

CALVADOS & CIDERS Pays d'Auge Normandy - France

## CALVADOS 30 ANS NON-RÉDUIT A.O.C. CALVADOS DU PAYS D'AUGE

**Calvados 30 ans non réduit** (= "30 years unreduced") is a strong calvados: it is bottled at cask strength, with neither dilution nor cold filtration. It has been treated in such a way as to maximise its concentration and complexity.

Terroir:	CLAY AND OXFORDIAN MARL SOIL.
VARIETIES:	80% OF BITTERSWEET APPLES
	20% OF ACID APPLES
HARVESTING:	FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER
Alcohol cont.:	50 % VOL.

# 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 1 month 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:** Thirty years minimum. In toasted 1200L (264 imp gallon) and then 400L (88 imp gallon) oak barrels. This Calvados was **neither reduced** (no water is added) **nor filtered** after cold stabilization. Bottled when ordered.

## TASTING NOTES

Eyes: Mahogany color, copper reflections.

**Nose:** Powerful, intense. Petrol aromas, imperial mandarin, notes of spices and caramelized apples.

**Mouth:** Rich and concentrated. Beautiful aromatic palette: spices (from ginger to pepper), caramelized apples supported by notes of candied orange, just the right balance between alcohol quality, acidity and bitterness. A lingering finish on dried fruits.

## SUGGESTIONS

- Storage: very long, bottles upright, protected from light.

- As a Digestive: Drinking temperature 20-22°C (68 to 72°F). Very suitable for lovers of fine eaux-de-vie, dark chocolate withg candied fruits and powerful cigars. The lack of dilution gives it a unique intensity both on the nose and in the mouth. As this calvados was not cold filtered, a light deposit may appear.

#### PRESS COMMENTS

- 🔆 Sommeliers International : "natural, classy, fine"
- Le Point : 17.5 /20 Outstanding Calvados: "elegant, great finesse"
- 🔆 Monsieur : "Powerful, intense and elegant"

Bottle types: 70 cl - 35 cl



