

WHISKY:EDITION

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Benromach 12 Years (2012/2024) Contrasts High Enzyme

Benromach 12 Years (2012/2024) Contrasts High Enzyme is a single malt from Speyside, made with enzyme-rich, unpeated barley. This raw material choice, otherwise more common for grain whisky, noticeably shapes the fermentation process and leads here to an independent, distinctive profile. In the glass, it shows a rather mild character, but one clearly focused on freshness, malt, and edgier accents.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Benromach
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
12 Years	46% Vol.	57.13 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The whisky opens with juicy tropical fruits, particularly papaya and pineapple, accompanied by green apple with a fresh, vibrant quality. Underlying these are malt, a hint of honey and a touch of almond, which provide a smooth foundation to the opening. Slightly spicy notes combine with hay and grain, emphasising the unusual, raw-material-driven impression. Overall, the aroma is fresh, fruity and, at the same time, pleasantly robust.

PALATE

The Benromach is dry and astringent, which immediately lends it a distinctly edgier character. Apple and citrus notes meet malt and a tart component reminiscent of gooseberry. Added to this are metallic undertones, a hint of raspberry and bitter cocoa, making the profile unusual and quite demanding. The balance is maintained, yet the texture and the more tart accents are clearly in the foreground.

FINISH

Medium-length and warming. Plenty of wood and unripe apple characterise the finish, accompanied by slightly floral notes and a hint of lemongrass. As a result, the whisky finishes dry, fresh and with a noticeably tart edge.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

An interesting and highly drinkable single malt that certainly has its place as an experiment. However, it is less elegant than one might expect from Benromach, which is clearly part of the concept here. Within the Contrasts series, however, the [Benromach 9 Years \(2014/2024\)](#), [Contrasts unpeated](#) seemed significantly more exciting and delicious.

SASCHA

It's not bad, nor is it unbalanced, but it lacks that crucial spark to really stand out. As it stands, it's a well-made but not particularly memorable dram.

RATINGS

MARCEL
75/100
Very good

SASCHA
76/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

