



Product Sheet

Seven Stars No.1 Dubhe

Organic Single Malt Whisky, released March-2013

Produced and bottled by: Spirit of Hven, Sweden



Facts: Limited Edition, in all 10.250 bottles

This "whisky star" is a unique phenomenon of scent and flavours. Created by a small family run distillery situated on the island of Hven, between Denmark and Sweden.

This is the first in a series of single malt whiskies that will be released from the distillery in limited editions, under the flag "Seven Stars". As inspiration, we have once again turned to the magic above, we saw the northern sky and the asterism Charles Wagon (Big Dipper), the seven brightest stars of the Great Bear. This, the first whisky got its name after the second brightest star of the seven, Dubhe. Dubhe is a triple star system which is well in line with the distillery philosophy of trinity. It is a medium star in the category of "red giant", on the way to becoming a white dwarf. It takes its name from Arabic "dubb" which means bear. This in turn, comes from the phrase "zahr ad-dubb al-akbar" meaning "the back of the great bear".

The whisky is soft and round with a youthful freshness. It has a mellow but apparent smokiness, which in combination with liquorice and leather notes gives a rich mouth feel. Maturation involves American, French, and Spanish oak, the American contributes toffee and vanilla, the French provides liquorice and peppery notes, the two are kept in balance with Spanish oak giving herbs and dried fruit.

Spirit of Hven is one of few distilleries that is able to do everything from the field and grains to distillation, storage, and bottling on site. The distillery focus on knowing and controlling what is happening in each step of the process from mashing the malted barley, thru fermentation, distillation and oak maturation before the finished whisky is bottled. It is clear that the whisky that becomes the end result is a wonderful synergy of empirical knowledge, sensitivity, and a thorough knowledge of the technical details.

What primarily influences the final product from field to bottle is the following:

- Carefully selected barley, malted and dried with the right aromas in the air.
- A mashing that allows extraction of the right compounds and flavourings.
- Long fermentation with designed yeast strains under controlled temperature.
- Slow distillation in small copper stills that provide large copper contact.
- A prudent and careful selection of the "heart" during distillation.
- Maturation in oak casks made from air-dried oak from specially selected trees grown in the right variety of soil that contains beneficial minerals.
- Prudent and careful blending of different casks in order to obtain a balanced character that provides body, aroma and taste, and all parts work together.

This whisky is hand bottled on Hven at 45 vol%, without any carbon- or chill filtering, no colorants or other additives. Quite naturally, as it should be. Each bottle is individually numbered and checked before being waxed by hand.



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Scent & taste

Undiluted, without water the scent is herbal with vibrant notes of rose hip, liquorice and cut hay. Behind the subtle scents of the Orangery is a clear, albeit distinct, smokiness with elements of tar and leather. The taste is full of ripe fruit with peppers, the smoke is matched perfectly by the rich vanilla. The emphasis is in the middle of the tongue, and it has a nice balance between tannins and oiliness.

Diluted, with water about 1: 5 the gentle notes from fermentation and oak maturation dare show themselves. First impressions are roasted coffee, dark chocolate, leather and almonds. After a few moments, the scents of old-fashioned root cellar, ripe apples, saturated aged wood and weak phenols evolves together with sweet wine and vanilla from maturation. The taste is sweet with some acidity. The aftertaste is slightly shorter with water but in return, it will lure the scents of a blooming summer meadow, with a slight note of leather in the horizon. Mouth feel is warm and soft without edges.

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