



GLENFARCLAS 2014 / 9 YEARS OLD

Family Casks | Nico's Choice Swiss Exclusive

Family Casks 2014 (cask #2009) is the Swiss exclusive in the line — Nico's Choice, selected by Nico Bernasconi of World of Whisky in St. Moritz, drawn at just nine years from the cask. Cask strength of 60.2% volume, 301 bottles, non-chill-filtered, natural colour. THE CASK: an active sherry butt at the early phase of its work — at nine years the wood interaction is at the line where the cask is delivering depth without yet integrating fully into the malt. The cask-strength bottling preserves the freshness and the active spice register that a longer rest would soften. Glenfarclas's direct-fired distillate carries the cask's intensity rather than being overrun by it. SERVING: a Glencairn at room temperature; a few drops of cool water are recommended at this strength to bring the spice into balance. Younger and brighter than the longer-aged Family Casks — works equally as a discovery of the line's early-cask character or as a serious sipper for an evening with charcuterie, aged Cheddar, or a Honduran corajo cigar.

Tasting notes

Color

Golden amber, copper highlights.

Aroma

Bright sherry, fresh red fruit, vanilla, light spice — younger cask intensity than the longer-aged Family Casks.

Taste

Lively, oily palate — concentrated dried fruit, ginger, cinnamon, cask-strength heat that integrates with water.

Finish

Medium-long — fresh oak, sweet sherry, gingerbread spice, clean fade.

GLENFARCLAS DISTILLERY At the foot of Ben Rinnes in Speyside — and one of a handful of Scottish distilleries still in continuous family ownership: the Grants have run Glenfarclas since John Grant bought it in 1865 for £511.19, and the sixth generation is now at the helm. The house style is shaped by two choices that most modern Speysides have moved away from: direct-fired stills (gas flame under the pot, rather than internal steam coils — preserving a heavier, fattier, more textured spirit), and a near-total commitment to Spanish sherry casks for maturation. The Family Casks programme is the deepest expression of the cellar — single-cask vintage releases drawn from the Grant family's private reserves, no two bottlings alike.

