

# WHISKY:EDITION

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## St. Kilian Sonderabfüllung ex Apricot Brandy

When St. Kilian meets Turkish apricot brandy, you get a special edition that sparks curiosity. This single cask bottling spent four years in a French oak barrique previously used for Turkish apricot brandy – an unusual cask that lends the young single malt a distinctly fruit-forward character.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Single Malt	Germany	St. Kilian	4 Years
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
50.7% Vol.	139.80 €/l		

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

From the very first swirl, the glass radiates a bountiful fruit basket – ripe peaches take centre stage, accompanied by a juicy orange note. Behind it, a fine honey sweetness shimmers through, lending warmth and depth to the bouquet. The apricot brandy origin of the cask makes itself subtly known, giving the whole aroma an inviting, summery-fruity quality.

#### PALATE

Creamy-soft and pleasantly sweet, an intense apricot note glides across the tongue, directly reflecting the cask influence. Ripe raspberries join in, adding a berry-fresh dimension. The texture is velvety and engaging – proof that even with just four years of maturation, a convincing mouthfeel is well within reach.

#### FINISH

Fresh and brief, this single malt takes its leave – herbal notes lead the way before oak and a hint of charred wood follow. A short but honest conclusion that redirects focus back to the preceding fruit aromas.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

The Sonderabfüllung ex Apricot Brandy surprises with power and character without ever drifting into bitterness. The arc from sweet fruit to spicy depth is genuinely enjoyable and shows that St. Kilian can deliver with unusual casks too – a fruity moment of pleasure that leaves you wanting more.

#### SASCHA

Bold and direct, this special edition displays a clear progression from sweetness to spice. The integration of the apricot brandy cask is well executed and free of distracting bitter notes, even if the short finish could use a touch more resonance. Technically sound, with the exotic cask influence as an intriguing point of distinction.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**79/100**  
Very good

SASCHA  
**79/100**  
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**2/5**  
Expensive

