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Meikle Tòir 5 Years The Chinquapin One (2023)

With the Meikle Tòir The Chinquapin One 5 Years, GlenAllachie proves that Speyside whiskies can indeed have a smoky side. However, the true highlight of this release isn't just the peat smoke, but also the cask management: In addition to ex-bourbon barrels, Chinquapin oak is used – an American oak variety known for its spicy, leathery, and subtly sweet notes.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	GlenAllachie
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
5 Years	48% Vol.	71.29 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The first impression is complex. Warm charcoal smoke rises, accompanied by sweet, nutty roasted almonds. A deep spiciness unfolds with cinnamon and ginger, while green apple and malty sweetness add freshness. After the first sip, a soft hint of peach emerges.

PALATE

The whisky is full-bodied and intense. A smoldering grill fire sets the foundation, over which sweet BBQ notes and spicy cinnamon unfold. Dark caramel and a distinctive teriyaki sauce note enhance the sweet-savory character.

FINISH

The finish is long and powerfully smoky. Sweet smoke-kissed almonds linger, while cinnamon returns – this time with a touch of chili for an exciting heat.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Here, smoky Speyside becomes an experience – young, yet already full of character and with a spiciness that's genuinely enjoyable. The Chinquapin oak delivers just the right kick to keep the whisky exciting without overwhelming it. Absolutely recommended for fans of powerful yet playful smokiness!

SASCHA

The harmonious interplay of smoke, sweetness, and spicy Chinquapin oak creates a remarkable balance that feels surprisingly mature for a five-years whisky. The structural clarity and long-lasting finish with subtle heat give this Speyside expression a distinct profile strength. A technically impressive, smoky single malt with a precise cask combination.

RATINGS

MARCEL
83/100
Excellent

SASCHA
85/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

