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# Bois Sikar Atelier des Ors: Bacon or Religious Censer?

## Fragrance Reviews

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From the bold and refined proposal born out of the eccentric combination of cigars and fine whiskies from the [Isle of Islay](#), founder [Jean-Philippe](#) of the French luxury perfume brand [Atelier des Ors](#), collaborating with the hyper-creative and talented perfumer [Marie Salamagne](#), has arrived at the creation of the challenging and formidable fragrance, [Bois Sikar Atelier des Ors](#). A scent that, amidst its combinations, recombinations, and intricately evolving concept, manages to challenge even the most trained and accustomed noses to what the fine perfume brands are attempting to make us accustomed to accepting – namely, the creation and sustenance of atypical aromas that remain among us, even if for a more specific audience.



To comprehend the significance of the challenging Bois Sikar's existence and the reasons behind its creation by the brand, it's insightful to focus on the brand's own description of its concept/briefing:



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*You can envision the addictive scent of cigars permeating the air with gravitas and a dark, dry aroma. The scent of wood and cedar leaves emanates from the handcrafted cigar box, while woody tones intermingle with intoxicating vapors. Now, introduce the highly distinctive aroma of Islay single malt whisky, presenting a unique character of smokiness, peatiness, and robustness from the oak barrel wood. This is the essence of **BOIS SIKAR**. A distinct and exotic fragrance.*

Morphologically analyzing the composition of the name **BOIS SIKAR**:

**BOIS:** meaning "wood" derived from French, referring to the interplay of cedar and guaiac wood in the fragrance.

**SIKAR:** a Mayan word for smoking, believed to have inspired the Spanish word "cigara" and later the English word "cigar."





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I'm in a phase where challenging aromas have been captivating me, and **Bois Sikar** not only enchanted me with its challenge but also pointed a revolver at my face and fired 33 shots in a row! In the dead of night, what a perfume this is! How did the perfumer manage to create it? Especially considering her track record of crafting more commercially appealing fragrances.

It began as a blazing fire on a sunny day at a remote farm, where an enormous pig herd was raised. In the farm's storage shed, only two things were kept – hay and pig feed. All the pigs were burned to a crisp in the fire, and the hay turned to ashes. That's the genesis of this perfume. And did I enjoy this blaze involving pigs? Yes, because they turned into bacon amidst the flames, and I utterly adore that ingredient.





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The farmer, attempting to escape with his life, realizing that nothing was saved except his pickup truck — which was initially also on fire — understands it's too late as it explodes, scattering motor oil, diesel, and various lubricants into the air, all raining down onto a dry dirt track and a patch of shrubs on the slope. That's how the foundation of this fragrance is laid, with a ton of [styrax](#) that, while evoking a profound sweetness, maintains its dry floral tone and a hint of sweet-balsamic essence residing here.



If you spritz this fragrance on yourself, you'll have zero chances of removing it from your skin if a sense of regret strikes you, as it clings to your DNA and lingers even after the next shower; it's ingrained in your clothes for weeks. Think carefully before you commit. Despite the journey that appears to be a bit "tragic," there's redemption here in the end. Even though I sense many smoky nuances that shift between smoldering, burnt, and toasted, an oily, earthy, and robust vetiver emerges. It brings to mind a natural, semi-green sensation that takes shape and melds with the [tobacco](#) note, conjuring the presence of brushed, shining, admirable [leather](#).



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Simultaneously, while this fragrance carried me from a fire involving distant farm pigs, it also allowed me to rest upon noble woods and essential **vetiver** oil used in a metal smoker, in a memorable religious act.





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**Bois Sikar Atelier des Ors** is marketed in 100ml bottles (€230), which can be found on the brand's [website](#). With the purchase of a bottle of this fragrance, a 2.5ml sample is included for you to try before opening the packaging. If you don't like the fragrance, you can return it following the Return and Exchange Policies and receive a refund of the invested amount.



**Top:** nutmeg, precious woods

**Heart:** guaiac wood, styrax, cedar leaf

**Base:** tobacco absolute, vetiver from Java