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Appellation Calvados Contrôlée



DISTILLERY ESTATE

In the 60's, **Christian Drouin senior** became the owner of the Fiefs Sainte-Anne, near Honfleur. The farm was planted with cider-apple trees and Christian was soon seized by the desire to produce his own calvados. The resulting calvados was set aside to age in former sherry, port or calvados casks stored in the old halftimbered outbuildings of the farm. He also acquired several batches of very old calvados when the estates of some reputed producers were sold. Christian Drouin senior won his first medals.

In 1969 **Christian Drouin junior** who was fascinated by the art of aging and, with the benefit of the stocks produced by his father, specialized in the production of the rarest and oldest calvados that he was soon delivering to the world's great hotels and finest restaurants. In 1991-92, production has been transferred to another 17th-century farm in Coudray-Rabut near Pont l'Èvêque. Today the blends are still created jointly by Christian and his son, **Guillaume Drouin**.

DISTILLATION

Double distilled, aged in small 225 litres former wine casks.

After the harvest which is carried out by shaking the branches of the trees, apples are stored in an attic in order to obtain the perfect maturation. Then a crush transforms the apple into a homogeneous pulp or "pomace". A press will extract the juice. The pomace is pressed only once and the yield is no higher than 60%. After a few fermentation, the juice (which is now a cider) will be distilled twice, and then aged.

TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING

While "**Calvados Pays d'Auge**" needs to undergo lengthy ageing in oak casks to reach full maturity, **Calvados from the Domfront** region, whose range of flavours is dominated by the fruit, can be enjoyed young.

Recommended to those who appreciate Calvados as a long drink at aperitif time, it is also well suited to the preparation of cocktails, and for gourmet recipes.

AWARDS

91/100, « Excellent, Highly Recommended, Ultimate Spirits Challenge 2014 (USA)

85/100 Guide des Vins Gilbert & Gaillard 2013 (France)

Gold Medal, I.W.S.C. London 2011 (UK)

Silver Medal, Vinalies Internationales 2011 (France)

Gold Medal, Cambremer 2011 (France)

