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## Caol Ila 11 Years Ambrosial Feast - Diageo Special Releases (2024)

There are moments in the life of a whisky lover that give you pause. Moments when the glass in your hand doesn't just contain a drink, but tells a story that is so different from anything you expected. The Caol Ila 11 Years Ambrosial Feast from the Diageo Special Releases 2024 is just such a moment.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Islay	Caol Ila
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
11 Years	57.3% Vol.	128.43 €/l	

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

The first sip in the glass is like a walk through an exotic orchard, while a bakery opens its doors in the background. Bright fruity lychee dances with mango, while malty sweetness wraps itself around the senses like a warm cloak. It's as if Islay suddenly wants to play Caribbean. But then - and this is where it gets really interesting - something completely unexpected sneaks up on you: vanilla is paired with sugar beet and yeast, which develops an almost umami-like flavour. White peaches whisper sweet secrets, while hazelnut provides an earthy base that reminds you where you are - on a Scottish island that is normally known for completely different flavours.

#### PALATE

The nutty and spicy notes embrace the tongue like old friends, while white pepper provides a surprising spiciness that harmonises perfectly with the 57.30%. Vanilla ice cream - yes, actual vanilla ice cream - melts on the tongue and mingles with yeasty notes so intense that you wonder whether you're tasting a whisky or a craft beer. The hop-like character is so unusual for an Islay whisky that it is almost cheeky. It's as if Caol Ila is saying: "You think you know me? Then look what else I've got!" A mineral note rounds off the flavour and reminds us that this whisky has not forgotten its Islay roots despite all the rebellion.

#### FINISH

Fruity notes interweave with light oak, while the medium length is perfectly measured - not too short to disappoint, not too long to tire. A hint of liquorice and slight dryness with spicy accents ensure a finish that lingers for a long time.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

Who would have thought an Islay whisky could be so cheeky and playful? The Caol Ila 11 Years Ambrosial Feast is a true mood-lifter with its exotic, fruity charm and surprising umami notes - an experience you simply have to enjoy.

#### SASCHA

This 11-years Caol Ila impresses with its unusual aromatic profile and the harmonious balance between a powerful 57.3% ABV and delicate yeast notes. Despite deviating from typical Islay profiles, it displays a confident structure that marks it as an exciting representative of the Special Releases 2024.

### RATINGS

MARCEL <b>85/100</b> Excellent	SASCHA <b>83/100</b> Excellent	VALUE FOR MONEY <b>3/5</b> Fair
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