JOHNETT WHISKY

Swiss Single Malt Whisky
distilled by Etter Zug

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A sophisticated, regional delicacy

The origin

The production of whisky in Switzerland has only been allowed since July 1999. The home of JOHNETT lies in the picturesque region of Zug right in the heart of Switzerland. It is here in this flora and fauna paradise of the Low Alps, with its farmland, forest, lakes and mountains, where the unique JOHNETT Swiss Single Malt Whisky is produced. JOHNETT represents another culinary trademark for Zug – in addition to the Etter cherries and Zug's cherry cake.

The brewery

Only the best ingredients are good enough for JOHNETT Single Malt Whisky. We work together with the Uster family and its excellent small brewery in Baar; our perfect local partners for the supply of mash from the barley malt. Brewery Baar, founded in 1862, enjoys an excellent reputation and, like Etter, is a genuine family-run business.

The mountain spring water

In the stalactite caves of the Höllgrotten (Baar Hell Caves), which have been owned by the Schmid family for generations, nature provides one of the purest sources of water in Switzerland. As such, it takes a full ten years for one drop of rain to reach the ceiling of the cave and fall into the spring basin. This ancient spring water is used to refine the JOHNETT Swiss Single Malt Whisky.

The distillation process

In 1870 Paul Etter founded the Etter Distillery based in Zug and today the name Etter is synonymous with high-quality fruit liquors. Since 2010 another product has been added to the family's repertoire; the passionately produced, high quality JOHNETT Swiss Single Malt Whisky. The quality is guaranteed by the Master Distiller, John Etter.

The maturing process

JOHNETT is matured for several years in the unique and particularly moist conditions of the "Höllgrotten" (dripstone caves in Baar) and "Höllhüsern". Storage in special Pinot Noir oak barrels from the Ottiger family's Rosenau vineyard in the Kastanienbaum region of Lucerne gives the distillate an extraordinarily elegant flavour and makes JOHNETT Swiss Single Malt Whisky an experience for the senses to be enjoyed by passionate connoisseurs.

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JOHNETT 2011 – 8-year-old Swiss Single Malt Whisky
44 % vol., 70 cl
NON CHILL-FILTERED
distilled May 2011 / bottled June 2019

Taster's Report

The first JOHNETT with a smoky aroma has proved to be a great success. Interestingly, its smokiness does not exactly predominate, but simply contributes to the overall experience. To say it is subtle would be an understatement, because it can clearly be tasted on the palate, but the smokiness doesn't dominate. The reason for this balance cannot – as one would think – be found in the malt. On this point the Etters have remained true to themselves and used the same malt mixture as for their other whiskies. The smoky aroma in fact comes from the vats in which the whisky was seasoned. In the final blending of JOHNETT 2011, some of the vats that were used in Switzerland had previously contained peaty whiskies from the Scottish Island of Islay. They still exuded enough aroma to give the JOHNETT its smoky image. Verdict: an experience definitely not to be missed!

Colour: intensive gold

Bouquet: ripe, seasoned fruit such as pears, blackberries and dried plums, abundant pear peel, Rum sultanas, butter cream with freshly-scraped vanilla pods, cocoa powder with milk, semolina pudding in a kirsch sauce, a gentle hint of roasting. Give the whisky time to breathe and it becomes even softer.

Palate: Boom! Suddenly you sense the smokiness on your palate. The flavour hits you unexpectedly since it hadn't been detectable when nosing the whisky. The smokiness feels cool and lightly-perfumed at first. It is still very soft, but no longer as blatantly fruity, only the peel is dominant, all together very malty with a pleasant malt-sugar structure and a very delicate hint of roasting, while the palate prickles with a hint of cubeb-pepper.

Finish: The smoky aroma slowly becomes warmer and hence more complex. For a short while it dominates the whole aromata before slowly disappearing to make way for the notes of ripe fruit. Later, after several minutes, the palate senses the dry feeling influenced by the wooden vat.

Remark: The transformation that takes place in this whisky from nosing to tasting must be unique in its intensity.

Character: Sir Anthony Hopkins, a brilliant actor, has played in a variety of very different roles: from distinguished gentleman to highly intellectual, blood-thirsty mass murderer or even a part in an unrealistic fantasy film. This whisky proves itself to be just as versatile. Depending on whether you nose it or taste it, it reveals practically opposing characteristics. And the more you give yourself up to it, the more varied these characteristics reveal themselves.

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