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Lagavulin 12 Years (2024) Fireside Tales - Diageo Special Releases (2024)

A new Lagavulin special release? The whisky nerd grabs his [nosing glass](#) faster than an Islay fisherman grabs his mackintosh. The 'Fireside Tales' from the Diageo Special Releases 2024 promises a warm, smoky story by the fireside.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Islay	Lagavulin
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
12 Years	57.4% Vol.	215.14 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Nose in and... Boom! A cloud of oil with a vanilla explosion meets cold smoke. Not that aggressive, medicinal Ardbeg smoke, but rather the subtle campfire flavour with a warming undertone. There is also a mineral flavour - almost as if someone had walked through a pine forest with a tropical fruit salad. Pineapple? Check. Peach? Check. A hint of banana? That's right. And somewhere in the background, a sea breeze blows past, reminiscent of salty spray. Sounds exciting? Yes! Are expectations rising? Oh yes!

PALATE

Then the first sip - and oops, the fairy tale takes a sudden turn. Instead of sweet fruit, there is a good dose of ginger and bitter spiciness. This is joined by white pepper and, of course, the typical Lagavulin smoke - but this time cooler than usual. Fruit? Hardly at all. Instead, a curious mix of grilled vegetables, especially peppers, with a pinch of seaweed.

FINISH

This is where the whisky comes into its own. Suddenly the pineapple reappears, as if it had got lost for a moment. Fruity, long-lasting and warming. There is also a light tar note and a hint of black pepper. Voluminous, intense - exactly what you want from a good Islay whisky.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Lagavulin 2024 12 Years Fireside Tales is like an evening chat by the fireplace - full of character, with smoky surprises and a touch of humor. It's not quite the masterpiece you might expect, but that's exactly what makes it charming and enjoyable for anyone who likes to embark on an unusual, fruity-vegetal journey. If you're looking for a smoky Islay with some rough edges, this one definitely delivers the fun.

SASCHA

The Fireside Tales presents an interesting balance between smoky intensity and complex fruit notes, but it loses some precision due to a somewhat inconsistent aroma profile. The structure feels robust, yet it lacks the elegance and harmony that define a Lagavulin 16. For fans of technically demanding Islay whiskies, it still offers an intriguing variation with unusual vegetable and ginger notes.

RATINGS

MARCEL
81/100
Excellent

SASCHA
83/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
2/5
Expensive

