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St. Kilian Handfilled Whisky - ex Champagne Vin Clair - Unpeated

Whisky from a champagne cask? St. Kilian has once again dug deep into the cask game - and delivered a real nerd piece with this handfilled bottling from an ex-champagne vin clair cask. This is not an easy sipper for an after-work dram, but a real flavour experiment with 60.9% vol. on tap. No clouds of smoke, no flood of caramel - but a sensory balancing act between fruity sweetness and dry white wine structure. A bit like a grappa with a whisky bypass.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Single Malt	Germany	St. Kilian	NAS
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
60.9% Vol.	140.00 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The first impression is so fresh and elegant that you almost think you've got the wrong glass. Sweet white grapes, quite clearly, plus a distinctly yeasty white wine character - anyone who knows Vin Clair will nod approvingly. There is also vanilla cream, a splash of citrus and perhaps even a hint of honey. Overall, the whole thing is lively and lively - almost like a dessert wine.

PALATE

The alcohol gives a good boost without being uncontrolled. The first sip is incredibly oily, almost like liquid wax with character. The sweet nose is deceptive - it becomes drier in the mouth. The grape is there, but not sugary, rather ripe and subtly tart. A touch of wood, slight bitterness, zero stickiness. And this cask strength? Fits perfectly. Those who like substance will get their money's worth here.

FINISH

Warming, slightly astringent, spicy - and then it comes, the bittersweet reminder of grappa. No coincidence, but a stylistic device. The vin clair influence is not just a labelling trick, but is noticeable throughout the entire profile. The finish is medium-long, but with reverberation - not loud, but very present.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This St. Kilian Handfilled is no cuddly whisky, but rather a bold adventure in a glass - the sweet nose entices you, yet on the palate it surprises with a dry, almost grappa-like bitterness. Anyone craving character and a bit of attitude will be thoroughly entertained here.

SASCHA

A fascinating balance between sweet fruitiness and dry wood notes defines this ex-Champagne Vin Clair whisky, whose 60.9% cask strength is powerfully yet harmoniously integrated. The clear structure with subtle bitterness makes it a technically convincing experiment far removed from classic whisky paths.

RATINGS

MARCEL
79/100
Very good

SASCHA
81/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

