

WHISKY:EDITION

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Nikka Whisky From The Barrel

Since the beginning of 2021, Nikka Whisky From The Barrel can no longer officially call itself Japanese whisky. No reason not to taste the blend, we think. At the beginning of 2021, the Japanese Spirits and Liqueurs Association announced the standards for the labelling of Japanese whisky. This clearly defined what is and what is not Japanese Whisky. It is an open secret that many Nikka Whiskies contain a little Ben Nevis from Scotland - including Nikka Whisky From The Barrel. Nikka promises to continue producing wonderful whiskies and is making every effort to comply with the new standards, and at that time also updated its website accordingly at short notice. We think more transparency makes sense - and even knowing that we don't have real Japanese whisky in our glass, we can still enjoy it.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Blended Malt Whisky	Japan	Nikka	NAS
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
51.4% Vol.	75.80 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

At first, we are struck by the very intense aromas of vanilla and pear. Interestingly, the fruitiness predominates here and we only perceive subliminal spices, such as nutmeg. We feel a bit like we are in a Japanese orchard.

PALATE

On the palate, oaky tannins clearly predominate, even if the fruitiness remains. Nuts and dried fruit linger in the background.

FINISH

Finally, the vanilla notes fight their way to the fore in the medium-long finish. Nevertheless, oaky notes resonate. Despite the 51.4% ABV, the bottling is mild and very enjoyable even without dilution with water.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

A genuine delight for anyone who appreciates fruity whiskies with plenty of character - despite lacking the official Japanese origin, this glass is pure drinking pleasure. This blend demonstrates that Nikka convinces with passion and craftsmanship, even if it is no longer officially classified as Japanese whisky.

SASCHA

Technically, a well-balanced blend with clear structure and robust oaky tannins, which impresses with its fruitiness and medium-length vanilla finish. The 51.4% ABV is well integrated, yet it lacks some of the depth one would expect from premium Japanese whiskies.

RATINGS

MARCEL
75/100
Very good

SASCHA
79/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

