

Vallein Tercinier

COGNAC 46° X.O. SMALL BATCH

REGION: COGNAC



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For the family that has produced Cognacs in Chermignac for five generations, there is one guiding principle: follow the family tradition of care and obsession with flavor that goes into each bottle, not the fashion of the moment. That focus on creating the most pleasurable experience in the glass, following the same recipes that have been handed down through the generations, drives all the distilling, blending and aging decisions for Vallein Tercinier at Domaine des Forges.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Fin Bois

- The soils of Fin Bois primarily consist of clayey, chalky soils that have a red tinge and contain stones from the Jurassic period.
- Heavy, 60% clay soil that produces round, smooth, intense cognacs that age fairly quickly.
- Fin Bois eau-de-vie have a bouquet of freshly picked grapes and are lightly floral.

Bon Bois

- Bon Bois soils are sandier, eroding from the Masif Central.
- Vines are often dispersed and in some places are surrounded by forests of chestnut and pine.
- Bon Bois eau-de-vie are dominated by the character of the terrior. Their fruity aromas are scented with crushed grapes.

Winemaker's Notes

The 46° X.O. Small Batch Cognac has a very fine, intense, fruity nose of apricot, honey, orange, and plum, perfectly balanced by notes of anise and almonds. In the mouth, you first encounter flavors of ginger, then intense, soft and fruity notes appear in a perfect harmony.

Technical Information

- Made from 100% Ugni Blanc grapes from Fins Bois & Bons Bois
- Blend of exceptional 25 year old Fins Bois eau-de-vie and 15 year old Bon Bois eau-de-vie
- Non chill-filtered to preserve fine fruity aromas; no coloring
- Alcohol: 46%

REVIEWS

Cognac 46° X.O. Small Batch

95 Points - VinePair, August, 2021

"25 of the Best Cognacs at Every Age and Price (2021)"

More than any Cognac, this bottle looks ideally placed to attract whiskey drinkers. Arriving at 46 percent ABV, the small-batch blend contains a range



of distillates aged between 15 and 25 years. Spirits geeks will also be pleased to learn that it's bottled without chill filtration. The profile, however, is distinctly Cognac: fruity, floral, and remarkably powerful, the spirit is also aided by its higher ABV content.

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95 Points - VinePair, December, 2022

"The 50 Best Spirits of 2022"

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It's too reductive to judge spirits based on numbers, but it's worth considering the digits in the case of this Cognac: a small batch blend of 15- to 25-year old brandies, it retails for just over \$100. Try finding that kind of value among aged spirits styles — we'll wait. But again, we shouldn't concentrate too hard on that, especially given the quality and personality of the spirit in this bottle. Perfumed, floral, and immensely powerful, this is a Cognac that shows all of the nuance of age but with a simultaneously youthful profile. That it's made without chill-filtration and bottled at 46 percent ABV — an outlier in the Cognac space — this bottle will win over spirits geeks of all persuasions, from brandy to bourbon.

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12/9/2022

95 Points - VinePair, October, 2023

25 of the Best Cognacs at Every Age and Price 2023

There's a strong sense this bottle is trying to attract whiskey drinkers: Bottled at 46 percent ABV, the small-batch blend comprises 25- and 15-year-old distillates, which arrive in bottle without chill filtration. The only difference between this and whiskey is the unlikelihood of scoring a similarly aged blend for this (not altogether modest) price in the latter category. Perfumed, floral, and incredibly powerful, this is a complex sipper, with the higher ABV coaxing out extra layers of nuance.

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Gold Medal Points - Wine News, April, 2022

Gold Medal – 2022 SF World Spirits Competition

<https://thetastingalliance.com/sfwsc-2022-results/>

GENERAL INFO

Country	France
Region	Cognac
Appellation(s)	Grande Champagne, Petite Champagne, Borderies, Fins Bois, Bons Bois
Proprietors	Catherine Tercinier, Louis Tercinier, Stephane Roudier
Founded	1850
Winemaker/Cellar Master	Foucauld De Menditte
Annual Production	3,750 9L cases