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Allt-a-Bhainne 17 Years (2005) Infrequent Flyers - Alistair Walker Whisky Company

When a whisky comes from the Speyside region and has an impressive 60.1% vol., the expectations are clear: intensity, complexity and a touch of adventure. This is exactly what the Alistair Walker Whisky Company delivers with its bottling of Allt-a-Bhainne 2005 from the 'Infrequent Flyers' series. But how does this 17-years drop really perform in the glass?

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Allt-a-Bhainne
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Alistair Walker Whisky Company	17 Years	60.1% Vol.	168.57 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The very first nosing gives an idea that this whisky knows no restraint. Sweet honey notes meet a hint of red wine - a little like a glass of dessert wine on a winter evening. This is joined by the freshness of oranges and a hint of crème brûlée, which rounds off the whole flavour with a light vanilla note. In the background: subtle oak that pleasantly grounds the fragrance.

PALATE

With the first sip it becomes clear: this whisky has a personality! The attack is surprisingly sweet, almost candy-like, before the red wine influence comes through - fruity and a little tannic. But then comes the twist: a slight smokiness is noticeable, surprising for a Speyside whisky. Fruity notes, especially orange, remain present, but an astringent, slightly dry texture ensures that the whisky is not one-dimensional. The cask strength makes for a powerful experience that is never overpowering.

FINISH

In the finish, the Allt-a-Bhainne 2005 shows a different side. The sweetness still lingers, but is accompanied by a dry spiciness and a pleasant warmth that slowly recedes. The whisky finishes in style without lingering too long.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

The Allt-a-Bhainne 2005 Infrequent Flyers is a true character among Speyside whiskies – powerful, sweet, and with a smoky surprise that's a lot of fun. The cask strength perfectly highlights the fruity and spicy notes, turning every sip into an enjoyable adventure. This is a whisky for connoisseurs who love discovering something new and aren't looking for the classic flavor profile.

SASCHA

The Allt-a-Bhainne 2005 demonstrates a remarkable balance between sweet, fruity, and lightly smoky elements, supported by a complex cask strength. The 17 years of maturation give it a structured depth, while the subtle astringency adds an interesting texture. Overall, it's a well-balanced Speyside whisky that appeals to discerning palates with its multifaceted profile.

RATINGS

MARCEL
81/100
Excellent

SASCHA
80/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

