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Talisker Skye

When it comes to Scotch whisky, Talisker is synonymous with strong flavours, maritime character and a pinch of smoke. But while the well-known [Talisker 10 Years](#) is considered a classic, the Talisker Skye offers a somewhat softer, more accessible alternative - at least on paper.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Skye	Talisker
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	45.8% Vol.	39.76 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

As soon as you hold the glass to your nose, you immediately realise: Yes, this is Talisker! But a somewhat younger representative. Instead of deep, heavy smoke, you get a gentle peaty note that is more reminiscent of a distant campfire on the beach. This is joined by white pepper, classic bourbon cask notes such as vanilla, caramel and toffee as well as an interesting salty sea breeze. A slight seaweed note resonates, and on top of that there is a pinch of BBQ peanuts and a hint of honey. All in all, a round but somewhat lighter nose that makes you want to take your first sip.

PALATE

The first sip makes it clear that Talisker Skye is going its own way. Surprisingly, a clear peach note appears first, which is almost tropical. Then comes a slightly bitter spiciness, which is accompanied by oak and a salty, maritime freshness. The mouthfeel is quite creamy, which makes the whisky pleasantly smooth. Spicy accents of rye bread and a slight sharpness provide a nice counterbalance to the fruity sweetness.

FINISH

This shows that the Talisker Skye is younger than its 10-years brother. The finish is rather short, but still remains interesting. A mineral note, paired with the typical Talisker salinity, dominates the finish. A hint of mealy apple rounds off the whole thing before the flavours quickly fade away.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

Talisker Skye delivers the typical maritime character but is noticeably more approachable and less smoky than the 10-years. For those looking to gently ease into salty, smoky whiskies, it's a charming companion - though for the same price, you might still prefer the more complex classic.

SASCHA

The Talisker Skye shows a solid balance between fruity sweetness, spicy oak, and maritime saltiness, but in terms of structure and complexity, it feels somewhat underdeveloped compared to its 10-years counterpart. For newcomers to smoky-salty whisky profiles, it's a balanced, if not entirely convincing, option price-wise.

RATINGS

MARCEL
75/100
Very good

SASCHA
77/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

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