

MACALLAN 77 YEARS OLD | 2022

Red Collection | Single Malt Speyside

Macallan 77 Years Old Red Collection 2022 is the first 'guest release' in the house's ultra-aged line, a Speyside single malt distilled in 1945 (the year the Second World War ended), laid down in hand-picked casks and bottled at 43.2% volume. Each bottle is hand-finished and signed. THE CASK PROGRAMME: more than seven decades in European oak seasoned with sherry. The bottling is at the natural cask-strength after the angel's share has done its work for nearly eight decades, concentration without dilution. The aromatic archaeology comes from cask interaction across a span no modern whisky can replicate; the tropical-fruit notes (pineapple, baked custard) are characteristic of the very longest-aged Macallans, distinct from any younger expression. SERVING: a tulip glass at room temperature, neat. A museum bottle for the rare evening, water and ice are unnecessary. Pairs with quiet conversation and a long-aged Dominican corojo cigar where the spice and the patinated wood find a worthy match.

Tasting notes

Color

Golden oak, red reflections, 100% natural colour.

Aroma

Extremely rich, resinous, antique oak, raisins, dates, citrus fruits, cherry pie, woodsmoke. Aromatic archaeology.

Taste

Vast, pineapple, demerara sugar, crystallised ginger, treacle, intense dried fruit, woodsmoke, antique oak, marmalade, baked custard.

Finish

Long, sweet woodsmoke, cherry Bakewell tart, tropical fruit lingering without dry bitterness.

THE MACALLAN DISTILLERY Founded in 1824 at Easter Elchies on the banks of the Spey, The Macallan is the Speyside distillery that built its reputation on the cask rather than just the spirit. The house famously runs its own oak-selection programme: wood is harvested from carefully chosen Spanish and American oak forests, coopered to Macallan's specification, then shipped to bodegas in Jerez to season with oloroso (or Pedro Ximénez, or Palo Cortado) for two to three years before being sent to Speyside for whisky maturation. The 'curiously small' stills produce a richer, more textured spirit than larger Speyside stills typically deliver, and the cask programme, sustained at this scale, is what defines the modern Macallan profile.