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Speyburn 16 Years

When you hear 'Travel Exclusive', you immediately think of something special, something that you can only get hold of with difficulty when travelling, don't you? Well, the Speyburn 16 years fulfils this claim... but not in a positive sense.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Speyside	Speyburn
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
16 Years	43% Vol.	53.90 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

From the very first sniff, you get the feeling that it could be something after all. The aromas of ripe peaches and oranges almost jump out at you, accompanied by a pleasant sweetness reminiscent of honey and vanilla. A hint of almond and white chocolate lend the whole thing an almost seductive note. But beware: the fragrance promises more than the whisky can deliver.

PALATE

The promising aroma is followed by disillusionment. In the mouth, the Speyburn 16 years is unfortunately more watery than hoped for, which is rather disappointing for a 16 years whisky. Yes, there are spices such as pepper and oak, but they are more intrusive than balanced. The sweetness of honey and white chocolate comes through, but struggles in vain against the excess of old wood and the surprisingly flat structure. A hint of pear and apple tries to turn the tide, but it remains a desperate attempt.

FINISH

But the finish saves? Unfortunately not. Medium-long and quickly forgotten, one thing above all remains in the memory: oak spice, a little pepper, a hint of vanilla and, at the very end, a subtle hazelnut note. But even here the experience is rather flat and not very complex.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

If you're looking for a travel bargain with character, you might want to think twice before choosing the Speyburn 16 Years – unfortunately, the wood dominates here, and the promised journey of enjoyment falls flat. Despite its 16 years of maturation, it noticeably lacks depth and excitement, leaving you wondering if this whisky would have been better off staying on the shelf.

SASCHA

The Speyburn 16 Years delivers the typical Speyside aromas but suffers from an unbalanced woodiness and a flat overall structure. The lack of complexity and the watery palate prevent a harmonious balance, which is why this Travel Exclusive comes across as rather average and not particularly memorable.

RATINGS

MARCEL
67/100
Good

SASCHA
65/100
Good

VALUE FOR MONEY
3/5
Fair

