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## Nc'Nean Huntress Malted Teacake (2017/2026)

With its Huntress Series, the sustainable Highland distillery Nc'Nean keeps putting a single building block of its production into the spotlight. For the Malted Teacake it's the yeast – a strain borrowed from brewing Belgian-style malty ales that gives this whisky its buttery, malty signature. Maturation from 2017 to 2022 in STR Red Wine, Bourbon and Oloroso casks, bottled in January 2026 at 48.5 % ABV.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Nc'Nean
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	48.5% Vol.	135.70 €/l	

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

Very malty and grain-forward, with fresh garden herbs and a crisp Granny Smith acidity. Freshly cut, slightly damp grass, a leafy peach, and the soft creaminess that the Belgian yeast strain quietly leaves behind in the background.

#### PALATE

Malty at the core, immediately framed by honey and warm buttered toast. A spicy layer takes over – crema catalana with its caramelised crust – alongside a velvety, almost beery undertone from the Belgian ale yeast.

#### FINISH

Medium length. The peach from the nose returns, riper now, carried by a spicy oak grip and a last toast note that lingers.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

Flavour-wise it's genuinely fine – malty, buttery, with a charming Belgian-beer twist. But pricing-wise it's simply bananas: for €135 per litre I expect more depth or at least an age statement to justify the bill. What's left is a likeable Highland malt with a nice story – the 80 points are for the liquid; the rest you'll have to negotiate with your own bank statement.

#### SASCHA

Tastes great and has a lovely buttery, creamy texture, carried by a pleasant harmony of sweetness and spice. The Belgian ale yeast adds a slightly beery, malty twist you really don't get every day, while the STR maturation puts a clearly spicy frame around the bourbon vanilla and oloroso sweetness. In a few spots it still feels a touch young – a couple more years on wood would have added depth. For me, still a successful experiment that clearly carries the distillery's signature.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**80/100**  
Excellent

SASCHA  
**82/100**  
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**2/5**  
Expensive

