

CALVADOS HORS D'AGE

A.O.C. CALVADOS DU PAYS D'AUGE

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CLAY and OXFORDIAN MARL SOIL TERROIR: 80% of BITTERSWEET APPLES **VARIETIES:**

20% of ACID APPLES

HARVESTING: From SEPTEMBER to NOVEMBER

42% VOL. ALCOHOL CONT:



TECHNIQUES USED

The apples are mixed, crushed and pressed. The apple juice is fermented right out to give cider to be distilled. Double distillation is carried out 6 months after the fermentation has taken place. The first distillation gives the "petite eau" at 30% by volume and it is the second distillation, that of the "petite eau" which gives the Calvados. Aging: 6 years minimum In toasted 400 L (88 imperial gallon) oak barrels, 25% of which are new. Bottled when ordered.

TASTING NOTES

Eyes: Golden yellow, slightly coppery.

Nose: Pleasant, fine with good complexity, lightly wooded. Fruit aromas of apple and banana. Floral hints of rose and jasmine. Develops in complexity when smelt again after swirling.

Mouth: Sweet attack, excellently balanced. Fruity hints of ripe apples. Hints of wood.

SUGGESTIONS

- Storage: very long, bottles upright without special precautions
- As an Aperitif: on its own, over ice, or with a drop or two of water to let it release its aromas.
- As a Digestive: Drinking temperature 20-22°C (68 to 72°F).

PRESS COMMENTS

Sommeliers International: "The Rolls of Calvados"

Eaux-de-vie guide - Martine Nouet: "Clear, silky and mild"

Challenge Best French Wine & Spirit for Asia: Silver Medal

