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## Rock Island Small Batch Release - Douglas Laing

This blend of the famous independent bottler Douglas Laing offers us a composition of the characteristic and absolutely unmistakable aromas of the Hebrides. Douglas Laing provides us with independently bottled blends. Founded back in the 1940s, Douglas Laing distributes a variety of different series in which single malts are blended and thematically ordered. Within the Remarkable Regional Malts, Rock Island represents the Scottish islands. Fun Fact: Originally distributed as Rock Oyster, the bottling was renamed to Rock Island, as oysters had a negative connotation for many customers.

TYPE	COUNTRY	BOTTLER	AGE
Blended Malt Whisky	Scotland	Douglas Laing	NAS
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
46.8% Vol.	51.29 €/l		

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

At first, we are met by a pleasant portion of peat smoke. Slightly hidden there is a wonderful sweetness. Malt and vanilla combine with fresh citrus notes. The classic maritime aroma of the Hebrides.

#### PALATE

Like a proper gulp of seawater, Rock Island lies on the palate with an interesting saltiness. Spices and smoke provide a mouth-filling aroma. Citrus freshness and vanilla take a back seat, but are clearly perceptible.

#### FINISH

As expected, the spice and smoke provide a lasting finish. The typical maritime aroma of the Scottish islands remains.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

Rock Island is like a stroll along a windy beach – pleasantly smoky with a sweet, malty embrace. Not a groundbreaking dram, but certainly charming and easy-drinking for a relaxed evening by the sea.

#### SASCHA

The Rock Island Small Batch impresses with a harmonious balance between peaty smoke, maritime saltiness, and subtle citrus notes. Despite lacking sharp edges, the blend offers a solid structure that is typical of the Hebrides region.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**55/100**  
Average

SASCHA  
**79/100**  
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**4/5**  
Good

