

The Forgotten Casks

A Sipping Cognac at its Best

**Cognac**



The Forgotten Casks are hand selected Cognacs that lay hidden in the recesses of cellars of the finest Cognac producers.

40% alc/vol

Lot numbers are designated for each Forgotten Casks selection indicating the year bottled and the selection sequence of the Cognac blend (Lot 16-2, Year 16 Bottling 2).

The inaugural 2016 bottling is composed of a small number of Cognacs from the Grande Champagne, Petite Champagne and Fins Bois districts. The aging is carefully conducted in old barrels to impart only a limited amount of tannins allowing delicate fruit and floral aromas and light vanilla notes to shine through.

This Cognac has a soft, mellow and warm character. It is delicate, light in hue and perfectly balanced. Two decades of aging has rounded out any harshness, and informs the incomparably long and elegant finish.

"The Forgotten Casks is a collection of rare casks or lots that I discovered while going farm to farm and distillery to distillery. At times they bear such high quality that I will bottle them as is. Others I acquire to form an exquisite blend." -Alain Royer

Alain Royer is well known and respected in the spirits world, with special expertise in wood cask aging and blending.

"My background is all about Cognac as I come from a family involved in the producing region as long as we can record, dating back before the French revolution."

Join this remarkable journey of discovery into how authentic Cognac was distilled, blended and experienced in days gone by.

“It is remarkable to discover and rediscover how certain Cognacs tasted some 100 years ago. An extraordinary experience, and precisely what The Forgotten Casks series is all about.”



“We offer these very small batches of Cognac for placement in the finest retail stores, restaurants and bars. The Forgotten Casks Cognac is truly non-commercial and unique. To taste these one-of-kind treasures is a revelation.” -Henry Preiss



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A SPECIALTY COGNAC BLEND EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU

Imagine a cool, dark cellar populated by casks of rare estate Cognac, each representing decades of traditions in grape-growing, harvesting, pressing and distilling; every one embodying nuanced characteristics of the Cognac region of its origin. Envision an ideal bottling, a blend and price point that fits perfectly with your needs. This is what The Forgotten Casks program is all about.

- ✂️ The quantity imported is kept small so that the release is exclusive and not easily found at other retail, restaurant or bar accounts.
- ✂️ If one customer doesn't take the entire batch, the blend goes back into wood where it continues to age for the next lot.
- ✂️ Each release is blended based on quality categories and price range.
- ✂️ Orders start at 36 bottles, go up to whatever meets your needs.
- ✂️ Price is \$60 /bottle and up, depending on quality and quantity ordered.
- ✂️ Available 120 –150 days after order is placed.
- ✂️ The Forgotten Casks selections are labeled by bottling year and lot number.
- ✂️ If two across the country want the same bottling, we will clearly explain and go ahead if this is a non competitive situation.

The XO Classic, Grande Champagne is a superlative classic...pale and dry, smooth, full, easy yet presenting a very expansive range of aromas and taste. Pure enchantment is the reaction from those who have tasted this blend. Available exclusively for pre-order.

The XO #2 Fins Bois is a totally different style, more in the line with cask strength bourbon or ryes. Very dynamic and straightforward, a mix of spice, flower notes and delicate oak.

KEYS IN JUST ONE POCKET



"It takes only two generations for a cask to become *Forgotten*. A grandfather keeps his collection private, aging in casks, some resting in demijohns... undisclosed even to his son, who maintains a stock of his own exquisite Cognac. Years pass with succession granted to ensuing generations who manage the family estate. There then comes a day when the recesses of the cellar are explored, and these treasures are discovered. Here is the magic. Here are The Forgotten Casks." Alain Royer