

# WHISKY:EDITION

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## Elsburn Rivesaltes Casks - Batch No. 001

The Elsburn Rivesaltes Casks Batch No. 001 is a German single malt from Hercynian Distilling Co. that draws its character from a sweet wine context rooted in Rivesaltes in L'Occitanie. In the glass, it presents itself as rich, sweet-fruity, and surprisingly approachable – exactly the kind of bottling that simply works without much fuss.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Single Malt	Germany	Hercynian Distilling Co.	NAS
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
46% Vol.	84.28 €/l		

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

On the nose, grapes and raisins immediately push to the forefront, red-fruited, juicy, and with considerable intensity. Added to that are caramel and that slightly aged impression of an old leather sofa, which gives the whole more character than many a slick, boring standard bottling. Overall, the aroma comes across as easy-drinking and open, without losing itself in meaningless sweetness.

#### PALATE

On the palate, the whisky is once again very easy-drinking and stylistically goes quite clearly in a direction that many would blindly take for sherry cask. It presents itself as juicy and full-bodied, with figs and dates as the core aromas. Cinnamon adds a spicy accent and keeps the sweet fruit somewhat in line before the whole thing becomes too dessert-wine-heavy.

#### FINISH

The finish is soft and spicy, with medium length. Baking cocoa and delicate dark chocolate linger at the end and give the whisky a pleasantly dark echo. It is not a dramatic finale, but a coherent one.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

Pleasant and easy-drinking – and yes, sometimes exactly that is entirely enough, even if some tasters first need a philosophical seminar for it. It goes particularly well with dark chocolate, because the cocoa-bitter side of the finish connects cleanly there.

#### SASCHA

Tastes good to me, is easy-drinking and pleasingly unexcited. The classic sweet wine maturation is clearly in the foreground here, without trying to make itself seem more important than it is with unnecessary frills.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**80/100**  
Excellent

SASCHA  
**80/100**  
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**3/5**  
Fair

