

WHISKY:EDITION

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Maclean's Nose

The independent bottler Adelphi has been a staple of high-quality whiskies for many decades. To meet the high demand, they opened the Ardnamurchan Distillery in 2014, returning to their roots as distillers. Recently, a Blended Malt has found its way into Adelphi's portfolio with Maclean's Nose. With a malt content of 70%, and bottled following Adelphi's classic philosophy of no added coloring or chill filtration, "the Nose" aims to impress.

TYPE	COUNTRY	BOTTLER	AGE
Blended Malt Whisky	Scotland	Adelphi	NAS
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
46% Vol.	45.57 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The nose (pun intended) immediately surprises with its complexity. We find an extremely warm but also "dirty" smoke. This is accompanied by citrus and orange zest, as well as freshly grated applesauce. Over time, the malt opens up to reveal herbal notes with licorice and freshly cut grass. The aroma is rounded off by a touch of sea salt and a pleasant hint of almond.

PALATE

On the palate, the sherry cask influence becomes quite evident. We detect both fresher notes of vanilla ice cream with chocolate shavings and the smoke of a recently extinguished campfire. In addition, there's burnt caramel, a pronounced chocolatey richness, and a hint of plum compote.

FINISH

The finish is long and carried by smoke. We continue to taste the pleasant sweetness of plums and raisins, complemented by white chocolate. The aftertaste lingers with hints of licorice and nutmeg that remain on the palate for quite some time.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Maclean's Nose proves that a no-age-statement blended malt can be genuinely enjoyable – warm, smoky, and packed with plenty of character. If you appreciate layered aromas and drinkability, this is a real bargain. A whisky that's sure to spark conversation at your next gathering.

SASCHA

With Maclean's Nose, Adelphi delivers a well-balanced blended malt that impresses with its structured harmony between sherry cask notes, smoke, and delicate fruit tones. The complex aroma profile at 46% ABV without chill filtration demonstrates technical finesse, making it a fine example of modern whisky craftsmanship. A cleverly composed whisky that offers stability and depth despite the absence of an age statement.

RATINGS

MARCEL
80/100
Excellent

SASCHA
83/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
5/5
Excellent

