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Royal Brackla 10 Years (2014/2024) - Thompson Bros

Who would have thought that such a treasure was hidden behind the unassuming name Royal Brackla? The distillery from the Scottish Highlands often leads a shadowy existence alongside the big names, but Thompson Bros impressively proves with this 10-years bottling why Royal Brackla deserves the title "The King's Own Whisky".

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Royal Brackla
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Thompson Bros.	10 Years	55.3% Vol.	92.85 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The very first swirl in the glass reveals the impressive complexity of this Royal Brackla. The nose is very malty, forming a solid foundation of roasted grain reminiscent of freshly baked bread. Above this malty base, floral notes unfold, reminiscent of heather blossoms and delicate meadow flowers – typical of the Highland region and wonderfully balanced. The lemon zest is particularly appealing, adding a fresh, lively note to the aroma profile without being overpowering. The sweet, oily texture of the aromas envelops the senses and carries a hint of vanilla that harmonises perfectly with the burnt toast. These roasted aromas are never bitter, but lend the whisky a comforting warmth. The overall impression on the nose is remarkably clean and rounded.

PALATE

The oily, smooth texture caresses the mouth and carries the flavours with an almost buttery creaminess. The ginger stands out clearly and brings a pleasant, warming spiciness that perfectly complements the cask strength and never seems aggressive. The malty-sweet notes from the nose continue and are complemented by a surprisingly fruity component: candied pear is elegant and gives the whisky a subtle sweetness reminiscent of high-quality patisserie. This fruitiness is not overpowering, but blends harmoniously into the overall picture and ensures a perfect balance between malt, spices and sweet elements.

FINISH

The ginger flavour continues on the palate, creating a warming effect that spreads pleasantly throughout the mouth and throat. The oak profile that emerges in the finish is particularly impressive – not too dominant, but present enough to make the 10 years of ageing noticeable. The medium-length finish is just right and is rounded off by a slightly herbal note that is strikingly reminiscent of Ricola lemon.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

A true Highland hidden gem that delights with its malty warmth and lively ginger kick. The Royal Brackla 10 Years proves that enjoyment doesn't always have to shout – sometimes it whispers charmingly and remains unforgettable.

SASCHA

This Royal Brackla impresses with a balanced structure of a malty base, floral Highland notes, and precisely measured fruitiness. The complex interplay between texture, spice, and oak makes it a technically convincing example of a high-quality cask strength whisky.

RATINGS

MARCEL
85/100
Excellent

SASCHA
86/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

