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Caol Ila 12 Years

Caol Ila is one of the ten largest distilleries in Scotland and by far the largest on the island of Islay. Nevertheless, a permanently available series of standard bottlings has only been on the market since the early 2000s. We taste the classic. Actually, a large part of Caol Ila's production ends up in blends, such as the Black Bottle or Johnnie Walker. The own bottlings have become more and more popular in recent years. With good reason?

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Islay	Caol Ila
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
12 Years	43% Vol.	56.43 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The 12-years single malt opens with a cold medicinal smoke. Campfires and burnt-out coals come to mind. Light citrus notes follow, as well as mineral notes. The scotch smells very clean. Not intense - rather restrained.

PALATE

This Islay malt opens almost creamy and surprisingly sweet. Later, the smokiness takes over. Very pleasant notes of sea asparagus and oatmeal are on the tongue. Light, not intrusive and maritime, all parts of the palate are reached.

FINISH

Phenolic citrus fruits and a slightly spicy oak note remain. The smoke lingers in the medium-long finish.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Anyone looking for an uncomplicated Islay malt with character will definitely find it here. The Caol Ila 12 Year charmingly plays with smoke and sweetness without overwhelming the palate - a genuine pleasure for any occasion and a welcome invitation into the peaty world of the island.

SASCHA

Caol Ila 12 Year impresses with its balanced interplay between smoky and maritime notes, combined with a creamy texture and a clearly defined finish. A technically solid Islay single malt that appeals to both newcomers and seasoned enthusiasts, without offering complex depth.

RATINGS

MARCEL
72/100
Very good

SASCHA
78/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

