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## Balmenach 8 Years (2013/2022) Barrique Finish - Best Dram

Balmenach does not have a core range. If you want to taste such a whisky, you have to resort to independent bottlings. Michel Reick - one of the best-known German independent bottlers of single malt whisky - has bottled a Balmenach with a 1st fill Banyuls barrique finish in the "Best Dram" series.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Balmenach
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Best Dram	8 Years	54.2% Vol.	111.29 €/l

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

The nose of the 8-years Balmenach single malt is intense and immediately present. A clear note of ripe cherry jam immediately hits the senses, accompanied by deep nuances of fermented plums. A touch of heavy red wine and a hint of cane sugar round off the bouquet, while deep red wine gums add a sweet and tantalising dimension.

#### PALATE

The first sip reveals a powerfully sweet flavour characterised by ripe fruit and subtle vinous notes. Dark wine gums provide a complex sweetness, while a pleasant warmth envelops the palate. A surprising sulphur note, reminiscent of rotten egg, adds an unexpected nuance.

#### FINISH

The finish is extremely spicy and long-lasting, with a lingering sweetness that gradually gives way to a drier character. Dark chocolate remains.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

This Balmenach 8 Years reveals itself as a true character with its intense fruity sweetness and surprisingly dry finish, leaving you wanting more. The sulfur notes are divisive but also add intriguing edges and corners to the glass - not everyone's cup of tea, but definitely an entertaining dram for adventurous connoisseurs.

#### SASCHA

The Balmenach 8 Years Best Dram impresses with its balanced structure between sweet fruit aromas and a spicy, dry finish. Despite the distracting sulfur note, the complexity remains intact, while the barrique finish gives the whisky an interesting depth that fans of complex Speyside whiskies will particularly appreciate.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**84/100**  
Excellent

SASCHA  
**86/100**  
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**4/5**  
Good

