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# Acqua di Parma Colonia Sandalo (exclusively for Harrods)

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He bounded into my flat like an over excitable red setter, darting around me as usual, all beard whiskers and warmth with embraces, exclamations and gossip to relay.

Clunking around the various bottles that lay forlornly on my kitchen table awaiting review, he sniffed and smelled like his canine spirit animal. He settled on one in particular. “Oh, what’s this?....I like this a LOT.” “It’s very expensive and exclusive,” I replied. “How exclusive?” he bit back. “£176 worth of Harrods exclusive.” He sprayed another liberal amount for good measure with this latest information. “This smells of you. It’s exactly the type of thing I associate with you.” I probed him a bit more. “What do you mean exactly?” “Oh you know. It’s very sexy. Like a rich, sophisticated hippie.” And there he had it, my friends. Ending my month long writer’s block and self imposed fugue. In a few words, he had Acqua di Parma’s Colonia Sandalo (if not me, in actuality) summed up. And while I could just leave it at that, I’ll delve deeper.



Acqua di Parma's Colonia Sandalo comes on strong with its opening blast of deep warmth and spice merged with its top notes of bergamot, lemon, orange and petitgrain. Like a latter-day Italo Barry White meets Tony Manero. Deeply sexy with its baritone and promise of jutting hips, Sandalo is the grown up, international silver fox version of both in a Cerruti suit, with the hint of a Kabbalah bracelet or beaded Goa remnant hidden under impeccable sleeves. Mediterranean via the Maldives.

The creamy intoxicating warmth of good quality Indian sandalwood elegantly blended with a soupçon on cardamom and lavender is enthralling. A rich splurge of refined amber and tonka bean only adds to its alluring raffishness. The longer it's worn, the deeper the dilemma. Is this the ideal for a discreet man's man or a man's woman, who's contradictory hands-off sensuality is all the more attractive for it? Either way, Acqua di Parma have once more captured the imagination with this Harrods exclusive that brandishes the Harrods 'H' on its trademark Deco style cap. A class act as ever.

*Acqua di Parma's Colonia Sandalo concentree is created exclusively for [Harrods](#) priced £176 for 100ml EDC.*

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