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Seven Stars No. 6:2 Alcor

Organic Single Malt Whisky

Distilled, matured and bottled by Spirit of Hven, Sverige



Facts: Limited edition, only 3642 bottles (3294x500ml & 348x100ml).

Alcor is number 6½ in the Spirit of Hven “Seven Stars” series. It is the most unique so far amongst the releases. A fantastic marriage of American and European oak. Presenting a wonderful combination of traditional whisky lactones with herbal freshness and younger, vibrant and enticing wine cask character. The whisky has a mesmerizing scent- and taste palate with a delicious balance between freshness and maturity, sweetness and acidity, bitterness and texture.

This whisky has, as its predecessors, got its name from one of the stars in Ursa Major. The sixth light point in the asterism is a double star, where *Alcor* together with the somewhat stronger star *Mizar* builds a pair. Etymological the name derives from the arabic الخوار [al-Khawwar] translating to “*the Faint One*”. *Mizar* and *Alcor* is also referred to as the “*horse and rider*”. A good test of eyesight is if one can see both stars. Before and/or after a whisky...



Seven has always been a sacred number. The Ancient philosophers called the classical celestial bodies (the ones visible from earth without a telescope) the seven stars.

These also gave name to the weekdays. In the Book of Revelation the stars symbolize the seven churches, the reason we still have seven-branched candelabras.

There are three constellations in the sky that we generally refer to as “the Seven Stars”. The first is the seven brightest stars in the asterism *Ursa Major* (Great Bear). If you draw an imaginary line from *Merak* through *Dubhe* and about 5 times the space, you will find the *North Star* (Polar Star) the last star of the second asterism, *Ursa Minor* (Smaller She-Bear). The third is the *Pleiades*.



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The *Alcor* recipe was meant to be a longer finish of *Mizar* on Chateau Margaux casks. Unfortunately the result was not fully what we hoped it to be. So to improve the recipe, whisky matured on wine cask from Italy, Olorosso and Hven Vodka casks was added. The final result became so good, it made our master distiller cry, happy tears.

The mashbill is the same as with 6:1 *Mizar*; 58,8% lager malt, 35,3% peated malt (38ppm), 5,9% chocolate malt. This single malt whisky is a blend of seven casks. Three casks made of *Petraea oak* from Allier that previously held chateau Margaux; one cask made of *Faginea oak* from Portugal that previously matured Olorosso sherry; two casks made of *Muehlenbergii oak* from Missouri that was used to mature Hven Vodka; and one cask of Burgundy *Robur oak* that used to mature Maculan Torcolato.

Alcor is certified organic and bottled at 45 %vol, without color or other additives, no carbon- or chill filtering. All bottles are individually numbered and waxed by hand.

Scent and Taste

Undiluted: First scent impression is raisins, then followed by a light liquorice smokiness. Rich nuances of dark chocolate and coffee combined by a distinguished scent of leather. Dried plums in the background. Mature and elegant, yet full of life.

The taste is surprisingly round even at 45 %vol. Delicate bitter notes that do not overpower the sweet oak lactones and wood sugars. Lands mid-back-tongue. Long, sweet aftertaste with soft tannins. Great, big mouthfeel, wins on not being chill filtered.

Diluted: With water 1:4, the elegant notes from the wine casks evolves, and gets to dance an intimate dance with the herbal maltiness of the whisky. Together they create a lovely fond of chocolate, coffee and liquorice complemented by spicy raspberries.

The taste is sweet yet full of texture and life. Balanced mid-tongue. Medium long aftertaste with round oiliness and slight acidity. Perfect to balance an after dinner espresso. This whisky is almost unnecessary good. You would like it to last forever.



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