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Seven Stars No.5 Alioth



Organic Single Malt Whisky

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



Facts: Limited Edition, only 3167 bottles made in total (2970x500ml and 197x100ml).

This whisky is the fifth in the Spirit of Hven “Seven Stars” series. It is a moderately peated single malt whisky, made from grain to bottle in the small family owned distillery situated on the island of Hven in the strait between Denmark and Sweden.

It has got its name from the star *Alioth* in the asterism *Ursa Major* (the Plough).

The name derives from the Arabic, *alyat*, meaning “the tail of a sheep” referring to the position in the asterism. Alioth is the brightest star in the constellation and no.31 amongst stars visible from earth.

This star is known to the Hindus as *Anigiras*, one of the Seven Rishis. Described as a teacher of divine knowledge and a mediator between men and gods.

Seven has always been a sacred number. The Ancient philosophers called the classical celestial bodies (besides earth, the ones visible 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*.

The seven stars also plays a part in the symbolism of Odd Fellows, Free Masons etc..



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The recipe for Alioth is 8% Chocolate malt, 48% Peated malt and 44% Lager malt. The distillate has matured on 10,8% French Petraea, 25,6% French Robur and 63,6% American Muehlenbergii. The whisky has had a finish on 500L marrying casks made of Spanish Quercus Robur. These have previously held a unique dry Oloroso Sherry, providing a dry nutty, almond character together with notes of raisins; new cut fruit wood and citrus all in an enticing harmony. The Oloroso gives typical “flor” character.

This whisky is the most extrovert yet in the Seven Stars series. With 34 ppm phenols and very dry mature tannins this whisky longs the company of a gently rolled Lancero, with a Cortado on the side if possible. Very complex due to the cask management and blending of different oak varieties. This whisky is designed for the serious connoisseur.

This whisky is bottled at site of the distillery holding 45 vol%, no carbon- or chill filtering, no colour or other additives. It is certified organic and natural, as should be. Every bottle is individually numbered and controlled before being waxed by hand.

Scent and Taste

Undiluted: Without water the first nose discovers a distant bonfire, some seaweed curled up on the beach and sweet raisin notes from the honey marinated pipe tobacco. There are clear chocolate notes together with a dry citric, jelly bean scent.

The taste is pungent and balanced mid-tongue. Very dry palate, from the fresh oak and mature Oloroso. No residual sweetness, still no harsh tannins and bitter notes.

Diluted: With water, the sweet notes of chocolate and dry plums develops and intertwine with mellow apricot notes. Light smoky character backed up by marshmallow root and new polished wood. Slowly fermented tobacco leaves in the background blends well with a hint of roasted coffee and cold molasses.

The taste is very smooth despite high phenol. Balance is mid-tongue with a slight elevated acidity, perfect to pair with a good cigar. The aftertaste is medium-long.



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