POLUGAR NO.5 HORSERADISH

Rodionov & Sons

90 POINTS - *Wine Enthusiast 2023*
BRAND OF PROMISE - *Tequila Aficionado 2019*

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 vodka 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

- Strong horseradish spice on the front with and dry ending
- Carraway bread taste with a touch of horseradish flavor
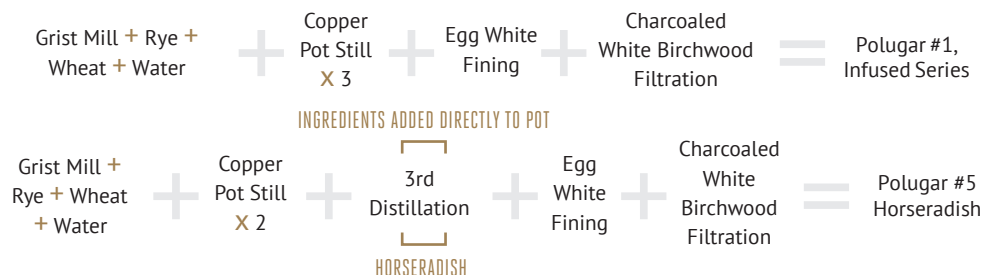
SERVING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Neat
- On big block ice
- Add a drop or two of water
- Compliments a Bloody Mary
- Dynamic in a dirty martini

PRODUCTION PROCESS

Grist Mill + Rye + Wheat + Water + Copper Pot Still X 3 + Egg White Fining + Charcoaled White Birchwood Filtration = Polugar #1, Infused Series

INGREDIENTS ADDED DIRECTLY TO POT

Grist Mill + Rye + Wheat + Water + Copper Pot Still X 2 + 3rd Distillation + Egg White Fining + Charcoaled White Birchwood Filtration = Polugar #5 Horseradish

HORSERADISH

38.5% ALC/VOL **750mL** BOTTLE

PREISS IMPORTS

ORIGIN

POLAND

FULL PRODUCT LINE