VIEUX VAVAL

The first idea behind Clairin Aged Bottlings was to send barrels having contained other spirits to Haiti to age Clairin. The results were conclusive, and after a year in casks, Clairin Ansyen was born. Spirit of Haiti experimented with a longer ageing period: beyond 3 years, to give birth to the "Vieux" editions. The Spirit of Haiti also wanted to pay tribute to the three historical producers by offering a Vieux Sajous, a Vieux Vaval and a Vieux Casimir.
This new edition of Vieux Vaval is a blend of rums aged in ex-Whisky casks.

VIEUX VAVAL 8 YEARS OLD

PRODUCTION

Raw material	Pure sugar cane juice - Madame Meuze
Still type	Pot still
Cask type	Ex-Whisky
Age	8 YO
Bottling strength	51,8 %
Number of bottles	275

Located in south-west Haiti in the Cavaillon region, the Vaval distillery produces a clairin made from the Madame Meuze variety of sugar cane. Aged in two casks previously used for single malt from the Benriach distillery in Scotland, this cask strength version is the oldest clairin ever bottled. The palette of flavours and aromas nonetheless displays an unshakably youthful spirit unaffected by time's passing.

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Fresh and vibrant. On the first nose, aromas of cane sugar and juice delicately fill the air. Allowed to breathe, the aroma palette becomes exotic (banana, pineapple), slightly rubbery (gum arabic) and camphoric.

Palate: Lively yet unctuous. The fibrous attack allows a full expression of medicinal notes (mustard poultice, mustard). The vanilla and herbal (sage) mid-palate is also spicy (star anise, clove, black pepper) and milky (coconut milk).

Finish: Long and silky. With a very fine, almost sandy texture, the start of the finish stages an ethereal and minimalist palette of flavours. In the after-taste, honey coats the taste buds. The very end of the finish sees a handful of fresh fruits (white peach, pear) release a deliciously tangy juice.

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