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## Betz Rye Single Cask (2017/2022) 50

If you're looking for a German whisky that will win you over with its complexity and finesse, then steer clear of the Betz Rye Single Cask 50. This 4-years whisky from the Betz Distillery is a prime example of how to produce a whisky that simply disappoints. At 48.00% ABV, it promises strength, but what it delivers is a series of bad decisions.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Rye	Germany	Betz Manufaktur	4 Years
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
48% Vol.	57.00 €/l		

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

The first impression is a slap in the face. Instead of a harmonious bouquet, you are met with a spirit-heavy attack that is more reminiscent of cheap booze than a carefully matured whisky. Hidden somewhere in between are notes of raspberry, aniseed and - yes, you read that right - Fisherman's Friend cherry. Who came up with that, please? It doesn't smell like a handcrafted whisky, it smells like a failed experiment in chemistry class.

#### PALATE

The next disaster reveals itself on the tongue. The whisky tastes sweet, but not in a good way. It is a dull, cereal sweetness accompanied by a faint citrus flavour. But instead of coming across as fresh and lively, the flavour remains flat and uninspired. Where is the depth? Where is the complexity? Instead, you get a flavour that is as exciting as a dry bread roll.

#### FINISH

The finish is so short that one is almost grateful - if it wasn't so sharp and woody. The oak dominates here in the worst possible way, accompanied by a sharp afterburn that is more reminiscent of cheap grain than a single cask whisky. There is no long, pleasant finish, just an abrupt end that leaves you perplexed.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

If you're looking for a whisky that's fun and full of character, you should definitely keep looking rather than choosing the Betz Rye Single Cask 50. Instead of enjoyment, it delivers more of a hangover vibe with a spirit-heavy aroma and a finish that brings no pleasure - better pick another dram!

#### SASCHA

From a technical standpoint, the Betz Rye Single Cask 50 lacks the necessary balance and complexity to truly impress. The uneven aroma profile and the sharp, woody finish make the whisky feel underdeveloped and argue against recommending it.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**50/100**  
Average

SASCHA  
**53/100**  
Average

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**3/5**  
Fair

