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Talisker Surge

In 2022 Talisker added a travel exclusive called Surge to its core range of bottlings. This malt is only available at airport duty free shops. Let's see how this Talisker, matured exclusively in ex-bourbon casks with no age statement, fares.

TYPE	COUNTRY	REGION	DISTILLERY
Single Malt	Scotland	Isle of Skye	Talisker
AGE	ABV	PRICE/LITER	
NAS	45.8% Vol.	98.43 €/l	

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

At first, we are greeted by a pleasant smoke. However, there is a sweet note that reminds us of roasted pine nuts. All in all, the peat smoke for which Talisker is renowned is much softer than in other bottlings. There is also clear vanilla, rounded off by the sweet and strong smell of freshly toasted crème brûlée.

PALATE

The taste is mildly sweet at first, like a breakfast bun with butter. Behind this are fruity aromas of apple, pear and a little honey. The aroma quickly fades and gives way to a less complex maltiness.

FINISH

The finish has the famous Talisker pepper note and a slight maritime saltiness. We feel transported to a campfire on a rocky coastal beach. Compared to the Talisker bottlings we know, however, it is rather dull and not particularly long-lasting.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

The Talisker Surge surprises with its gentle sweetness and soft smoke, but overall it feels somewhat muted and lacks the distinctive character one expects from Talisker. For an airport exclusive, the price is hard to justify, even though the peppery note in the finish does evoke a pleasant campfire vibe.

SASCHA

The Surge presents a clear structure with pronounced vanilla and fruity notes, yet it falls short in complexity and length of finish. Compared to classic Talisker standards, it comes across as unbalanced and lacking depth, which hardly justifies the high price for a travel exclusive.

RATINGS

MARCEL
76/100
Very good

SASCHA
70/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
1/5
Very expensive

