

SUBTLE SPIRITS ORIGINAL RELEASE

TITLE	30-YEAR GRANDE CHAMPAGNE COGNAC			
	GRAPE VARIETIES 100% UGNI-BLAN			
DISTILLATE SOURCE	MAISON DUDOGNON	ABV 49.5%	PROOF 99	YIELD 250 BOTTLES

ABOUT THE RELEASE

Ancêtres is a multi-vintage (1990-1994) single-cask barrel of cognac bottled at a cask strength of 49.5% abv. It was bottled in France - as legally required - in November 2024 and labeled 30 years old, the age of the youngest vintage in the cask.

PRODUCER HERITAGE

MAISON DUDOGNON — Family-owned since 1776, this small producer in Lignières-Sonneville is the heart of Grande Champagne, Cognac’s most prestigious growing region. Awarded gold medals dating back to the 1898 International Spirits Show in Paris, Dudognon is revered among collectors for their traditional methods and unaltered expressions. Currently operated by Claudine Dudognon and her husband Gerald, with just 10 hectares of vineyards.

TRADITIONAL PRODUCTION

- Distilled on a wood & coal-fired Charentais pot still (*only 369 US gal*)
- No computers or automation – all cuts are made by hand through distiller intuition
- French oak staves air-dried on the property for 36+ months
- No caramel coloring, sweeteners, or additives of any kind
- Bottled in France at natural cask strength

TASTING NOTES

Best enjoyed in a Burgundy glass, which allows the complex aromas to fully develop.

AROMAS: Subtle impressions of Manuka honey, pipe tobacco, gingerbread cookies, marzipan, roasted almonds, and sandalwood.

TASTE: Rich and viscous, enhanced by the higher bottling proof. Notes of dried golden raisins, ginger, cigar leaf, honey, and exotic spices.

FINISH: Constantly evolving between bright fruit notes and savory potpourri spices.



ABOUT THE ARTWORK

ORIGINAL ART BY LISA KAIROS

Watercolor, acrylic, and pen on watercolor paper mounted on wood panel, 24”x 24”

Lisa Kairos is a California-based abstract painter who explores themes of change and transformation through the subject of landscape. Layers of ink and paint mimic the geological formations revealed by satellite maps, and colors drawn from where the earth, water, and sky converge.

Ancêtres features an abstract map of the region of Cognac, with the region of Grand Champagne in the center.

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