



Product sheet

Tycho's Star

Swedish Organic Single Malt Whisky

Distilled, Matured and bottled by: Spirit of Hven, Sweden



Facts:

This is a medium peated well matured Swedish single malt whisky, made from grain to bottle in the small family owned distillery **Spirit of Hven**, situated on the island of Hven, in the strait between Denmark and Sweden.

This whisky is named **Tycho's Star** as a tribute to the most famous islander yet, the astronomer **Tycho Brahe** (1546-1601). The whisky has dark, almost mystical notes of leather and liquorice, embraced by a round scent of ripe plums. All this is elevated and refreshed by fragrances of apple and elderflowers. Newly harvested hay and honeydew meadows give a soft finish.

The name **Tycho's Star** refers to the supernova that Tycho Brahe observed in the asterism Cassiopeia 1572. He called it "**De Nova Stella**" and made a term of the expression Nova, that nowadays are used to describe new stars.

In the research facilities near the castle Uraniborg he had an observatory, medicinal gardens and laboratories. Almost 100 people worked within the compound. The astronomical measurement that was conducted on Hven 450 years ago are still astonishingly accurate and has been the basis for the heliocentric world view we have today.

In 1946 the **Swedish Crown prince Gustav Adolf** inaugurated the famous statue of Tycho Brahe situated on Hven and in 1999 the 50 metric tonne heavy sculpture of granite that pride the entrance to the distillery was inaugurated, this one is baptised "**Tycho's Star**". Tycho Brahe is also known for his artificial copper nose, as he lost his own in a sword duel over a mathematical formula.



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Tycho's Star is made from a mash bill based on three types of barley, Pale Ale Malt for the grassy base notes, chocolate malt for the enticing caramel notes and heavy peated whisky malt to create the leather, liquorice and tar scents.

The carefully distilled spirit has matured on casks made of air dried oak. The casks are 58,20% heavy char *Quercus Muehlenbergii* from Missouri, 33,44% heavy toast *Quercus Petraea* from Allier and 8,36% medium toast *Q. Robur* from Bourgogne.

Tycho's Star is bottled at site on Hven at 41,8 vol%, without carbon- or chill filtering, no colouring or additives. It is Organic certified, completely natural, as should be.

Every bottle are individually numbered and controlled before being waxed by hand.

Scent and Taste

Without water, the whisky shows fruitiness, coated by a mild, balanced and very clear smokiness. The scent of barley is complemented by notes of coconut and almonds.

The taste is fresh with distinct smokiness and straightforward maltiness, the sweetness from the American oak is well balanced with the stringency of the French oak.

With water, the whisky uncovers the soft balanced notes of the barley mash-bill, the chocolate malt becomes more evident and the smoke and peat a bit rounder. The fruitiness matures a fraction and moves to ripe apples and hints of liquorice. There are notes of honey and fudge together with sweet wine aromas and wet wood jetty.

The taste is well balanced with medium long aftertaste, an enticing smokiness combined with an oiliness shows that the whisky has not been chill filtered and the round maturity really comes from the cask maturation.



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