

CALVADOS & CIDERS Pays d'Auge Normandy - France

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

Calvados Hors d'Age has aged 6 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: Six 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

- 対 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
- Festival AOC/AOP Cambremer : Bronze medal 2023.

Bottle types: 150 cl - 70 cl - 50 cl - 35 cl - Carafe 70 cl - Flasque 20 cl



