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Glenlivet 13 Years 1st Fill American Oak

Regional exclusives often hold a special charm. The Glenlivet 13 Years 1st Fill American Oak, crafted specifically for the French market, showcases how even within the classic Speyside style, intriguing variations can arise. Matured in first-fill American oak casks and bottled at 40% ABV, this whisky promises an easy-drinking experience. But what makes it stand out?

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Glenlivet
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
13 Years	40% Vol.	57.00 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

On the first nosing, the classic Speyside character immediately shines through: light sawdust and sweet strawberries with cream and sugar evoke bright, fruity aromas. A subtle floral soap note adds complexity, complemented by hints of toast, pomelo, and lemon sherbet. The bouquet feels inviting and harmonious, with a sweet undertone that's pleasant but not overly complex.

PALATE

The first sip confirms its approachable nature. Creamy and smooth, it glides over the palate, delivering notes of vanilla, almond, and white chocolate reminiscent of cocoa butter. The juicy sweetness of honeydew melon adds a fresh, light dimension. This whisky clearly benefits from the influence of American oak, known for imparting mild and sweet flavors.

FINISH

The finish is buttery smooth but relatively short. Subtle hints of orange and a touch of oak create a pleasant conclusion. It's a whisky that quietly exits the stage, leaving a gentle impression.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

A whisky that convinces without much fuss and delivers exactly what you expect from a cozy evening: sweet, soft, and pleasantly unobtrusive. The Glenlivet 13 Years 1st Fill American Oak is like a relaxed chat with an old friend – straightforward, likeable, and simply comforting. If you're not after big dramatic effects, here you have a charming companion for light moments of enjoyment.

SASCHA

The Glenlivet 13 Years 1st Fill American Oak impresses with a balanced harmony of fruity sweetness and a mild wood note typical of first-fill American oak. Its moderate complexity and gentle, though short, finish make it a solid Speyside whisky, especially suitable for beginners or as a relaxed everyday dram. Technically clean, but without profound depth or exceptional structure.

RATINGS

MARCEL
78/100
Very good

SASCHA
78/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

