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Braeval (1994/2019) - Sansibar

Braeval - a distillery that is often overshadowed by its more famous Speyside neighbours, even among whisky connoisseurs. This is mainly due to the fact that official bottlings are virtually non-existent. Instead, most of the production ends up in blends. Fortunately, there are independent bottlers such as Sansibar that make it possible to enjoy such hidden treasures as single malts.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Braeval
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Sansibar	NAS	44.5% Vol.	405.70 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

A gentle, inviting sweetness from the glass. Honey and vanilla dominate the first impression, accompanied by creamy caramel that suggests an almost buttery creaminess. But this whisky has more than just sweetness: a malty depth provides structure, while oak notes are subtle. After a few minutes in the glass, the flavour opens up further - and suddenly a light coconut note is added. Very exciting! An underlying floral freshness gives the whisky a fine elegance. No alcoholic burn, no intrusive notes - simply a wonderfully balanced nose.

PALATE

The first impression on the palate confirms what the nose promised: creamy, round, sweet and at the same time full of character. The vanilla and honey are immediately present and envelop the palate with a silky texture. The malt then becomes more prominent, and with it a pleasant spiciness that testifies to the long maturation in oak barrels. However, the highlight is the subtle coconut note that slowly blends into the flavour - almost as if the whisky has been given a hint of tropical exoticism. The oak remains present, but never dominant. There is no excessive bitterness or dryness, but a perfect balance between sweetness, spice and wood.

FINISH

The finish is exactly what you would expect from a 25-years Speyside malt: pleasantly long, warm and deep. A slight peppery note provides a spicy kick without being overpowering. The oak notes come to the fore, but they are mild and pleasant. At the very end, a fine blend of sweet and spicy flavours lingers on the tongue.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Braeval 1994/2019 is a true charmer from Speyside, delighting with its creamy texture and sweet coconut notes. It's not about an exaggerated cask influence, but pure drinking pleasure that even brings a smile - perfect for connoisseurs seeking a classic malt with character.

SASCHA

The Braeval 1994/2019 impresses with its balanced interplay of sweet vanilla and malty wood tones, subtly accented by a fine hint of coconut. Its complex structure and long, spicy finish make it a solid example of elegant Speyside whiskies without overwhelming cask dominance.

RATINGS

MARCEL 87/100 Excellent	SASCHA 87/100 Excellent	VALUE FOR MONEY 0/5 No rating
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