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Craigellachie (2013/2024) - Malts of Scotland

Malts of Scotland is known for its bold and characterful releases, and this one is no exception: a Craigellachie at 61.2% ABV, straight from the cask, unfiltered and untouched. After 11 years in the cask, this Speyside whisky has turned into a true sherry bomb.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Craigellachie
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
Malts of Scotland	NAS	61.2% Vol.	84.14 €/l

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

Right from the start, this whisky delivers a whirlwind of aromas. Plums, figs, and dates create an intense sweetness, while morello cherries add a darker fruit note. There are also hints of leather, tobacco, and something reminiscent of a long-heated grain pillow – warm, spicy, and slightly nutty.

PALATE

The first sip is a full-on sherry explosion. Sweet, fruity flavors dominate the tip of the tongue before transitioning into old leather sofas, Cognac-like notes, and tobacco leaves. The texture is creamy, almost oily, yet it quickly dries out. Aged oak brings a strong spiciness, while slightly burnt notes add a smoky-bitter accent. Somewhere in between, rust and machine oil play a subordinate role.

FINISH

Long and intense. The oak spice builds up further, but the sweetness remains – this time more like heather honey and caramel. The whisky fades out with dry, spicy oak, leaving a lingering warmth.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Craigellachie 2013/2024 is like a wild rollercoaster ride for the senses – untamed, full-bodied, and packed with plenty of rough edges. If you're into powerful sherry bombs, you'll have a blast with every nose and every sip. Elegance is nowhere to be found here, but that's exactly what gives it its charm!

SASCHA

With its robust structure and intense sherry notes, this Craigellachie presents itself as a technically impressive cask strength release that skillfully balances sweet fruit and austere oak. The complex spice and long finish make it an exciting example of a bold Speyside sherry, even if the edgy dryness might not be to everyone's taste.

RATINGS

MARCEL
81/100
Excellent

SASCHA
85/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
5/5
Excellent

