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Betz Jamaica Rum Cask (2017/2022) Batch 1

The Betz distillery from Germany is known for its creative experiments - and the Jamaica Rum Cask Batch 1 is definitely one of them. With an ABV of 51.00 %, this whisky with an age statement of 5 years is a strong calibre that whets the appetite for Caribbean flavours right from the name. But does the whisky deliver what the rum cask promises? Well, let's put it this way: it's unforgettable. Unfortunately.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Single Malt	Germany	Betz Manufaktur	5 Years
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
51% Vol.	71.36 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Tannins reminiscent of freshly polished wood meet a pungent citrus note - the lemon here seems more like the cheeky cousin who turns up uninvited to the party. This is joined by a sharp, almost chemical undertone that is slightly reminiscent of spirit. No trace of Caribbean warmth, but rather 'Wuppertal in November'.

PALATE

This is where it gets exciting, because the flavours are ... let's say ... idiosyncratic. There are vaguely sweetish notes reminiscent of overcooked sugar cane molasses before the 51% alcohol hits with full force. Light bitter notes dance on the tongue, followed by a woody spiciness and bitterness reminiscent of unripe fruit.

FINISH

Oh, the finish is indeed impressive - but less in a positive sense. The spiciness really burns itself into the throat and leaves an aftershock that feels like it lasts forever. A rum finish? More like a fire finish. 'Burns like hell' sums it up perfectly.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

If you're into wild experiments with plenty of punch, this delivers a genuine adventure - unfortunately one that feels more like a bumpy action movie than Caribbean lightness. Betz Jamaica Rum Cask Batch 1 is a dramatic ride that could be fun if it didn't burn so unpleasantly.

SASCHA

The balance between alcohol strength and flavors feels off, which severely limits the tasting experience. While there are hints of structural complexity, the dominant sharpness of 51% ABV overwhelms the subtle nuances of the rum finish, resulting in an overall rather rough impression.

RATINGS

MARCEL
54/100
Average

SASCHA
60/100
Good

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

