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Glendronach Cask Strength Batch 12

Do you remember how we used to talk about "sherry bombs"? If you've been around the whisky world for any length of time, you'll remember when a really sherry-heavy whisky was automatically considered a flavour grenade. The Glendronach Cask Strength Batch 12 with its 58.2% vol. is such a whisky that makes me think - not because it's bad, but because it perfectly shows how our perception has changed over the years.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Glendronach
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	58.2% Vol.	121.29 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Today, from today's perspective, this Glendronach seems almost "mild" - although objectively speaking it is still intense enough to take a beginner's breath away. From the very first nosing, it is clear that the sherry cask speaks for itself. Sherry clearly dominates the nose, accompanied by candied oranges that smell like Christmas market memories. Cinnamon joins in - not intrusive, but like a warm coat on a cold Highland day. Walnut and black pepper provide the necessary complexity, while liquorice adds an interesting dark note. This is classic Glendronach as you know and love it. But if you smell it today and think of the extreme first-fill maturation that are now standard, you'll understand what I mean: This is a nice sherry bomb, but one from a time when subtlety was still part of the game

PALATE

This Glendronach is very sherry forward, no question. But do you know what surprised me the most? The toffee moment. Yes, you read that right: Nut, chocolate and caramel merge here to create a flavour experience that immediately reminds me of those golden sweets. Black pepper returns and shows that despite all the sweetness, there is still bite. Light strawberry flits by - almost shyly, as if it didn't dare to join in with all the dark fruitiness. Dried plums dominate the "dried fruit fuss", as I affectionately call it - those concentrated, sweet flavours that are typical of good sherry maturation. The whole thing is slightly dry and pleasantly spicy. It's like an old friend telling you a story: familiar, warm, but still interesting enough to listen to.

FINISH

The medium-long finish shows why Glendronach has had such a good reputation for decades. It finishes dry, with dark chocolate that is elegant rather than bitter. Slightly bitter oak mingles with it. Sultanas round off the finish.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Glendronach Cask Strength Batch 12 feels like a warm embrace from the good old days - not an overpowering sherry bomb, but a dram full of character and charm. If you appreciate classic, more subtle sherry notes, here you'll find a reliable companion for a cozy dram. Simply a whisky that's enjoyable and evocative of fond memories.

SASCHA

The Glendronach Batch 12 impresses with a balanced integration of sherry that, despite its high cask strength, never feels overloaded. The harmony between sweet dried fruits, spicy oak, and a subtle sharpness speaks to a mature cask selection and a well-rounded maturation profile. A structured Highland malt offering classic sherry elegance without exaggeration.

RATINGS

MARCEL
85/100
Excellent

SASCHA
84/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

