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The Westfalian TW8

The Westfalian is releasing its first 12-years whisky today. With the cask number TW8 (yes, the 8th cask filled), the single grain is one of the first casks filled in the founding year 2012. The New Make matured in an ex. Ben Nevis Sherry Hogshead and only contains 266 bottles, as it is, as always, a cask-strength, uncoloured and unfiltered single cask bottling.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	BOTTLER
Single Grain Whisky	Germany	Northoff Feinbrennerei	The Westfalian
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
12 Years	62.5% Vol.	198.00 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The first impression on the nose immediately reveals the typical grain note that is the hallmark of a single grain whisky. But the TW8 offers much more. The characteristic Westphalian DNA is evident in the multi-layered aromas of old leather sofa, which convey a feeling of antique luxury. Sultanas and dates lend the scent a fruity sweetness, while heavy, spicy notes of old oak and dark molasses emphasise the complexity.

PALATE

In the mouth, this whisky needs a little time to fully develop. But patience is rewarded: the single grain from Paderborn is very oily and dry at the same time, with an intense dark sweetness that is reminiscent of almost red grapes and redcurrants. The cereal flavour recedes into the background and makes way for a full-bodied, fruity profile. A hint of cinnamon gum (Big Red!) rounds off the flavour experience and gives it a spicy freshness. The high ABV of 62.5% is wonderfully integrated.

FINISH

The finish is medium to long and offers a pleasant, warming effect. Although it is rather light, the fruity note remains and ensures a harmonious aftertaste.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

The Westfalian TW8 is a true delight for anyone who loves fruity-spicy and characterful whiskies – a single grain that, with its oily texture and warm finish, really lifts the spirits. To me, it's a young yet already very distinctive whisky that proves you can enjoy plenty of drinking pleasure even without decades of maturation.

SASCHA

With its balanced interplay of fruit, spice, and the typical grain note, the TW8 impresses through its complex structure and precise cask selection. The high alcohol content is superbly integrated, so this young single grain offers remarkable depth and a harmonious finish despite its youth.

RATINGS

MARCEL
80/100
Excellent

SASCHA
79/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

