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## Talisker Skye

When it comes to Scotch whisky, Talisker is synonymous with strong flavours, maritime character and a pinch of smoke. But while the well-known Talisker 10 Years is considered a classic, the Talisker Skye offers a somewhat softer, more accessible alternative - at least on paper.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Skye	Talisker
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	45.8% Vol.	39.76 €/l	

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

As soon as you hold the glass to your nose, you immediately realise: Yes, this is Talisker! But a somewhat younger representative. Instead of deep, heavy smoke, you get a gentle peaty note that is more reminiscent of a distant campfire on the beach. This is joined by white pepper, classic bourbon cask notes such as vanilla, caramel and toffee as well as an interesting salty sea breeze. A slight seaweed note resonates, and on top of that there is a pinch of BBQ peanuts and a hint of honey. All in all, a round but somewhat lighter nose that makes you want to take your first sip.

#### PALATE

The first sip makes it clear that Talisker Skye is going its own way. Surprisingly, a clear peach note appears first, which is almost tropical. Then comes a slightly bitter spiciness, which is accompanied by oak and a salty, maritime freshness. The mouthfeel is quite creamy, which makes the whisky pleasantly smooth. Spicy accents of rye bread and a slight sharpness provide a nice counterbalance to the fruity sweetness.

#### FINISH

This shows that the Talisker Skye is younger than its 10-years brother. The finish is rather short, but still remains interesting. A mineral note, paired with the typical Talisker salinity, dominates the finish. A hint of mealy apple rounds off the whole thing before the flavours quickly fade away.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

Talisker Skye delivers the typical maritime character but is noticeably more approachable and less smoky than the 10-years. For those looking to gently ease into salty, smoky whiskies, it's a charming companion - though for the same price, you might still prefer the more complex classic.

#### SASCHA

The Talisker Skye shows a solid balance between fruity sweetness, spicy oak, and maritime saltiness, but in terms of structure and complexity, it feels somewhat underdeveloped compared to its 10-years counterpart. For newcomers to smoky-salty whisky profiles, it's a balanced, if not entirely convincing, option price-wise.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**75/100**  
Very good

SASCHA  
**77/100**  
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**4/5**  
Good

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