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**DISTINGUISHED PLATINUM WINNER** 

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### BRAND OVERVIEW -

Polugar is known as the legendary Russian bread wine, the noble father of vodka.

Pre-single column still, Russia's version of vodka was similar to whisky; the smell and flavor reminiscent of freshly baked bread and was known as bread wine.

In 1895 Tsar Alexander III decreed to have all pot stills in Russia broken down. Distillation processes were restricted to government licensed and taxed column stills. Thus established the less nuanced spirit we know as yodka today.

The Rodionov family spearheaded a movement to restore the traditional grain spirits. Boris Rodionov, a renowned vodka historian, discovered the original recipe for the national bread wine spirit. With legislation forbidding the Polugar style of grain

distillation in Russia, the Rodionov family restored an old distillery tucked away in a forest in Poland.

#### HISTORIC PRODUCTION

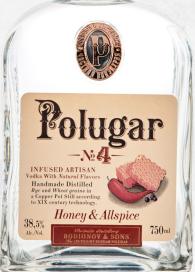
The Rodionov family meticulously reproduced copper pot stills from 18th century drawings. Each Polugar selection is produced in accordance with authentic recipes of Russian aristocracy in the 1700s. The bottle is designed after Queen Elizabeth's personal snuff-bottle, circa 1745, that is on exhibit at the Russian National Museum.

### POLUGAR, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The word Polugar means half-burned.

Before the advent of alcohol meters, strength and quality were achieved by boiling two portions of the distillate together into one. The resulting alcohol content was 38.5% alc/vol.





# FATHER OF VODKA - BROTHER OF WHISKY

# PRODUCT OVERVIEW -



### TASTING NOTES

- Initial aroma of honey opening to the zest of allspice
- The bouquet evolves into an amaro-like fragrance
- Allspice piquancy stimulates the olfactory mechanism
- Entry offers an upfront honey element
- · Mid-palate is tangy as the honey fades
- · Long finish, bitter, spicy, herbal

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#### SERVING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Slightly Chilled, Neat
- In cocktails such as an Apple Martini

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### PRODUCTION PROCESS

Allspice



Historical Russian Vodka, Infused Series ALC/VOL

Grist Mill +

Rye + Wheat

+ Water

750mL



Filtration

ORIGIN











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