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## Royal Brackla (2009) Grown-Up Indulgences Cask 55.72 - The Scotch Malt Whisky Society

The Royal Brackla bottled by the Scotch Malt Whisky Society (SMWS) matured for 9 years in an ex-bourbon hogshead before the 3-year finish began in a 1st fill PX hogshead made from American oak.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Highlands	Royal Brackla
BOTTLER	AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER
The Scotch Malt Whisky Society	12 Years	58.1% Vol.	114.00 €/l

### TASTING NOTES

#### NOSE

The Royal Brackla 2009 unfolds an opulent palette of flavours on the nose. A strong caramel flavour is dominant, mingling with a sugary-sweet, syrupy note. The sherry influences are unmistakable, with redcurrants in particular coming to the fore. This is accompanied by a strong oak note, which gives the whisky a robust structure.

#### PALATE

Oaky and with a slightly ashy note, the 12-years Royal Brackla begins its journey. The consistency is oily and syrupy, which makes the mouthfeel pleasantly full-bodied. Fruity notes of sultanas and honey dates characterise the taste, accompanied by a tangy lemon note and a hint of redcurrant. Plum is also clearly perceptible, while a slight bitterness is noticeable in the background.

#### FINISH

The finish of the Royal Brackla 2009 is long, intense and dry, with a lingering syrupy note. The feeling of chewing on a cask stave remains long after the last sip and once again emphasises the strong oak presence of this whisky.

### THOUGHTS

#### MARCEL

This Royal Brackla scores with its velvety mouthfeel and the sweet caramel that's genuinely enjoyable – even if the oak sometimes feels a bit too dominant. For a relaxed evening full of drinking pleasure, though, it's a solid companion that doesn't come with a lot of fuss.

#### SASCHA

The Royal Brackla 2009 displays a clear, robust structure with intense oak influence and a balanced finish. While it lacks the hoped-for complexity and fruitiness, its well-integrated balance makes it a technically convincing Highland whisky.

### RATINGS

MARCEL  
**78/100**  
Very good

SASCHA  
**80/100**  
Excellent

VALUE FOR MONEY  
**3/5**  
Fair

