VIEUX SAJOUS

Produced from Cristalline sugar cane in Saint-Michel de l'Attalaye by Michel Sajous, an iconic clairin producer, this Vieux Sajous 2019 - 5 years follows a project that is unprecedented in the history of clairin: ageing Haitian cane eaux-de-vie in a wide variety of casks to explore their incredible potential for future evolution. This initiative proved successful, leading Spirit of Haiti to go one step further by extending the ageing of the clairins in a tropical climate for several years, giving rise to the 'Vieux' editions, of which Vieux Sajous is undoubtedly one of the most accomplished.
This bottling is the 3rd edition of Vieux Sajous 5 years, a continuation of the 2017 and 2018 vintages, launched respectively in 2022 and 2023.

VIEUX SAJOUS 2019 - AGED 5 YEARS

PRODUCTION

Raw material	Pure sugar cane juice - Cristalline
Still type	Pot still
Cask types	Whisky, rum & bourbon
Age	5 years old
Bottling strength	58,3 %
Number of bottles	2667

This bottling was made from a blend of casks previously used to store Mount Gay, Bielle, Caroni and Hampden rums, Jack Daniel's Tennessee whiskey and the Scottish single malt Benriach. This third Vieux Sajous 5 years edition was made by Michel Sajous from Chelo distillery in Saint-Michel-de-l'Attalaye, with Cristalline sugarcane.

TASTING NOTES

Nose: Fine and full. Opening with empyreumatic (gum) and medicinal (arnica) notes refreshed with aromas of lime, the nose gradually becomes more syrupy (cane sugar) and spicy (ginger, cinnamon). Allowed to breathe, honey (geranium), floral notes (lily, iris) and tropical fruits (kiwi) draw the focus. Fresh cane juice gradually spreads across the surface of the aroma palette.

Palate: Clean and lively. Stronger spices (clove, black pepper) and vanilla pod bring immediate balance. The warm palate then reveals absolutely delicious notes of ripe banana, spice bread and cane honey. Inspired, it evokes a field of sugarcane lit by rays of autumn sun.

Finish: Long and fleshy. With delicate cocoa and candied registers, the finish develops notes of ginseng root, florals (dahlia) and empyreumatic notes (crème brûlée). The retro-nasal olfaction reveals milky (coconut), tropical (roasted apple) and light menthol tones, highlighting this Vieux Sajous's incredible freshness.

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