



Product sheet

The Nose

Swedish single malt whisky; 44,9 %vol

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



Facts

The Nose is a lightly smoky, Swedish single malt whisky, with clear influence by maturation in French oak wine casks. The whisky is made from grain to bottle in the family owned distillery **Spirit of Hven**, situated on an island mid between Denmark and Sweden.

When making whisky, initially there are a lot of work done by farmers with the grain; brewers and distillers with making the raw spirits and coopers with the casks. After the spirit has been put into oak casks, the hard work is taken over by **spiritual angels**. They caress, taste, and bless the maturing whisky until it is ready to be bottled.

When the angels have taken their part and given enough love to the whisky, they whisper in the ear of the warehouse manager, called **the Smeller**, that the whisky is coming of age.

The smeller then takes samples of the maturing casks to the distillery **Master Blender**, called **The Nose**. His/her job is then to scent and taste all the maturing samples from different casks and bring them together, so they enhance each other and come together in a unity. This whisky, **The Nose**, is our master blenders personal favourite, that he wants to give to all of you wonderful whisky ambassadors. To show the multitude in the whiskies from Hven.

This is his way to give his **Nose** to **You**.

As an anecdote it should be mentioned that the famous astronomer **Tycho Brahe** that used to live on Hven and has given his name to the whisky "**Tycho's Star**", being the core whisky from Spirit of Hven, lost his nose in a duel fighting for his scientific honour and believe.

It is said that **Tycho Brahe** wore a copper nose on work days and a golden nose to festivities. Luckily the receptors for scent are further back in the skull so Tycho could still continue his science with the imperative help of his scent. Given, a genius brain helped.

As a tribute to Hvens local hero, you will find Tycho on the label of this wonderful whisky, of course with his golden nose on. If you visit Hven you can see a great granite sculpture of Tycho Brahe carrying his tools of astronomy and with the elephant order around his neck.



How we make it

This is a truly unique single malt whisky. It is a blend of 21 casks. 14 made from french Quercus Petraea and 7 made of american Q. Muehlenbergii. Married together in Spanish Q. Robur casks. The French casks has previously held some of the best French wines such as Petrus, Margaux and Latour. The American casks are a mix of virgin oak and ex **Spirit of Hven Vodka** casks. The Spanish casks are ex oloroso sherry butts.

The age of the youngest cask is 8 years old and the oldest part going into the whisky, from the first year of production, just turned 12 years old before leaving the cask.

The Nose is bottled at 44,9 vol% without any additives in the unique signature bottles.



Scent and taste

Without water, the whisky is pungent with balanced elegance, it has a clear note of oak and Cabernet Sauvignon. There are scents of vanilla and caramel combined with coffee and sweet wine. Top note is French oak with a light spiciness.

The taste is powerful and lands mid tongue. It shows a menthol sweetness balanced by a slightly acidic bitterness. Elegant and full flavoured. Medium long aftertaste.

With water, the whisky opens up and reveals scents of light, floral herbs, lavender and ripe plums. The scent is caressed, probably as traces from the angels, by a nose of vanilla and apple. This is how the garden of Eden must have scented like.

With a little water, the taste becomes velvet smooth and enticing. Balance shifts towards the lid of the mouth with a counterbalance point mid tongue.

The aftertaste prolongs with water and the sweet notes extends. Lovely.



Spirit of Hven Backafallsbyn

Welcome to enjoy this unique distillate, made from plant to bottle on the beautiful island of Hven, situated in the strait of Öresund between Denmark and Sweden.

The distillery hosts three still houses making everything from Vodka, Gin and Aquavit to rye- and corn whisky as well as Single Malt Whisky. Rom and fruit distillates are also made.

The distillery also hosts its own Hotel with bar and restaurant, giving the customer and visitor the possibility to see, understand, taste and experience the heritage of the product.