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Blair Athol 10 Years (2007/2019) - Douglas Laing

Although Blair Athol is not a small distillery, its Single Malts are not among the best known. Over 90% of the production goes into Bell's blended Scotch. Today we have a 10-years independent bottling of a single Blair Athol cask from Douglas Laing's Provenance series in the glass.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Blair Athol
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Douglas Laing	10 Years	46% Vol.	67.07 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

On the nose, the Single Malt is soft and sweet. We think of freshly baked butter cake. This is joined by notes of vanilla, honey and oats. The aroma is rounded off by a pleasant maltiness complemented by cereals.

PALATE

On the palate, the Blair Athol is not as soft as the nose suggested. Caramel toffee, honey and vanilla are joined by surprisingly spicy flavours. Intense oak leaves a distinct tingle on the tongue despite the creamy mouthfeel. Despite its age, the spiciness verges on light ethanol pepperiness.

FINISH

The medium-long finish is also dominated by toasted oak spice. This leaves a clear bitterness on the palate. Behind this, there is still some grain and hints of dark chocolate.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Blair Athol is quite enjoyable, especially if you appreciate the sweet notes of butter cake and honey. Unfortunately, it struggles a bit with bitterness and doesn't feel entirely balanced – yet it's definitely worth a try for a quick tasting.

SASCHA

The balance between sweet and spicy elements still feels underdeveloped here, causing the whisky's overall structure to seem somewhat uneven. Despite interesting aromas, the integration of oak spice and bitterness leaves room for improvement.

RATINGS

MARCEL
65/100
Good

SASCHA
67/100
Good

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

