



CALVADOS & CIDERS
Pays d'Auge
Normandy - France

CALVADOS RESERVE

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

Calvados Reserve has aged 3 years in oak barrels, with 25% 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.: 42 % 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: Three years minimum. In toasted 400 I (88 imperial gallon) oak barrels, 25% of which are new. Bottled when ordered.

TASTING NOTES

Eyes: Amber yellow. Clear and brilliant.

Nose: Gentle attack, followed by great aromatic intensity with green apple, geranium and minty hints. The aromas of calvados left on the sides of the emptied glass reveal a great deal.

Mouth: Consistent, slightly bitter, at first marked by green apple. Finish is vegetal, very broad. Retro-olfactive.

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).

Press comments

💢 Paul Pacult's Spirit Journal: Highest recommendation 5/5

対 Le Point: "Very tasty..." 15.5 / 20 (=highest mark)

Bottle types: 150 cl - 70 cl - 50 cl - 35 cl - Carafe



