

Country Scotland

Type Single malt

Distillery Caol Ila

Region Islay

Age 12

ABV 43%

Colour Straw gold; extremely faint color

Bottle volume 0.7l

Price €/cl 0.56

Place of purchase Willi's getraenk center, Alfter



Nose Fresh, herbal. Rubbed peppermint leaves, stemmy, damp grass, smoky. Oily, cigar leaves, smoked ham, hickory. Gentle peat. Still smoking, charred beach wood and a sweetness, grassy with a hint of seaweed. Toffee, and syrup arrive on first draft, followed by pungent, woody fruitcake and some dark chocolate. The smoke is hidden well by the other players.

Palate Good body, oily, tar, elegant smoke. Hints of boiled sweets. Salty, cold orange pekoe tea, light peat notes, and smoke. Think branches piled for a small beach-side fire. Not overpowering. Salted cod too. Smoke and pepper. Slightly musty and marginally bitter. Almost the opposite if the nose in my opinion.

Finish Long, peppery, spicy warmth, smoke. Tart apple, tangy green seaweed, and the final note is salt. Heavy salt. Very long and pleasant finish, with a lingering smoky burn... but also a whisper of bitterness.

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