

CALVADOS & CIDERS Pays d'Auge Normandy - France

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

Calvados Fine has aged 2 years in oak barrels, with 50% of new oak.

Terroir:	CLAY AND OXFORDIAN MARL SOIL.
VARIETIES:	80% OF BITTERSWEET APPLES
	20% OF ACID APPLES
HARVESTING:	FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER
Alcohol cont.:	40 % 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 one 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: Two years minimum. In toasted 400 l (88 imperial gallon) oak barrels, 50% of which are new. Bottled when ordered.

TASTING NOTES

Eyes: Golden yellow. Clear and brilliant .

Nose: fine, complex, very intense. Aromas of apple, pear, vanilla and citrus with earthy hints .

Mouth: Round and fresh. Shows fruity aromas, of vanilla and dried fruits. A well integrated whole with good intensity.

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.

- For Cooking: to flambé, and for sorbets and granités.

- As a Digestive: Drinking temperature 20-22°C (68 to 72°F). Must be given time to breathe. Very gastronomic. Accompanies dark chocolate and fine cigars.

PRESS COMMENTS AND AWARDS

🔆 2023 Spirits Selection by Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Gold medal

🔆 Jason Wilson - Washington Post:

Bottle types: 70 cl - 50 cl - 35 cl

"My favorite affordable calvados..."

🔆 Paul Pacult's Spirit Journal : Highly recommended 4/5



