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Stauning Barley Distillery Edition Makers Mark Bourbon Cask

Visiting a distillery usually means taking at least one exclusive bottling from the distillery with you or - if possible - a hand-filled bottle, i.e. a self-filled bottle from a specially designated single cask. The Stauning distillery offers several Distillery Exclusives. We took a look at the 'Barley' and the 'Smoke'.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Single Malt	Denmark	Stauning	4 Years
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
45.8% Vol.	151.17 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The Stauning Barley is very fresh and youthful from the very first nosing. The dominant notes of light-coloured fruit, especially apple, are immediately apparent. This fruity bouquet is accompanied by subtle hints of vanilla, caramel and a touch of oak - typical characteristics of ageing in bourbon barrels. With a little imagination, you could also sense a hint of malt, but this tends to remain in the background. Overall, the flavour is somewhat one-dimensional and not very complex.

PALATE

The impression of youthfulness is further emphasised on the palate. The apple dominates here too, accompanied by a clear tingling sensation on the tongue. The fruity flavours are more reminiscent of a fruit brandy such as apricot or quince than a classic malt whisky. A hint of vanilla emerges, but quickly disappears again. Unfortunately, the flavour lacks depth.

FINISH

The finish of the Stauning Barley surprises with a subtle sweetness reminiscent of cream caramel and refined sugar. The slightly dry note of oak is also evident here, which at least gives the whisky some character in the aftertaste. Nevertheless, the overall impression remains rather flat and unexciting.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

The Stauning Barley Distillery Edition brings fresh, youthful apple notes to the glass, but overall it feels like a whisky still in its infancy. The delicate oak hint in the finish is charming, yet it can't save the overall flat and rather uninspiring tasting experience. Those looking for a light, uncomplicated dram might find some enjoyment here, but depth or complexity should not be expected.

SASCHA

From a structural standpoint, the Stauning Barley shows a clear fruit-forward profile dominated by apple and vanilla notes, but it loses impact due to a lack of complexity and an unbalanced profile. The maturation in Makers Mark bourbon casks delivers recognizable bourbon-typical nuances, yet the missing depth and the flat finish make the whisky feel overall underdeveloped. For connoisseurs who value layered aromatics, this bottling remains too superficial.

RATINGS

MARCEL
62/100
Good

SASCHA
62/100
Good

VALUE FOR MONEY
2/5
Expensive

