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Blair Athol 9 Years (2014/2023) - Signatory Vintage

The 9-years Blair Athol - number 3 in Signatory Vintage's 100 proof series - was distilled in 2014 and bottled in winter 2023 and sold out within a few hours, just like the other two bottlings in the series. And rightly so? At 57.1% ABV, the alcohol content of the bottlings corresponds exactly to the minimum level at which gunpowder soaked in alcohol ignites - or 100 British proof.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Blair Athol
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Signatory Vintage	9 Years	57.1% Vol.	64.28 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Wow. That's exciting. Cough syrup, eucalyptus and Ricola Swiss herbal sweets are the dominant aromas on the nose, followed by coffee, leather and blackcurrant. If that wasn't enough, we also smell a good portion of liquorice. All extremely intense.

PALATE

Clearly 99.9% dark chocolate paired with freshly ground coffee, tobacco (almost ashy) and rubber. The herbal and cough syrupy notes are also present in the flavour. On the fruity side, we taste a few plums. The whole flavour is overwhelming (both positively and negatively), intense, dry and extremely full-bodied.

FINISH

The long, smooth finish is characterised by tobacco, pepper, leather and burnt oak.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Blair Athol is a wild ride through dark flavor realms – intense, almost overloaded, but precisely because of that, exciting. Ideal for enthusiasts willing to embrace a powerful character with notes of chocolate, leather, and robust herbs, but definitely not an easy-going whisky for casual social evenings.

SASCHA

The cask strength of 57.1% delivers an overwhelming presence that structurally dominates the Blair Athol and shifts the balance in favor of intense, bitter notes. A demanding malt with complex aromatics, distinguished less by harmony and more by power and depth – not necessarily accessible, but technically fascinating.

RATINGS

MARCEL
79/100
Very good

SASCHA
79/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
5/5
Excellent

