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## Bruichladdich 30 Years (1993/2023) - Malts of Scotland

Islay without peat, but full of depth. Those familiar with older Bruichladdich expressions know this distillery offers not smoke, but structure, elegance, and a quiet strength. Independent bottler Malts of Scotland has secured a venerable bourbon barrel from 1993 – and with it, shows what time can do to a fine single malt. Matured for 30 years on the Isle of Islay, bottled at 45.8% ABV, non-chill filtered and natural in colour.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Islay	Bruichladdich
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Malts of Scotland	30 Years	45.8% Vol.	698.57 €/l

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

The nose unfolds with a beautifully layered complexity. Tropical fruits glide gently into the scene – mango, pineapple, dragon fruit – accompanied by soft cotton candy and delicate honey. A subtle oak note lingers in the background, tied together with cereal, Bircher muesli and almond milk. There's even a light nuttiness reminiscent of trail mix. This is old-school Bruichladdich at its best: multifaceted, elegant, never overpowering.

#### PALATE

The first sip confirms the promise: a textbook mature bourbon cask. Again, tropical fruit – mango and papaya now – paired with oats, cereals, and subtle chia or psyllium seed notes, evoking a modern breakfast bowl. It may sound unusual, but it works perfectly with the soft sweetness and malty core. With the second sip, the spice arrives: robust, mature oak, dry and assertive but never bitter. A persistent sweetness remains – somewhere between a fruity granola bar and sun-ripened fruit.

#### FINISH

The finish is medium in length, oaky and spicy, with a hint of vanilla and a flash of apple. Compared to the beautifully expressive nose and palate, the finish feels a touch simpler, more on the dry side. Not weak – far from it – but more restrained. In a whisky of this quality, that makes it the “least strong” part, which still means “very good.”

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

This Bruichladdich 1993/2023 is like a quiet friend, inviting you to relax with tropical sweetness and mature oak. Not every dram needs to make a grand entrance; here, it's the subtle, enjoyable depth that counts – a whisky that rewards patience with character. Only the finish could use a bit more pep, but that just makes the whole experience charmingly human.

#### SASCHA

An impressively structured single malt that clearly reflects its maturation in a high-quality bourbon barrel over 30 years. The balance between tropical fruit sweetness, a malty base, and dry oak is top-notch, although the slightly restrained finish slightly limits the overall impression. For lovers of refined cask maturation and harmonious complexity, this is a first-class example of independent bottling craftsmanship.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**89/100**  
Excellent

SASCHA  
**92/100**  
World class

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**0/5**  
No rating

