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Braeval (1994/2019) - Sansibar

Braeval - a distillery that is often overshadowed by its more famous Speyside neighbours, even among whisky connoisseurs. This is mainly due to the fact that official bottlings are virtually non-existent. Instead, most of the production ends up in blends. Fortunately, there are independent bottlers such as Sansibar that make it possible to enjoy such hidden treasures as single malts.

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| TYPE | COUNTRY | REGION | DISTILLERY |
| Single Malt | Scotland | Speyside | Braeval |
| BOTTLER | AGE | ABV | PRICE/LITER |
| Sansibar | NAS | 44.5% Vol. | 405.70 €/l |

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

A gentle, inviting sweetness from the glass. Honey and vanilla dominate the first impression, accompanied by creamy caramel that suggests an almost buttery creaminess. But this whisky has more than just sweetness: a malty depth provides structure, while oak notes are subtle. After a few minutes in the glass, the flavour opens up further - and suddenly a light coconut note is added. Very exciting! An underlying floral freshness gives the whisky a fine elegance. No alcoholic burn, no intrusive notes - simply a wonderfully balanced nose.

PALATE

The first impression on the palate confirms what the nose promised: creamy, round, sweet and at the same time full of character. The vanilla and honey are immediately present and envelop the palate with a silky texture. The malt then becomes more prominent, and with it a pleasant spiciness that testifies to the long maturation in oak barrels. However, the highlight is the subtle coconut note that slowly blends into the flavour - almost as if the whisky has been given a hint of tropical exoticism. The oak remains present, but never dominant. There is no excessive bitterness or dryness, but a perfect balance between sweetness, spice and wood.

FINISH

The finish is exactly what you would expect from a 25-years Speyside malt: pleasantly long, warm and deep. A slight peppery note provides a spicy kick without being overpowering. The oak notes come to the fore, but they are mild and pleasant. At the very end, a fine blend of sweet and spicy flavours lingers on the tongue.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Braeval 1994/2019 is a true charmer from Speyside, delighting with its creamy texture and sweet coconut notes. It's not about an exaggerated cask influence, but pure drinking pleasure that even brings a smile - perfect for connoisseurs seeking a classic malt with character.

SASCHA

The Braeval 1994/2019 impresses with its balanced interplay of sweet vanilla and malty wood tones, subtly accented by a fine hint of coconut. Its complex structure and long, spicy finish make it a solid example of elegant Speyside whiskies without overwhelming cask dominance.

RATINGS

MARCEL
87/100
Excellent

SASCHA
87/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
0/5
No rating

