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Benrinnes 15 Years (2008/2023) - Malts of Scotland

The original bottlings from the Benrinnes distillery can be counted on one hand - there is exactly one and it appears in the Flora & Fauna series. If you still want to enjoy single malts from the distillery, you have to look around at independent bottlers such as Malts of Scotland.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Benrinnes
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Malts of Scotland	15 Years	56.4% Vol.	127.14 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Nosing the Benrinnes 15 Years is an exciting journey through the sherry hogshead. The maltiness and almost extreme cereal notes form the basis, while fruity nuances of blackberry, redcurrant, cranberry and damson unfold. A hint of dark chocolate and subtle roasted flavours round things off.

PALATE

The single malt with malt from Roseisle Maltings presents a strong spiciness and earthy depth on the palate. Notes of tobacco and sweet plums mingle with morello cherries and a kick of colourful pepper. The molasses, reminiscent of honey BBQ, lends the flavour a sweet intensity. We can't help but think a little of an old-man's room - the Speysider has a slight leathery, mouldy quality to it.

FINISH

The finish of this single malt is tinglingly spicy, short to medium in length and characterised by intense oak. Leathery nuances combine with a hint of chilli chocolate and leave a lasting, multi-faceted impression.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Benrinnes 15 Years shows just how exciting a sherry cask can be - with bold blackberry and tobacco notes that really make you want to take another sip. A true character whisky that, with its sweet spice and a hint of leather, also reveals a few rough edges. For anyone looking to enjoy something off the beaten path, this is an absolute recommendation.

SASCHA

The Benrinnes 15 Years impresses with its balanced structure between intense sherry cask maturation and complex maltiness. The combination of fruity berry aromas, spicy tobacco notes, and a lasting oak tannin presence creates a harmonious and multifaceted flavor profile. Despite the powerful aromas, the malt remains well balanced, though it shows slight rustic nuances on the finish.

RATINGS

MARCEL
84/100
Excellent

SASCHA
85/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

