

# WHISKY:EDITION

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## I Am Root, Too! - The Spirits Alchemist

Sebastian Büssing aka The Spirits Alchemist is known for his experimental barrels. Here - for the first time? - a sugar beet barrel was used for the 12-month finish after the single malt was allowed to mature for four years in an ex-bourbon barrel. We are more than excited!

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	BOTTLER
Single Malt	Germany	St. Kilian	The Spirits Alchemist
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
5 Years	62.1% Vol.	158.00 €/l	

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

The nose is greeted by a rich aroma of vanilla and malt, infused with sweet notes of sugar, perhaps even sugar cane. Earthy nuances are present, accompanied by a hint of smoke, which is really minimal. A slight presence of quince and even a hint of what reminds you of socks after a football match round off the unusual flavour profile.

#### PALATE

At the first sip, the question of a hint of smoke remains in the air. What is clear, however, is the intense earthiness that dominates the palate. It's almost as if you're biting straight into the grass, while sweet notes clearly recede into the background. Surprising elements such as peanut butter and eucalyptus mingle with the flavours of rock sugar and rooty vegetables.

#### FINISH

The finish is of short to medium duration and brings out the earth and a loamy note. A hint of vanilla and a slight influence of oak round off the finish.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

A whisky that definitely divides opinion with its unusual finish in a sugar beet cask – it surprises with earthy notes and a hint of football sock aroma, something you don't come across every day. For connoisseurs who enjoy venturing off the beaten path, "I Am Root, Too!" is an intriguing companion full of character and potential surprises.

#### SASCHA

This 5-years single malt impresses with its complex balance between sweet vanilla and malt notes and a dominant earthy structure, which gains an unusual spiciness from the sugar beet finish. Despite its high strength, it feels well integrated, although the short finish with its clayey accents won't be to everyone's taste.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**75/100**  
Very good

SASCHA  
**74/100**  
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**3/5**  
Fair

