

BALLANTINE'S FINEST BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY

REGION: BLENDED | AGE: NAS | ABV: 40%

Ballantine's started with humble origins as an Edinburgh grocery store. George's son Archibald opened a second shop in Glasgow, which focused on wine and spirits. It catered to clients that included the Hindu Royal Family and the second son, George Jr, soon joined to begin exporting Scotch. In 2002, it transferred its facilities from Dumbarton to Strathclyde when it was acquired by Pernod Ricard.

PROPERTIES

type: blend
 casking: varies
 finish: -
 chill filtration: yes
 flavour profile:



19/30

intensity: 3/5 (mild to full) | complexity: 3/5 (simple to intricate)

diversity: 3/5 (limited to wide) | lucidity: 3/5 (vague to vivid)

Bouquet
 nosefeel: 4/5 (untuous)
 aromas: 4/5 (walnut, toffee, butter, smoke)

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linger: 4/5 (short to long) | notes: 4/5 (oak, peat, vanilla)

flavour: 4/5 (plain to full)

PAIRINGS



body: medium
 wrapper: habano
 e.g: plasencia reserva original



- milk chocolate
- fresh walnuts
- crème brûlée

CONCLUSION

A surprisingly complex and affordable blend with a long finish and rich character, Ballantine's is said to produce its richest character once opened and given the time to oxidate slightly. Great both neat and on the rocks, it's a fantastic budget blended Scotch whisky.

ROBE

12/20

hue: candied orange
 clarity: 4/5 (hazy to crisp)
 legs: 3/5 (thin to large)
 whirls: 3/5 (no effect to cloudy)
 viscometric potential: 3/5 (fast to slow)

PALATE

18/25

primary: sweet
 mouthfeel: peppery
 complexity: 4/5 (simple to intricate)
 texture: 4/5 (light to velvet)
 maturity: 4/5 (youthful to mellow)
 opening: 4/5 (red apple, caramel, walnut, salted hazelnut, raisin, brine)

EXPERIENCE

7/10

label: 2/3 | packaging: 2/3 | cork quality: 2/3
 occasion: 2/3 | value: 2/3
 /70cl
 RRP \$44 | PAID 15€

TOTAL SCORE

67/100



Scoring Key: Below 40: Mediocre | 41-60: Average | 61-80: Good | 81-100: Outstanding

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