits.

RATINGS

MARCEL
72/100
Very good

SASCHA
78/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

