

Tomintoul 16 – the gentle dram



I first met the Tomintoul whisky as a result of the Victoria Highland Games. We were out for drinks after the Torchlight Ceremony at the Strath and I was unaware that it has an awesome whisky shop so our buddy from Clan Campbell took me down there to investigate. I ended up buying a bottle of Tomintoul 16 after several tastings and forays into the whisky bible. The Tomintoul distillery is located in Speyside inside the Glenlivet estate.

The nose definitely does provide a hint of fruit on the first nosing but on second nosing we also thought there were spice notes. But again, we're not exactly olfactory experts, so these are our opinions only. Intense is a great way to explain the first taste and on second taste we're finding citrus notes rather than apples and again, a bit of spice. I do find that a bit of acidity remains on the palate and maybe that's where we're getting the impression of citrus. This is an enjoyable whisky but I wouldn't necessarily buy it again. That said, I am happy to have it as an option in my cabinet.

Tomintoul Tasting Notes

Fruity concoction of apples and pears topped with vanilla ice cream... one of the noses of the year. Soft, indeed every bit as gentle as the label promises, as the light oils coat the palate with a fabulously intense and delicately sweetened barley skin. A wonderful, multi-layered interplay between malt and oak-vanillas... hugely sophisticated.