

# WHISKY:EDITION

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## Oban The Macleans Young Teddy (2023)

Whiskies tell stories. Some shout, with drums and fanfare. Others whisper – and yet their echoes linger in memory. Oban The Macleans Young Teddy (2023) belongs to the latter. A limited edition from the storied Oban Distillery in the Scottish Highlands – boldly bottled at 50.8% ABV, but without an age statement. And perhaps that's the first clue: this whisky doesn't aim to impress with numbers but with character.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Oban
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	50.8% Vol.	541.42 €/l	

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

The first impression is unusually familiar. Malty at the core – like opening a box of cereal on a quiet Sunday morning. But before you settle into comfort, complexity kicks in like a double-decker bus to the sinuses: Pear, apricot, mirabelle – bright, juicy, almost crystalline. Caramel reminiscent of soft fudge. Then, a full-on patisserie parade: buttery croissant, biscuit dough, strawberry tartlet – it's a Parisian brunch on a balcony. A whisper of white tea? Yes. Subtly floral with a delicate astringency.

#### PALATE

The arrival is: creamy, almost viscous. "Indefinably light-fruited" may sound like a cop-out – but it's the most honest descriptor. Like a beam of light through fog – you sense it, but can't grasp it. Then comes white pepper, sharp but not harsh. A hint of leather? Maybe. Wet coffee grounds – earthy, dark, damp. Oddly compelling. And just a hint of green tobacco, freshly cut, almost chlorophyllic. A sensory collage that refuses linearity – and yet remains surprisingly balanced.

#### FINISH

The finish is the bridge back to reality – but it doesn't let you leave easily. There's good oak, but no bitterness. A little caramel, some honey, and then – cheekily – a salty kiss. Maritime, but not stormy. You sense that a sherry cask was somewhere in the process – but only briefly. Maybe the whisky just waved hello as it passed by. Different? Yes. Bizarre? No. It's got angles, but no harsh edges.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

This Oban The Macleans Young Teddy is a true character, delighting with its unusual aromatic profile and playful finish. It's not a whisky for a quick sip, but for connoisseurs eager to embark on an exciting journey off the beaten path. Those who love curiosity will be rewarded here with a charming Highlander that not only flatters but also challenges – and does so in a very likeable way.

#### SASCHA

The Oban The Macleans Young Teddy impresses with a skillful balance between malty sweetness, fruity complexity, and a subtle maritime spiciness. Despite its unusual combination of aromas, it remains structurally clear and multifaceted without feeling restless. A technically well-crafted Highland whisky that plays lively at 50.8% ABV, yet stays harmonious and approachable.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**88/100**  
Excellent

SASCHA  
**84/100**  
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**0/5**  
No rating

