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Royal Brackla (2009) Grown-Up Indulgences Cask 55.72 - The Scotch Malt Whisky Society

The Royal Brackla bottled by the Scotch Malt Whisky Society (SMWS) matured for 9 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead before the 3-year finish began in a 1st fill PX hogshead made from American oak.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Royal Brackla
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
The Scotch Malt Whisky Society	12 Years	58.1% Vol.	114.00 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The Royal Brackla 2009 unfolds an opulent palette of flavours on the nose. A strong caramel flavour is dominant, mingling with a sugary-sweet, syrupy note. The sherry influences are unmistakable, with redcurrants in particular coming to the fore. This is accompanied by a strong oak note, which gives the whisky a robust structure.

PALATE

Oaky and with a slightly ashy note, the 12-years Royal Brackla begins its journey. The consistency is oily and syrupy, which makes the mouthfeel pleasantly full-bodied. Fruity notes of sultanas and honey dates characterise the taste, accompanied by a tangy lemon note and a hint of redcurrant. Plum is also clearly perceptible, while a slight bitterness is noticeable in the background.

FINISH

The finish of the Royal Brackla 2009 is long, intense and dry, with a lingering syrupy note. The feeling of chewing on a cask stave remains long after the last sip and once again emphasises the strong oak presence of this whisky.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Royal Brackla scores with its velvety mouthfeel and the sweet caramel that's genuinely enjoyable – even if the oak sometimes feels a bit too dominant. For a relaxed evening full of drinking pleasure, though, it's a solid companion that doesn't come with a lot of fuss.

SASCHA

The Royal Brackla 2009 displays a clear, robust structure with intense oak influence and a balanced finish. While it lacks the hoped-for complexity and fruitiness, its well-integrated balance makes it a technically convincing Highland whisky.

RATINGS

MARCEL
78/100
Very good

SASCHA
80/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

