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Seven Stars No. 7 Alkaid

Organic Single Malt Whisky

Distilled, matured and bottled by Spirit of Hven, Sverige



Facts: Limited edition, only 3500 bottles (3200x500ml & 300x100ml).

Alkaid is number 7 and the last in the Spirit of Hven “Seven Stars” series.

It binds up the quintessence from the former editions by embracing parts of what’s been unique in every star. There are notes of American and European oak, aromas of elegant wines as Margaux and Sherry as well as a soft hint of smoke.

The whisky is well balanced and the most matured in the series. It has a soft smokiness balanced by long maturation on air-dried wood with heavy toast and heavy char.

This whisky has, as its predecessors, got its name from one of the stars in **Ursa Major**. The seventh and most easterly light point in the asterism is **Alkaid** also known as **Benetnash**. Etymological the name derives from the arabic **القائد القاب** [*Elkeid, Banat Na’ash al Kubra*] translating to “*the leader of the mourning maidens*”. It is referring to **Mizar** and **Alioth** that are helping **Alkaid** with the grief.

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 recipe for **Alkaid** is the most complex and powerful of the stars in the series. It is slightly smokier than its predecessors, this is balanced by a substantially longer maturation on air-dried oak. The nine casks in the blend are made from 12,35% lager malt, 9,5% chocolate/ale malt and 78,1% peat smoked malted barley. The cask balance is: one cask of **Petraea oak** from Allier that previously held chateau **Margaux**; one cask made of **Faginea oak** from Portugal that previously held Olorosso sherry; five casks made of **Muehlenbergii oak** from Missouri that used to mature Hven Vodka; and two casks of Burgundy **Robur oak** that used to mature wine from **Maculan**.



Alkaid 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 aromas that hit the receptors are licorice and raisins, they are followed by rich scents of dark chocolate and coffee. The whisky has a soft vinous note with pronounced Cabernet Sauvignon. Despite a high proof the scent is more ingratiating than intrusive with light perfumier notes. There are soft notes of smoke, almonds and violets. Malty notes are pronounced and balanced by a fresh aroma of ripe apples.

The taste is elegant and soft even at 45%vol. **Alkaid** has a light oily note landing mid-tongue. Acidity and tannins are well balanced, and the whisky is perceived mature. The oak contributes delicate esters and astringency followed by an enticing sweetness from wood sugars and lactones. **Alkaid** has a long and great aftertaste and mouthfeel.

Diluted: With water 1:4, the wine aromas become more evident and the light smoky notes are enhanced, somewhat overshadowing the elegant fruity- and chocolate notes. A light spiciness and scents of curry, mint and sherry appears elevating a leathery note. The taste is first sweet, slowly moving over to musty, umami-like savory character. It lands mid-tongue with relatively long aftertaste. Elegant and smooth, well balanced.



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