

Calvados Christian Drouin

 *Hors d'Age* 



Presentation

Produced in the Pays d'Auge from bitter, bitter-sweet, sweet and sharp cider apples by double distillation in copper stills, the Hors d'Age is aged for eighteen years in a collection of former Calvados casks.

These add their refined, silky tannins along with floral and spicy notes. On the palate it is powerful, intense and supremely elegant.

"Calvados Hors d'Age Christian Drouin Normandy's best-known spirit Calvados sometimes gets forgotten about in the corporate spirits world but this artisanal product deserves more attention. Having spent 15 years in small casks it has a lovely amber hue and spicy notes plus vibrant apple skin and dried fruit on both the nose and palate. Great length with a fiery 42% alcohol finale to warm your cockles" Decanter.com - Dec. 2009 - TOP 10 SPIRITS FOR CHRISTMAS

"Christian Drouin Hors d'Age Calvados Pays d'Auge : hint of rancio, spirits esters and dried orange. Soft entry; serious spirit with lots of fine tannins. Nearly seamless integration of fruit and oak. Best value" Santé- October 2008 - Calvados Normandy's Noble Spirit by David Furer (USA)

An exceptional spirit worth a special search !

"Brilliant clarity and sharply drawn flavours; rich, snappy and thrilling". Anthony Dias Blue (USA) The Complete book of Spirits - 2007 - Harpers Collins Publisher

"Light amber colour. Cooked apples, hints of vanilla, caramel and citrus. A stunning and complex example of small production calvados" - Beverage Media - January 2004- Calvados Selections (USA)

Awards

Gold Medal, Concours Agricole de Paris, 2024

Gold Medal, Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, 2024

Gold Medal, Concours de Lyon, 2022

Bronze Medal, World Calvados Awards 2021

Gold Medal, Concours Agricole de Paris, 2019

Gold Medal, Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge, 2019

Silver Medal, ADI's Judging of Craft Spirits (USA), 2019
Silver Medal "remarkable", IWSC, 2018 (UK)
Gold Medal, Gilbert & Gaillard 2017 (France)
Silver Medal, Concours de Lyon 2017 (France)
Bronze Medal, All Wines Asia 2017 (Hong Kong)
Silver Medal "outstanding", IWSC London 2016 (UK)
1st prize, Saint Hilaire du Harcouet 2016 (France)
Gold Medal, Vinalies Internationales 2016 (France)
Silver Medal, Hong Kong 2015
Silver Outstanding Medal, I.W.S.C. London 2014 (UK)
"Prix d'Excellence", Vinalies Nationales 2013 (France)
95/100, "Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation", Ultimate
Spirits Challenge 2013 (USA)
Silver Medal, I.W.S.C. London 2010 (UK)
88/100 Guide des Vins Gilbert & Gaillard 2010 (France)
***** Highest Recommendation - Spirit Journal Dec. 2009 (USA)
« Prix d'Excellence », Vinalies 2009 (France)
95/100 Dina Viner Dec. 2008 - Mikael Christiansson (Sweden)
Silver Medal, Brussels World Contest 2007(Belgium)
Silver Medal, Vimoutiers 2007(France)
Silver Medal, I.S.C. London 2006 (UK)
Silver Medal, Metz 2006(France)
Gold Medal, Paris 2005(France)
Gold Medal, Lisieux 2005, 2004, 1996, 1993(France)
Gold Medal, Best Calvados , San Francisco World Spirits
Competition 2003(USA)
Gold Medal, Vinalies Internationales 2003
Silver Medal, Caen 2003(France)
"Classic (96-100) Highest Recommendation" in The WINE
ENTHUSIAST- Dec. 2002 (USA)
Gold Medal, Brussels World Contest 2002 (Belgium)
Silver Medal, San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2000 (USA)
**** Vin & Mat n° 1, 2000 (Sweden)