Royal Lochnagar 12 Years

Royal Lochnagar is one of the smallest distilleries in Scotland. In addition to the 12-years single malt, the distillery's two pot stills also produce a large amount which is used in the Johnnie Walker Blue Label.Royal Whisky? The story told is that shortly after the opening of the distillery, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were invited by the owner at the time. The British royal family had just bought nearby Balmoral Castle (1848). Later, the distillery became a purveyor to the court and was allowed to bear the suffix Royal, which was even confirmed again in 2021 by a Royal Warrant of Appointment.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Royal Lochnagar
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
12 Years	40% Vol.	54.27 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

We perceive sweet brown sugar, wood chips and citrus fruits. Light smoke lies unobtrusively, but nevertheless well recognisable in the background. A very exciting note of liquorice resonates.

PALATE

The Scotch opens sweet, then dry and with minimal smoke. Licorice notes can also be perceived here. All in all, the composition reminds us of suede care products. The flavours are very defined, slightly oily and wonderfully rounded.

FINISH

The finish flatters the palate, but is still strong and brings along minimal bitterness.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Royal Lochnagar 12 delivers a pleasantly smooth and rounded drinking experience that also appeals to whisky newcomers – a charming Highlander without sharp edges, but with a sweet, lightly smoky character that's enjoyable without being overwhelming.

SASCHA

This 12-years Highland malt impresses with a balanced profile featuring clearly defined licorice and citrus notes, while the subtle smokiness and minimal bitter finish provide a harmonious structure – straightforward yet solid complexity at a medium level.

RATINGS

MARCEL	SASCHA	VALUE FOR MONEY
69/100	**71/100**	**4/5**
Good	Very good	Good