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Owensboro - Anam na h-Alba

The German Independent Bottler Anam na h-Alba from Oberhausen proudly labels itself as "The Soul of Scotland." Hence, it was quite surprising when we stumbled upon a Kentucky Straight Bourbon bottled by them. The label promises a just shy of four years old Single Barrel bottling from Owensboro, seemingly distilled by Green River Distilling from Owensboro, Kentucky. Let's dive into what this cask-strength whiskey has to offer.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	BOTTLER
Straight Bourbon	USA	Owensboro	Anam na h-Alba
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
3 Years	59.9% Vol.	114.28 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The nose is immediately hit with the full flavor payload of a cask-strength bourbon. The scent is intensely nutty and oaky, showcasing the impressive work done by the fresh cask. Notes of burnt caramel and a subtle leather undertone emerge. After letting the whiskey rest for a bit, fruity notes reveal themselves—thinking of exotic fruits like pineapple or passion fruit.

PALATE

The young bourbon starts off intense on the palate. Sweet caramel, pronounced oak, and a wonderfully oily viscosity present themselves. Add to that a slight tingling of white pepper – all without the 59.9% feeling overpowering. While we initially thought of peanuts on the nose, the taste leans towards a spicier profile reminiscent of nutmeg. Tropical fruit flavors reappear, accompanied by a faint hint of solvent, likely owing to its youth.

FINISH

In the medium-length finish, no big surprises await. The intense oaky and nutty characteristics linger, leaving behind a delightful aroma. A subtle caramel sweetness complements the rather heavy, spicy notes.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

A bourbon that's fun with its raw power and intense aromatics – perfect for those who like it rough and honest. The nutty-caramel notes bring drinking pleasure, even if the edges and corners sometimes feel a bit coarse. Not a collector's item, but a solid enjoyment for an easygoing evening.

SASCHA

Technically clean and presenting a convincing balance between sweetness, spice, and oak, this cask-strength bourbon from Owensboro shows a robust structure. However, it lacks the fine complexity that would round out its character a bit more. Overall, a well-made, if somewhat undifferentiated, single barrel bourbon.

RATINGS

MARCEL
82/100
Excellent

SASCHA
81/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

