Country Scotland

Type single malt

Distillery Glenfiddich

Region Speyside

Age 12

Name 12-year

ABV 40%

Cask American and European

Bottle volume 700ml

Price €/cl 0.50 **bought by** Joachim

Nose

Grain. Slightly floral, mineralic. Spirity, orchard fruit, malty, honey. Citrus develops. fresh, with pears everywhere and a malty, cereal centre. Cooked apples. Freshly sawn wood. Some lime, hints of white grapes. Buttercups. Soft vanilla. Delicate, subtle scented tendrils of white chocolate and maraschino cherry drift upwards in a most pleasing manner. You have to pay close attention to detect this bouquet.

Palate

Light, floral, spices. Very smooth. rather light and bittersweet. There's a sugary side (honey, vanilla, apple juice) as well as a bitterish side (apple seeds, nutmeg, oak juice). A light sugar coated nuttiness and a faint spicy wave. Initially sweet, honey like taste, moving to heather, tarragon, then vanilla and oak.

Finish

On apple cider and a few spices. Stereotypical Speyside. Consistent – a good benchmark. A salty ocean spray finish with some more heather. No burn here just a pleasing warming sensation as it goes down. Totally inoffensive. If you ever wanted to try drinking a dram of scotch "neat" (meaning without the addition of ice or water, just straight) this is the one.

Ratings

Winner of a Gold Medal at the 2007 International Wine and Spirit Competition; 76/100 http://jason-scotchreviews.blogspot.de;

