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Glenrothes 26 Years (1988/2014) - Hart Brothers

The independent bottlers Hart Brothers advertise their bottlings as being subject to the highest standards of quality control. They distribute selected single cask bottlings, of course unfiltered and uncoloured. From this series we have a Speysider from the Glenrothes distillery in our glass today. Distilled in 1988 as a vintage whisky and then matured in casks for 26 years.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Glenrothes
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Hart Brothers	26 Years	50.5% Vol.	256.67 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The nose is already very complex, with a wide range of aromas. We find vanilla, honey and a floral fruitiness similar to buttercup. These are joined by sweet notes of fresh peach and apple. When the malt is allowed to breathe a little, spicy notes of oak and malted barley emerge.

PALATE

Like a typical Speysider, the profile evokes fruity freshness on the tongue. We think of peach iced tea, still vanilla sweetness and a malty cereal note on the tip of the tongue. This is overlaid by stronger flavours of oak, herbal tea and white pepper. There is also a very slight nuttiness, mostly reminiscent of almonds. This malt is not dry and is extremely oily.

FINISH

The medium-long finish pushes a very pleasant, but quite discreet, amount of oak. No bitterness at all, just pure, natural, spicy oak.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Glenrothes 26 from Hart Brothers showcases just how elegant an old Speysider can be: fresh, rounded, and full of sweet fruit that's genuinely enjoyable. The aromas practically dance on the tongue, inviting you to savor summer in a glass – almost like a little holiday. Those who embrace this character will be rewarded with a warm embrace that simply brings joy.

SASCHA

With its balanced aroma and flavor profile, the Glenrothes 1988/2014 impresses through a precise harmony between fruitiness, oak spice, and malty depth. The perfect integration of vanilla and herbal notes, combined with an oily texture, makes it a technically very mature single malt. Despite its 26 years, the finish remains pleasantly fresh, avoiding any bitterness – an impressive example of controlled cask maturation.

RATINGS

MARCEL
90/100
World class

SASCHA
90/100
World class

VALUE FOR MONEY
0/5
No rating

