



BRENNEREI AM FEUERGRABEN Achern. Working.

❖ **Salamansar Oloroso 10 Jahre First Fill Oloroso**, sherry butt finish db **(92) n23** not sure I remember this much oak on a Salamansar bottling...and it is no worse for it. That builds the perfect dais from which the grape makes a very confident speech, though never trying to talk over the biscuity vanilla; **t24** so fat and lush on delivery. But the real fun begins when the monumentally spiced fruit carries with it a Jaffa cake chocolate and orange sweetness which peaks as a glorious triumph. Sensational...; **f22** long yet nowhere near as startling at the delicious apogee. We are back now to delicate vanillas and butterscotch with the fruit a fading memory...; **b23** hearty congrats to the distillers. They have made an indelible mark with their ten-year-old as the climax of this malt is among the best I have tasted fom Europe this year. 50.4% ncf

❖ **Salamansar Single Malt Achern 10 Jahre** 10% peated malt, sherry butt finish db **(85) n21 t21.5 f21 b12.5** Even when warmed and cajoled, this remains a tight whisky throughout: shy, clinging on to its secrets with a mildly bitter backbone which congregate at the finish, though softened slightly by a modicum of cocoa. The oils offer an illusion of co-operation, as do some sparse sugars. Genuinely a unique flavour profile. 49% sc ncf

❖ **Salamansar Single Malt Sherry Butt 4 Jahre** db **(89.5) n22.5** quite a creamy feel to this blueberry pie; **t23** excellent delivery with plenty of muscovado sugars meeting a delicate maltiness. The oak is quite gruff and distributes its vanillas quite randomly and thickly...; **f22** that delightfully textured maltiness sticks to its guns and refuses to let the oak take command; **b22** a pleasing, profoundly malty youngster which, beyond the nose, has little to say in the wine department. Lovely mouth feel, too. 50.2%

Score chart

Within the parentheses () is the overall score out of 100.

- 0-50.5** Nothing short of absolutely diabolical.
- 51-64.5** Nasty and well worth avoiding.
- 65-69.5** Very unimpressive indeed.
- 70-74.5** Usually drinkable but don't expect the earth to move.
- 75-79.5** Average, and usually pleasant though sometimes flawed.
- 80-84.5** Good whisky worth trying.
- 85-89.5** Very good to excellent whiskies, definitely worth buying.
- 90-93.5** Brilliant.
- 94-97.5** Superstar whiskies that give us all a reason to live.
- 98-100** Better than anything I've ever tasted!

Key to Abbreviations and Symbols

- ❖ New entry for 2024.
- 🏆 2024 Category Winner.
- v Variant.
- dist Date of distillation or spirit first put into cask.
- bott Date of bottling.
- db Distillery bottling. In other words, an expression brought out by the owners of the distillery.
- n Nose.
- t Taste.
- f Finish.
- b Overall balance and complexity.
- % Strength of whisky measured as alcohol by volume.
- nc Non-coloured.
- ncf Non-chill-filtered.
- sc Single cask.
- ⊙ Retasted, no change.
- ⊙⊙ Retasted and re-evaluated.
- nbc No bottling code.