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Macduff 20 Years - The Observatory

The Observatory 20 years is from the signature series of the bottler of the same name. Belonging to the Bacardi Group, this Single Grain Scotch whisky was created by the master blender of the Aberfeldy distillery Stephanie Macleod. It is believed that the single grain was distilled at the MacDuff distillery in the Scottish Highlands near the lighthouse in Banff Bay. The whisky was stored for 20 full years in ex-bourbon and ex-sherry casks. The long storage period is said to make the whisky particularly soft and pleasantly complex.

TYPE	COUNTRY	DISTILLERY	AGE
Single Grain Whisky	Scotland	Macduff	20 Years
ABV	PRICE/LITER		
40% Vol.	49.79 €/l		

TASTING NOTES

NOSE

A very sweet and vanilla note greets the nose. Later, lemon curd and spicy oak follow in the background. Surprisingly, we also perceive a sharp ethanol note. Slightly sour aromas support the composition, which is reminiscent of a sponge cake roll.

PALATE

Foam sugar and marshmallows dominate the taste. Rounded off by a present oaky component, the Single Grain is very delicate. The whole thing is sweetened by a fair amount of forest honey.

FINISH

The medium-long finish is vanilla, spicy and slightly bitter.

THOUGHTS

MARCEL

The Macduff 20 Year pleasantly surprises with its sweet vanilla note and playful marshmallow flavor – a delight that's fun to drink, though it lacks a bit of depth. For under 20 euros, it's a charming companion offering straightforward drinking pleasure without being overly complex.

SASCHA

A well-structured single grain with a clear balance between sweet vanilla tones, spicy oak, and a slight bitterness on the finish. The 20 years of maturation are evident, yet in terms of complexity and smoothness, the Macduff 20 Year could have shown a bit more character.

RATINGS

MARCEL
69/100
Good

SASCHA
71/100
Very good

VALUE FOR MONEY
4/5
Good

