



Glenburgie 9 Years (2015/2025) - Claxton's

Glenburgie is a true Speyside workhorse: most of its spirit has always disappeared into blends, above all Ballantine's. Official single malts are accordingly rare, which makes independent bottlings like this one all the more interesting. Claxton's drew a single cask for its Exploration Series – distilled in 2015, bottled in 2025, matured for nine years in a fresh Tawny Port barrique (cask EXP1081) at 50 % ABV. It's also a little premiere: the first joint review by our two new tasters, Florian and Lucas.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Glenburgie
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Claxton's	9 Years	50% Vol.	108.43 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Immediate sweetness from the port cask: vanilla and caramel sweets meet molasses and a juicy note of orange. Underneath sit fine tannins that give the whole thing structure. Overall the nose feels almost rum-like – dark, sweet and treacly, more dessert than classic Speyside malt.

PALATE

The palate is noticeably more straightforward: first clear sweetness, then the malty backbone of the Glenburgie, accompanied by the orange from the nose. At 50 % it holds up firmly in the glass, but stays rather simple and doesn't deliver the refinement the nose promises.

FINISH

The finish turns dark: oak and dark fruit step forward, joined by cherry sweets and a clear surge of roasted notes. The shift from the sweet opening to the spicy, roasty close is the most exciting part of the dram.

THOUGHTS

FLORIAN

An exciting transition from the nose to the finish – there's genuinely something happening in the glass. Sadly it lacks that certain something at the end that I'd expect from a fresh port cask.

LUCAS

An interesting nose with a classic port finish that really gets you going. A shame the palate is missing that final touch of refinement to live up to the promise.

RATINGS

FLORIAN
74/100
Very good

LUCAS
73/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair