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Glenlivet Distiller's Reserve

Glenlivet is globally renowned and enjoys massive popularity among both connoisseurs and beginners alike. In the distillery's lineup, there's a Travel Retail expression, which, one might aptly say, is likely targeted towards impulse buyers at airports. The Distiller's Reserve has matured without an age statement in three types of casks. Sherry and American Oak are familiar to us. However, the label doesn't disclose what exactly is meant by "Traditional Oak."

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Glenlivet
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	40% Vol.	49.90 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

On the nose, the Single Malt initially appears somewhat acidic. Overall, the aroma is very light with hints of green apple and vanilla. Behind that, we find subtle malt sweetness, a faint wine or sherry note, and something exotic that we would describe as rosewater.

PALATE

The taste on the palate is clearly dominated by citrus fruits. Orange peel and grapefruit mingle with subtle vanilla and a noticeable oakiness. The underlying hint of sherry is also present but somewhat subdued behind the fruity notes.

FINISH

The finish is short and rather subtle. We once again perceive hints of rose. Alongside that, there's a lingering oakiness on the tongue, accompanied by a touch of white pepper.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Easygoing and straightforward – the Glenlivet Distiller's Reserve is fun without any fuss. A solid choice for a quick sip at the airport, but those looking for real character won't find it here. Still, it's a well-rounded dram that leaves you wanting more, just not for too long.

SASCHA

The Glenlivet Distiller's Reserve impresses with its balanced structure and clear fruit notes, yet it remains somewhat generic and tame. The combination of citrus, oak, and subtle sherry hints is well integrated but doesn't achieve lasting complexity. A solid Speyside malt aimed more at the mass market than the connoisseur.

RATINGS

MARCEL
72/100
Very good

SASCHA
73/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

