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## Lagavulin 12 Years (2024) Fireside Tales - Diageo Special Releases (2024)

A new Lagavulin special release? The whisky nerd grabs his nosing glass faster than an Islay fisherman grabs his mackintosh. The 'Fireside Tales' from the Diageo Special Releases 2024 promises a warm, smoky story by the fireside.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Islay	Lagavulin
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
12 Years	57.4% Vol.	215.14 €/l	

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

Nose in and... Boom! A cloud of oil with a vanilla explosion meets cold smoke. Not that aggressive, medicinal Ardbeg smoke, but rather the subtle campfire flavour with a warming undertone. There is also a mineral flavour - almost as if someone had walked through a pine forest with a tropical fruit salad. Pineapple? Check. Peach? Check. A hint of banana? That's right. And somewhere in the background, a sea breeze blows past, reminiscent of salty spray. Sounds exciting? Yes! Are expectations rising? Oh yes!

#### PALATE

Then the first sip - and oops, the fairy tale takes a sudden turn. Instead of sweet fruit, there is a good dose of ginger and bitter spiciness. This is joined by white pepper and, of course, the typical Lagavulin smoke - but this time cooler than usual. Fruit? Hardly at all. Instead, a curious mix of grilled vegetables, especially peppers, with a pinch of seaweed.

#### FINISH

This is where the whisky comes into its own. Suddenly the pineapple reappears, as if it had got lost for a moment. Fruity, long-lasting and warming. There is also a light tar note and a hint of black pepper. Voluminous, intense - exactly what you want from a good Islay whisky.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

This Lagavulin 2024 12 Years Fireside Tales is like an evening chat by the fireplace - full of character, with smoky surprises and a touch of humor. It's not quite the masterpiece you might expect, but that's exactly what makes it charming and enjoyable for anyone who likes to embark on an unusual, fruity-vegetal journey. If you're looking for a smoky Islay with some rough edges, this one definitely delivers the fun.

#### SASCHA

The Fireside Tales presents an interesting balance between smoky intensity and complex fruit notes, but it loses some precision due to a somewhat inconsistent aroma profile. The structure feels robust, yet it lacks the elegance and harmony that define a Lagavulin 16. For fans of technically demanding Islay whiskies, it still offers an intriguing variation with unusual vegetable and ginger notes.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**81/100**  
Excellent

SASCHA  
**83/100**  
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**2/5**  
Expensive

