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# COGNAC GILLES BRISSON

## Grande Champagne 1<sup>er</sup> Cru de Cognac



**Cognac Gilles BRISSON** is a 4th generation family-run estate located in Châteaubernard, 100% in the *Grande Champagne*, the highest quality Cru for Cognac. This allows Gilles BRISSON Cognacs to be labelled with the prestigious **Grande Champagne “1<sup>er</sup> Cru de Cognac”**.

**Cyril BRISSON** has been taking care of the estate since 1989, taking pride in the craft of distillation and ageing that he learned from his father. Cyril's sons **Loan** and **Alexis** are the next generation to learn the secrets of the family craft and keep the family's tradition. In contrast to the money and brand-driven approach of the big four houses, the Brisson family is “just making Cognac that we love”, says Loan.

Only 2 miles away from the city of Cognac, their estate totals 65 hectares, 32 of which is devoted to **Ugni-Blanc** vineyard for Cognac production. They were the 1st Cognac producers certified HVE 3, atop the “high environmental value” scale. Using only the grapes grown at the estate, the family follows a mid-October harvest followed by careful distillation through the winter.

The Brisson family likes to say that “perfection takes time,” which why their Cognac is **aged in the estate's cellars many years longer than the legal requirements**. The Grand Champagne appellation already has such a refined and precise aromatic expression, and this additional aging delivers intense aromas and more silkiness that gives Gilles BRISSON its fabulously smooth finish and elegant aromatics.

### **Cognac V.S.**

#### **91 Points “Best Buy”, Wine Enthusiast**

Aged in barrel 3 to 4 years before bottling, well beyond the required minimum of two years for VS. Ideal for classic cocktails like Vieux Carre and Sidecar, or fresh, modern alternatives. Notes: FRUITINESS - CHAMOMILLE - VANILLA

### **Cognac V.S.O.P.**

#### **94 Points “Best Buy” & “Top 100 Spirits”, Wine Enthusiast SILVER Medal 2018 San Fransisco World Spirits Competition**

Aged in oak at least 5 and up to 9 years before bottling, surpassing the 4 year VSOP standard. Ideal for more complex, savory cocktails or for sipping. Notes: CANDIED FRUITS - WARM SPICE - SUCCULENT

### **Cognac Napoléon**

#### **93 Points, Wine Enthusiast**

Napoléon designates an exceptional blend in which the youngest brandy is aged at least 10 years. Gilles Brisson NAPOLEON averages 15 years in oak! Round, smooth, and very elegant sipping Cognac. Notes: ELEGANT - CEDAR - BUTTERSCOTCH

### **Cognac XO**

#### **97 Points “Top 100 Spirits of 2020”, Wine Enthusiast**

The pinnacle of the Gilles BRISSON craft is the XO, aged in oak for 18 to 22 years, around twice the 10 year legal minimum. For luxurious sipping and connoisseurs. Notes: RICH - FIG - TOBACCO - COMPLEX - SMOOTH