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Oban The Macleans Young Teddy (2023)

Whiskies tell stories. Some shout, with drums and fanfare. Others whisper – and yet their echoes linger in memory. Oban The Macleans Young Teddy (2023) belongs to the latter. A limited edition from the storied Oban Distillery in the Scottish Highlands – boldly bottled at 50.8% ABV, but without an age statement. And perhaps that's the first clue: this whisky doesn't aim to impress with numbers but with character.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Oban
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	50.8% Vol.	541.42 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The first impression is unusually familiar. Malty at the core – like opening a box of cereal on a quiet Sunday morning. But before you settle into comfort, complexity kicks in like a double-decker bus to the sinuses: Pear, apricot, mirabelle – bright, juicy, almost crystalline. Caramel reminiscent of soft fudge. Then, a full-on patisserie parade: buttery croissant, biscuit dough, strawberry tartlet – it's a Parisian brunch on a balcony. A whisper of white tea? Yes. Subtly floral with a delicate astringency.

PALATE

The arrival is: creamy, almost viscous. "Indefinably light-fruited" may sound like a cop-out – but it's the most honest descriptor. Like a beam of light through fog – you sense it, but can't grasp it. Then comes white pepper, sharp but not harsh. A hint of leather? Maybe. Wet coffee grounds – earthy, dark, damp. Oddly compelling. And just a hint of green tobacco, freshly cut, almost chlorophyllic. A sensory collage that refuses linearity – and yet remains surprisingly balanced.

FINISH

The finish is the bridge back to reality – but it doesn't let you leave easily. There's good oak, but no bitterness. A little caramel, some honey, and then – cheekily – a salty kiss. Maritime, but not stormy. You sense that a sherry cask was somewhere in the process – but only briefly. Maybe the whisky just waved hello as it passed by. Different? Yes. Bizarre? No. It's got angles, but no harsh edges.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

This Oban The Macleans Young Teddy is a true character, delighting with its unusual aromatic profile and playful finish. It's not a whisky for a quick sip, but for connoisseurs eager to embark on an exciting journey off the beaten path. Those who love curiosity will be rewarded here with a charming Highlander that not only flatters but also challenges – and does so in a very likeable way.

SASCHA

The Oban The Macleans Young Teddy impresses with a skillful balance between malty sweetness, fruity complexity, and a subtle maritime spiciness. Despite its unusual combination of aromas, it remains structurally clear and multifaceted without feeling restless. A technically well-crafted Highland whisky that plays lively at 50.8% ABV, yet stays harmonious and approachable.

RATINGS

MARCEL
88/100
Excellent

SASCHA
84/100
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY
0/5
No rating

