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Schlitzer Single Malt Klassisch

When whisky romantics rave about the mist-shrouded Highlands and wax lyrical about centuries-old traditions, the Schlitzer distillery smiles mildly. Spirits have been distilled here since 1585 – although back then, no one had the crazy idea of producing whisky in Hesse of all places. That would take a few more centuries. Since 1983, the traditional distillery has been trying its hand at the Scottish supreme discipline, and the result is... well, the Schlitzer Single Malt Classic.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Single Malt	Germany	Schlitzer Korn- & Edelobstbrennerei GmbH	NAS
ABV 43% Vol.	PRICE/LITER 59.90 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

When we hold the glass under our nose, the Schlitzer presents itself with – well, let's call it a "restrained presence". Fresh oak barrels are definitely there. You can literally smell how the bourbon casks have done their job. The problem is that they may have had a little too little time to do so. The vanilla notes are there, quite vanilla-like in fact, almost as if someone had forgotten that subtlety is a virtue. A slight hint of light fruit. That sounds more romantic than it is. We're not talking about juicy peaches or exotic mangoes here, but rather the memory of fruit that was once nearby. A hint of malt joins in, and then comes the surprise: marzipan. Yes, marzipan. As if the whisky had spontaneously decided to remind us of Christmas. However, it's the marzipan from the discount store, not the handmade kind from the pastry chef.

PALATE

Apple! Fruity apple! Finally, something's happening! The Schlitzer delivers its strongest argument here: a clear, fruity apple note that is actually refreshing. Not complex, not multi-layered, but at least present. It's the moment when you think, "Okay, maybe this will work after all." Then comes the slight dryness. Not unpleasant, but not particularly exciting either. It's as if the whisky has decided to remain subtle rather than embarrass itself. A hint of mini oak emerges... yes, mini oak. Not the powerful wood notes of a matured malt, but more like someone has placed an oak toothpick in the glass and waited a moment.

FINISH

And here the inevitable happens: the finish is – well, how to put this diplomatically? – weak. Very weak. "Vodka" is written in our tasting notes, and unfortunately that's no exaggeration. The whisky disappears from the mouth faster than you can say "Sláinte".

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Schlitzer takes a charming leap into the world of whisky, but the enjoyment doesn't quite fully materialize. The apple notes bring a brief moment of pleasure, yet the finish slips away like a shy deer – there's definitely room for growth to achieve genuine drinking pleasure.

SASCHA

The balance between cask influence and fruit is still underdeveloped here; Schlitzer comes across as unbalanced and somewhat flat in structure. Despite some promising elements, it lacks the depth needed to meet the standards of a classic single malt.

RATINGS

MARCEL
53/100
Average

SASCHA
55/100
Average

VALUE FOR MONEY
2/5
Expensive

