

Armagnac De Montal VSOP AOC Bas-Armagnac

What Is Armagnac?

Armagnac is considered to be the oldest spirit produced in France, dating back some six hundred years. De Montal has crafted Armagnac for many years and is considered a modern master.

Armagnac is a grape brandy from the Gascony region of southwestern France. Its closest relative is Cognac, another grape brandy from an appellation located about 100 miles north of Armagnac.

Even though it is related to and often confused with Cognac, Armagnac is very different with regards to its grapes, *terroir*, distillation, *élevage*, blending, aromas, tastes and textures. In truth, France's two finest brandies made from wine are not very much alike at all.

Armagnac pre-dates Cognac by about 150 years but never achieved the widespread sales figures that its relatives in the Charente obtained. In contrast to commercial sales, however, the independent producer of Armagnac has always commanded a more important restaurant presence and level of connoisseur appreciation.



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Region: Southwest France

Made By: Compagnie Produits de Gascogne

Ageing: In oak barrels made with oak from Gascony and Allier. The selections are made from among our 750 casks (400 liters barrels) and 50 tons.

Alcohol: 40%

Style: medium & fruity

Notes:

From Bas Armagnac, this is a blend of Armagnac up to 20 years old matured in French oak. Orangey amber in colour, it has a bouquet of fresh yellow plum and vanilla with hints of orange peel. On the palate, it's plummy and rounded with spiced, woody notes. Quite mellow, with medium body and intensity, it's a pleasantly robust go-to Armagnac for all occasions. (Margaret Swaine, 2013)

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ACCOLADES:

WineAlign:

90 points (Margaret Swaine, April 2013)

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This is delightfully delicate as far as Armagnac goes. From an excellent producer that's been around since the 17th century, it's juicy and redolent of sweet stone fruit, apple, orange peel and brown sugar, with penetrating warmth underscored by baking spices and brown butter.

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