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Kilchoman Batch Strength (2024)

The Kilchoman Batch Strength 2024 is a whisky for real Islay fans. With a full 57.0 % ABV and no age statement, the Kilchoman Distillery focuses on pure intensity here. Those who love peaty smoke, maritime notes and honest cask strength will get their money's worth - but does this whisky also have enough character to stand out from the competition?

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Islay	Kilchoman
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	57% Vol.	91.42 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

From the very first nosing, the aroma of cold ashes rises to the nose, as if the campfire had just stopped smouldering. There is also a subtle hint of iodine, reminiscent of a fresh sea breeze. The fruity accents of green apple and lemon balm, which blend gently into the smoke, are surprising. A subtle vanilla note rounds off the flavour and gives it a slight, subliminal sweetness.

PALATE

The whisky is oily and warming on the tongue. The ash dominance from the nose continues, paired with a dry, chalky note. This is joined by a hint of unripe peach, which adds a subtle freshness, while a fine saltiness is reminiscent of sea spray. The flavours are powerful, direct and uncompromising - typically Islay.

FINISH

Kilchoman remains true to itself in the finish: voluminous smoke dominates, accompanied by a light oak note that gives the whisky some depth. A mineral component reminiscent of pebbles resonates and reinforces the earthy character. The intensity lasts a long time without changing significantly.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Kilchoman Batch Strength 2024 delivers exactly what you expect from a robust Islay: pure smoke, a generous helping of drinking pleasure, and a straightforward, honest statement. While it lacks the exciting depth to become an absolute favorite, it's definitely a solid companion for fans of rustic peat drams on a campfire evening.

SASCHA

The Kilchoman Batch Strength 2024 impresses with its powerful structure and precise balance between smoky, maritime, and fruity notes, yet its flavor profile remains comparatively linear. If you're looking for a technically well-balanced Islay whisky with a high proof, this is a solid example, though it leaves some room for more complexity and cask nuances.

RATINGS

MARCEL
78/100
Very good

SASCHA
79/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
5/5
Excellent

