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Talisker 8 Years Tidal Churn - Diageo Special Releases (2024)

Sometimes you come across a whisky that literally takes you back to the Stone Age - in the very best sense. The Talisker 8 Years Tidal Churn from the Diageo Special Releases 2024 is just such a candidate. It invites you on a geological expedition where every sip tastes like an open history book. The name "Tidal Churn" says it all. Tidal churn describes the wild churning of the sea by the tides - exactly what this whisky does in the glass and later on the palate.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Skye	Talisker
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
8 Years	58.7% Vol.	119.13 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

From the very first nosing, it becomes clear that someone has captured the sea and put it in a bottle. The nose is extremely maritime - and that is an understatement. Seaweed that remains on the beach at low tide mixes with flavours that are actually reminiscent of seafood. Marcel even spoke of "fossils" - and this description hits the nail on the head. Cold smoke wafts over, as if you were standing on a Scottish beach while a peat fire smoulders in the distance. Chalky notes give the whole thing a mineral base, which is rounded off by subtle vanilla tones and fresh lemon zest.

PALATE

In the mouth, the Tidal Churn unfolds its full geological complexity. Plenty of pepper provides the initial wake-up call, followed by a salty wave that is typical of every good Talisker. But then things get interesting: clear mineral notes dominate the flavour, supported by aromas of fresh bread. The flavours reminiscent of pebbles, limestone and fossils are particularly fascinating. This may sound abstract at first, but anyone who gets involved will understand: This whisky really does taste like the history of the earth. Apple and pear fruit provide a pleasant counterpoint to the basic mineral structure and prevent the whole thing from becoming too stony.

FINISH

The finish is dry and smoky - classic Talisker characteristics that are particularly striking here. The famous chilli catch, for which the distillery is known, appears in the form of white pepper, which lingers on the tongue for a long time.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Talisker 8 Year Tidal Churn is a rugged treasure brimming with maritime power and mineral depth – an intense experience that leaves you wanting more. Its honest, unvarnished character strength brings the spirit of the islands straight to the glass, delivering a drinking pleasure with bite. For those who crave smoky coastal adventures, this is a reliable companion.

SASCHA

The Tidal Churn impresses with its clear structure and the successful balance between mineral, maritime, and smoky notes. Despite its expressive aroma profile, the whisky remains well harmonized, highlighting its technical precision. A fascinating example of skillfully integrating experimental elements without losing the core Talisker DNA.

RATINGS

MARCEL
88/100
Excellent

SASCHA
87/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

