

WHISKY:EDITION

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P&M Red Oak

Distillation has been a tradition in Corsica for over 150 years, while the Pietra brewery has only been brewing beer since 1995. Pietra and the Mavela distillery have recently entered into a collaboration, releasing their products under the name P&M Single Malt Corsican Whisky. Today, we're exploring the "Red Oak" special edition, featuring spring and winter barley, 5ppm of smoke, a Holstein Pot Still, maturation in ex-Niellucciu (a Corsican grape variety) red wine casks, and a limited run of 567 bottles. Unfortunately, the age of the whisky remains a secret.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Single Malt	France	Mavela	NAS
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
42% Vol.	121.42 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

The nose of the Red Oak immediately captivates with a decidedly exotic character. A strong grain note accompanied by pronounced maltiness meets typical aromas of caramel, walnut, and a hint of vanilla. However, it gets particularly interesting – a touch of eccentricity best described as "funky." Our primary associations lead us to mango and lychee, providing an extraordinarily exotic fruitiness.

PALATE

The taste of this single malt is wonderfully creamy and smooth. Sweet fruitiness of mirabelle plums joins the more typical apple and pear notes, all while retaining the unique flavors experienced on the nose. Now, a hint of oak also appears on the palate, and with careful exploration, a trace of smoke emerges in the background.

FINISH

The finish leaves a short impression, characterized by subtle marzipan notes and a gentle, tingling sensation. A pleasant dryness envelops the palate, accompanied by delicate maritime, slightly salty undertones.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

A whisky that really delights with its exotic fruitiness and soft creaminess – like a little holiday in Corsica in a glass. The unusual aromas are bold, but that's exactly what gives it character and drinking pleasure. Whether the price is justified is something each person must decide for themselves, but the P&M Red Oak is definitely worth a Corsican adventure.

SASCHA

The P&M Red Oak impresses with an interesting balance between sweet fruitiness and subtle notes of oak and smoke, although the lack of an age statement leaves a bit to be desired in terms of transparency. The structure is solid, but the short finish and exotic accents feel somewhat unbalanced. Overall, a technically well-crafted single malt with an exciting regional profile that still shows potential for further maturation.

RATINGS

MARCEL 73/100 Very good	SASCHA 74/100 Very good	VALUE FOR MONEY 3/5 Fair
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