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Wolfburn Vibrant Stills Sauternes Cask 8 Years (2016/2024)

Wolfburn, the northernmost distillery on the Scottish mainland, is known for its handcrafted and elegant whiskies. With the Vibrant Stills Sauternes Cask 2016/2024, they've once again delivered something exciting. Aged for 8 years – first in ex-bourbon, then in first-fill Sauternes wine casks from France – this release offers bright fruitiness with structure. Bottled exclusively for Germany, it's definitely worth a closer look.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Wolfburn
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
8 Years	50% Vol.	105.57 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The nose is fresh, grassy, and green – like a spring meadow somewhere between a lemon grove and a haystack. There's lime, green grapes, and a hint of nectarine. Dive deeper and you might even discover something like pineapple sponge cake. The wine influence is there, but it leans more bitter than sweet – intriguing!

PALATE

On the palate, this whisky turns creamy. Nectarine, hints of passionfruit yogurt, and honey meet a surprisingly dry oaky spice. A touch of rye bread, maybe even beer-like notes come through. The fruit fades a little, replaced by structure – although the balance could be better.

FINISH

The finish is medium, with a gentle tingle and warming feel. There's a light spice and a hint of oak, but sadly, not much fruit left. It feels like the cask could have given just a bit more.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

A lively and approachable whisky that simply delights with fresh fruit and a creamy texture. A real mood-lifter for beginners, even if the finish could use a bit more punch. Wolfburn shows character here that makes you eager for the next sip – straightforward and charming.

SASCHA

The Wolfburn Vibrant Stills Sauternes Cask offers an interesting blend of fruitiness and spice, but overall falls a bit short of expectations in balance. The structure is solid, yet the finish feels somewhat flat and lacks the complexity one would hope for from a first-fill Sauternes cask. Technically clean, but with room for improvement in finesse.

RATINGS

MARCEL
77/100
Very good

SASCHA
79/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

