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Taketsuru Pure Malt

The Nikka distillery honours its founder with Taketsuru Pure Malt, a blend of various malt whiskies with no age statement, bottled at 43%.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Blended Malt Whisky	Japan	Nikka	NAS
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
43% Vol.	75.64 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Taketsuru Pure Malt reveals its complexity right from the first sniff. The earthy, malty base notes form a solid foundation, over which delicate floral honey aromas unfold. It is like walking through a Japanese garden in early summer, where the first peach blossoms are just beginning to release their sweetness. The floral notes are present but never intrusive, blending harmoniously into the overall picture. Particularly fascinating are the warm oak tones that lie like a warming blanket over the other aromas. They are reminiscent of well-aged wood in a traditional cooperage. A hint of bergamot adds a citrus-fresh component that lends a certain liveliness to the nosing. The nose promises complexity without being overwhelming. It invites you to return to the glass again and again to discover new nuances.

PALATE

The first sip confirms what the nose already suggested: this whisky is a master of mildness. Brown sugar and vanilla dominate the flavour profile, creating a sweetness that never seems cloying or one-dimensional. The texture is remarkably round, almost creamy, and caresses the palate like velvet. But there is more hidden beneath this gentle surface. Notes of tree bark bring earthy and slightly woody accents into play, reminiscent of a walk in the woods after the rain. These oaky elements give Taketsuru Pure Malt a welcome structure and prevent it from sinking into insubstantial sweetness. The balance between sweetness and wood notes is impressively balanced. The alcohol is perfectly integrated, with no burning sensation or sharp edges. This whisky is what is known in technical terms as "smooth", as smooth and polished as a polished stone.

FINISH

This is where the only real weakness of Taketsuru Pure Malt becomes apparent: the finish is short. Too short, considering how promising the nose and palate were. But what it lacks in length, it makes up for in quality. A warming sensation spreads, accompanied by subtle oak notes that echo the previous aromas. Spicy pepper provides a little surprise in the final moments, a cheeky wink at the end of an otherwise restrained performance.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

The Taketsuru Pure Malt is like a gentle stroll through a Japanese garden – pleasant, elegant, and never boring. It leaves you wanting more, even though it lacks the surprise element that truly knocks you off your feet. For a relaxed whisky evening, however, it's definitely a safe bet.

SASCHA

The Taketsuru Pure Malt impresses with its harmonious balance between sweet vanilla notes and earthy wood tones, which are very well integrated. Despite its flawless technical execution, it feels a bit too conventional and could gain depth with a longer finish. A solid, well-structured blend without any real edges or quirks.

RATINGS

MARCEL
73/100
Very good

SASCHA
76/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
2/5
Expensive

