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## Blended Scotch Whisky 40 Years (2024) - Living Souls

A 40-years blended Scotch whisky? One often expects a deep, heavy maturity, perhaps dominant oak notes and a certain dignity. But the Living Souls Blended Scotch Whisky Release 2024 surprises with a freshness that you wouldn't necessarily expect in this age category.

TYPE	COUNTRY	BOTTLER	AGE
Blended Whisky	Scotland	Living Souls	40 Years
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
41.2% Vol.	221.42 €/l		

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

The exciting complexity of this whisky is revealed from the very first nosing. Exotic fruits such as papaya, apricot and orange rise to the nose, accompanied by a subtle maritime breeze. Cool smoke is subtly noticeable - not intrusive, but harmoniously embedded. A fine citrus note, perhaps lemon, brings additional freshness. There are also hints of heather and a subtle spiciness. The aroma is not overly intense, but extremely inviting and complex.

#### PALATE

On the palate, the whisky unfolds in all its splendour: oily, voluminous and wonderfully balanced. The tropical notes continue - pineapple and mandarin provide a juicy fruitiness, while a subtle spice of white pepper adds excitement. The smoke remains present but restrained - cold and finely interwoven with a nutty note of roasted almonds. A hint of BBQ sauce adds a slightly sweet and savoury nuance that rounds off the overall impression perfectly.

#### FINISH

The finish is medium to long, with a great balance of wood, earth and freshness. The oak is present but not dominant, rather it provides a pleasant structure. An unexpected but extremely exciting effect is the minty-fresh smoky note that is noticeable in the aftertaste. There are also fine pine needles and a slight saltiness, which give the whisky an interesting maritime depth.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

A 40-years whisky that surprises not only with its freshness but also delights with lively fruitiness and a hint of smoke – drinking this is simply a pleasure! Living Souls has managed to combine elegance and character without falling into boring oak clichés. For anyone seeking a multi-layered yet never dull dram, this blend is a real winner.

#### SASCHA

The Living Souls 40 Years impresses with its balanced harmony between fruity freshness, subtle smoke, and a well-integrated wood note that neither dominates nor gets lost. The complex structure, featuring mineral and maritime nuances, gives the blend remarkable depth and makes it a technically accomplished example of a matured blended Scotch. A whisky that captivates both nose and palate with its precision and harmony.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**84/100**  
Excellent

SASCHA  
**85/100**  
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**4/5**  
Good

