



## Cognac Gilles BRISSON

### Grande Champagne

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

The **Gilles BRISSON** estate, family owned for 4 generations, is located in Châteaubernard (the cradle of the Grande Champagne appellation) only 2 miles away from the city of Cognac. Their estate totals 65 hectares, 25 (62 acres) of which is devoted to **Ugni-Blanc** vineyard for Cognac production — a rather substantial size for an independently run family estate in Grande Champagne. **Cyril BRISSON** has been taking care of the estate since 1989, specifically in charge of the distillation and ageing under the help and advice of his father. Cyril's young son Alexis is also learning from his father to keep and follow the family's tradition.

Using only the grapes grown at the estate, the family follows a mid-October harvest followed by careful distillation from Oct. 15th through Jan. 15th. After distillation, only the "Coeur de Chauffe" is used and then aged in the estate's cellars longer than legislation requires. Even though the Grand Champagne appellation already has such a refined and precise aromatic expression, this additional aging delivers intense aromas and more fruitiness that gives Gilles BRISSON its fabulous quality and value.

Located 100% in the *Grande Champagne* appellation, this exclusive origin gives Gilles BRISSON Cognacs the prestigious and rare **Grande Champagne Appellation "1<sup>er</sup> Cru de Cognac"** classification that they're able to label their cognacs under.

#### Cognac V.S.

**91 Pts and Best Buy - Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 2015** - "Very Special" or ★★★ (three stars) designates a blend in which the youngest brandy has been stored for at least two years in cask. Brisson VS is aged 3-4 years before bottling.

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

**94 Pts, Best Buy & Top 100 Spirits of 2015 - Wine Enthusiast, Dec. 2015** - "Very Superior Old Pale" or Reserve designates a blend in which the youngest brandy is stored for at least four years in a cask. Brisson VSOP s aged 5-6 years before release.

#### Cognac Napoléon

**93 Pts - Wine Enthusiast, Dec 2015** - Napoléon designates a blend in which the youngest brandy is stored for at least six years. Brisson NAPOLEON is aged for 12 years.

#### Cognac XO

"Extra Old", the minimum storage age of the youngest brandy used in an XO blend is 7 years (will increase to 10 years in 2016). Brisson XO is aged for 18-20 years.