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Thank you for your attention and...

Let's taste!





DARROZE A strong brand











Spirits



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"Brandy" = an English word derived from the Dutch word Wijn (burnt wine)

Cognac & Armagnac : precise geographical area
 & specific production conditions



• Brandies with no geographical delimitation (India, Brazil, France, Spain...)

• Volume of sales of brandy = $4.5 \times \text{sales}$ of Cognac

Armagnac vs Cognac



Armagnac



- Continuous single distillation
- Baco, Ugni blanc, Folle blanche
- 2 000 ha
- 150 traders (négociants)
- 725 producers



- 2016: 4,3M bottles sold
- 35% on the export market
- 35% on the French market
- 30% other (floc de Gascogne...)
- 15 brands = 80% of sales
- The top 5 = 48% of overall sales

Cognac



- Double distillation
- 98% Ugni blanc
- 75 000 ha
- 250 traders (négociants)
- 4500 producers



- 2016: 180M bottles sold
- 98% on the export market
- 4 brands = 88% of sales
- Hennessy = 55% of sales

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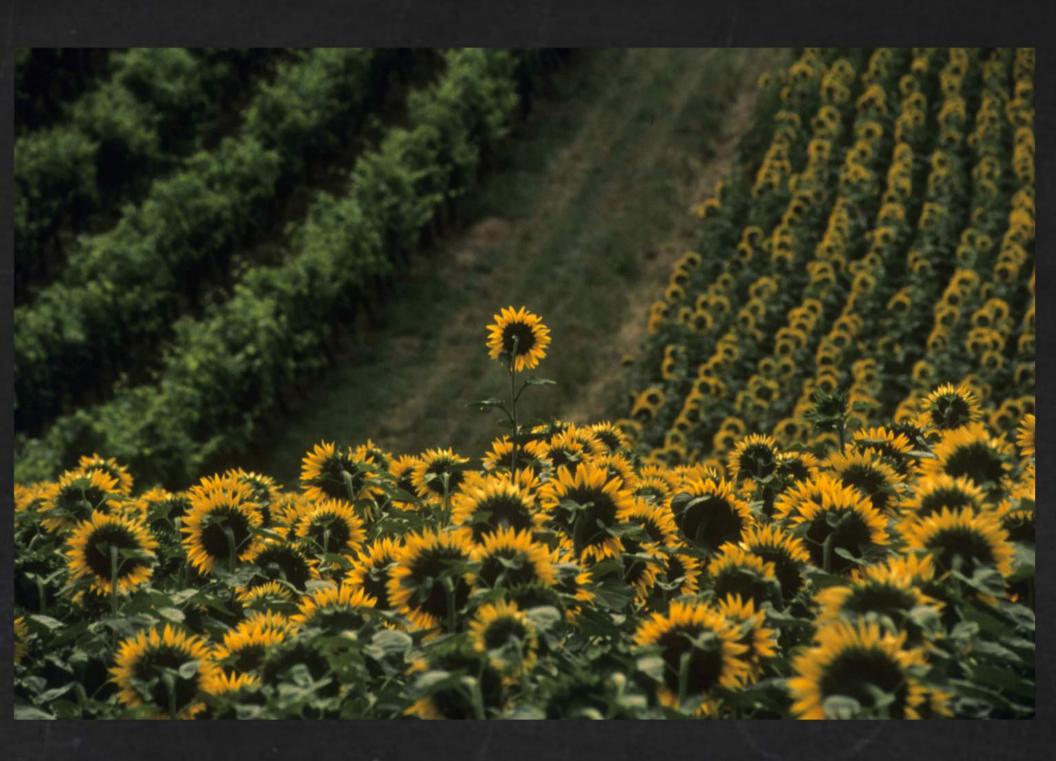
History

- The oldest French eau de vie
- Confrontation of cultures: Romans, Arabs and Celts
- · Maître Vital Dufour, 1310: medicinal virtues
- XVII° century: the 'bordelais' privilege
- Phylloxera 1878: 75% of vineyards destroyed
- 1936: creation of the AOC

Gascony







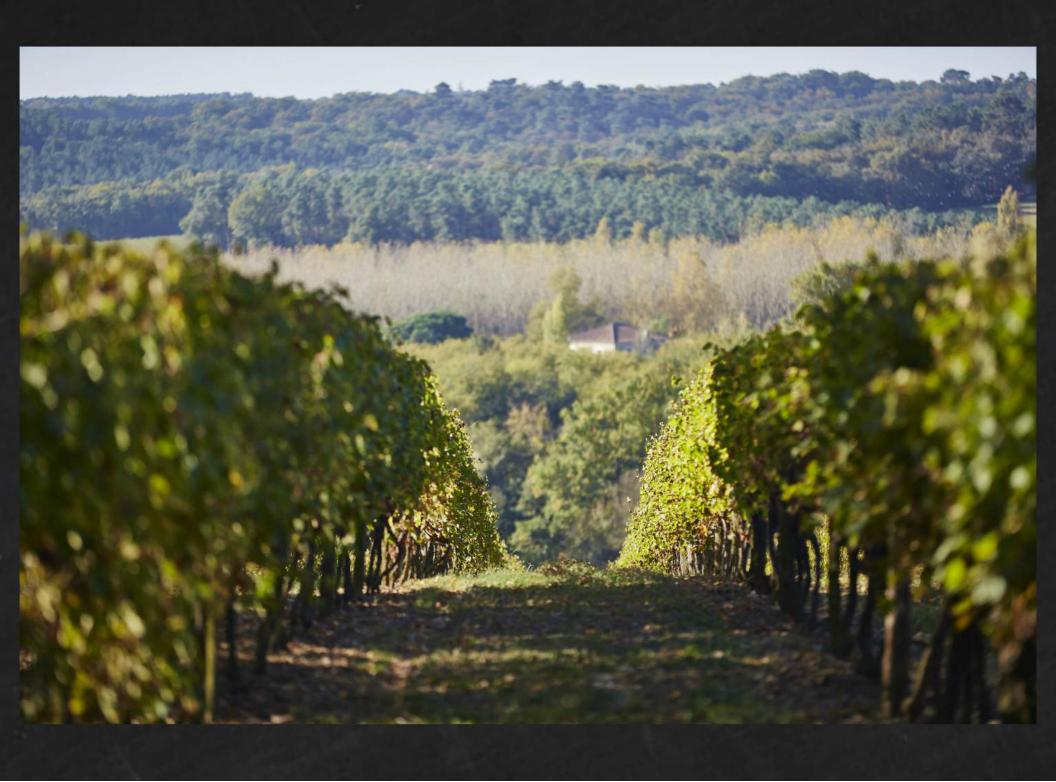
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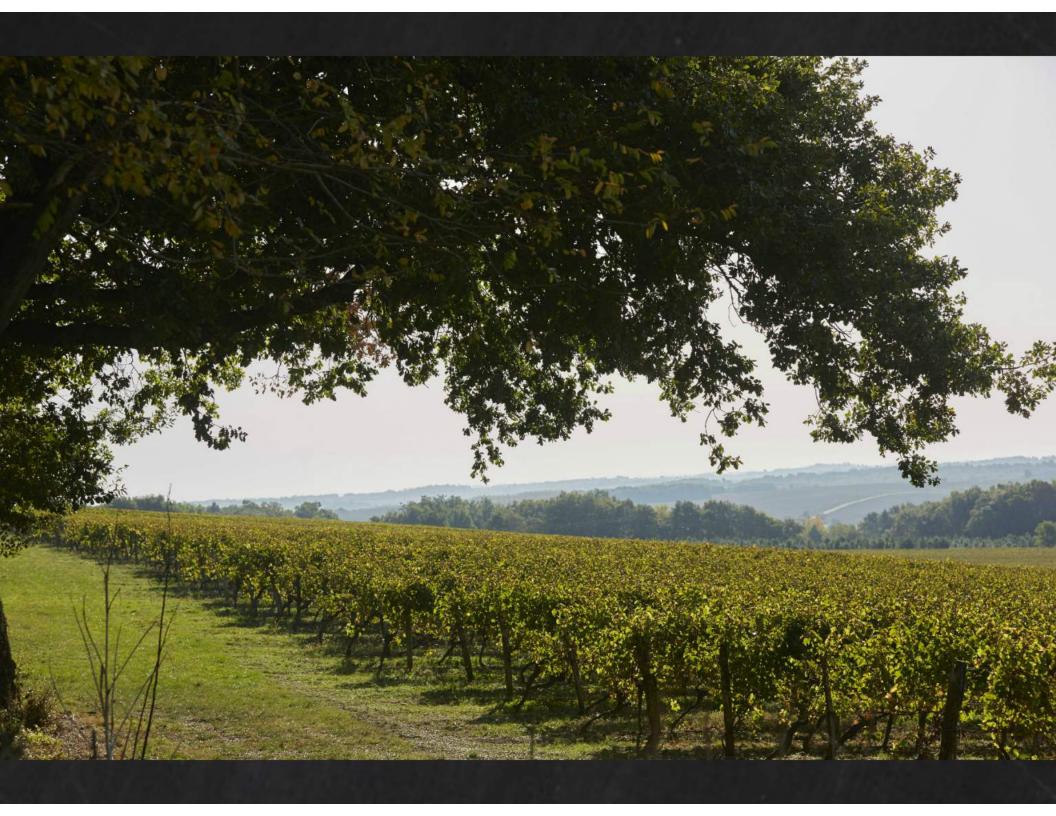
- Polyculture and gastronomy
- Art de vivre, spirit of sharing, family
- The protective forest from which the oak trees used for the elevage come

The vineyards









The vineyards

5000 ha but only 2000 used for Armagnac production

Bas-Armagnac:

- tawny sands
- delicate and fruity
- 68% of the total surface

Ténarèze:

- · Siliceous and clay-limestone
- powerful and full bodied
- 31% of the total surface

Grape varieties with lots of personality

- Ugni-blanc: used for over 50% of distillations, eaux-devie which evolve quickly, ideal for young Armagnacs
- Folle Blanche: historical grape variety, very fragile, 8% of distillations, powerful yet very elegant eaux-de-vie.

- Baco: a hybrid created after the phylloxera, rounded and suave eaux-de-vie, perfect for lengthy ageing, 35% of distillations.
- Colombard : rarely used for distillation, its fruity, spicy aromas are appreciated for blending.

Distillation





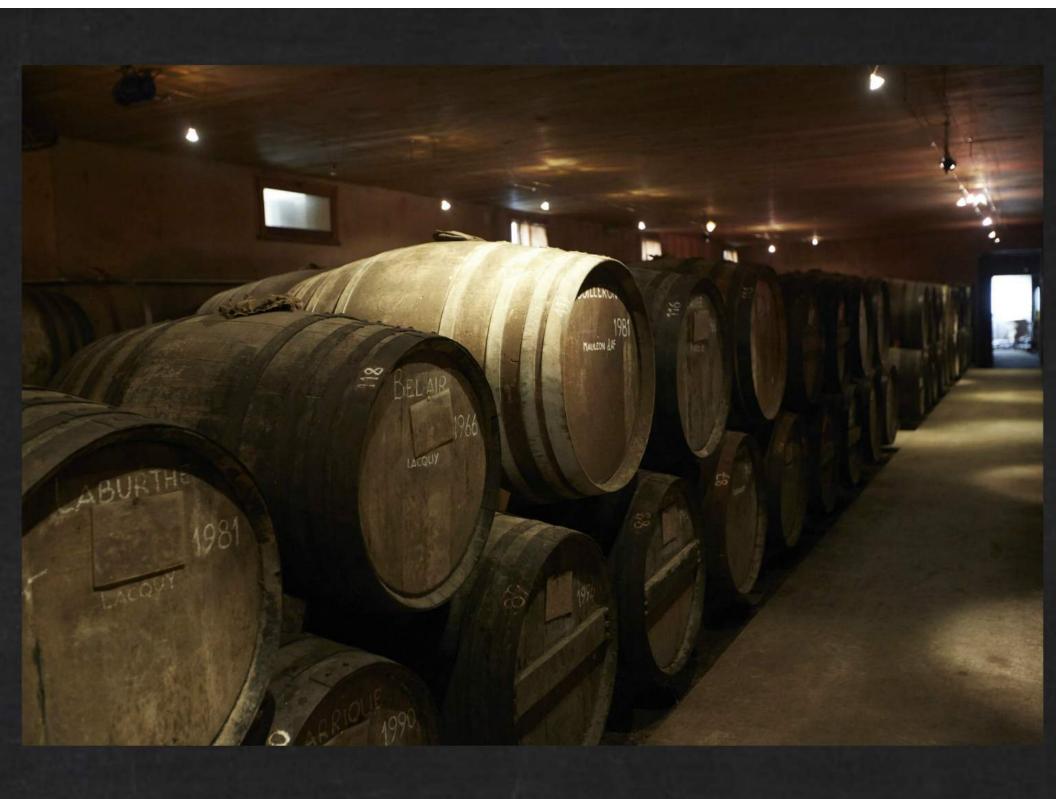
Distillation

- Continuous distillation brings a very distinctive character to the armagnac.
- The vapours actually pass through the wine and gain in alcohol and aromas along the way.
- Fresh from the still, eau-de-vie has an alcohol content of between 53% and 70% vol

Ageing

- Traditional ageing in 400 litre casks
- Casks made using oak from the forests of Gascony
- The eau-de-vie becomes richer and more refined
- Natural lowering of the alcohol content: "the angels share"









Ageing categories

- *** or VS: minimum 1 year of ageing
- VSOP: minimum 4 years ageing
- Napoléon: minimum 6 years ageing
- XO: minimum 10 years ageing
- Vintages: from one specific year, importance of the bottling date

Sales

- 2016:35M turnover in 105 countries
- France = biggest consumer (over 35% of bottled production)
- Export: USA 1st, UK 2nd
- VS represent 56 % of sales
- VSOP (at least 4 years) represent 21% of sales
- older (XO) and vintages represent 23 % of export sales

Bas Armagnacs Darroze





A family of restaurateurs

- A family history going back 3 generations
- Jean Darroze, 2 Michelin star restaurant in Villeneuve-de-Marsan
- He picked up rare armagancs as he shopped for his restaurant at the country market.
- With his son Francis: diversity of armagnacs, emphasis on the producers



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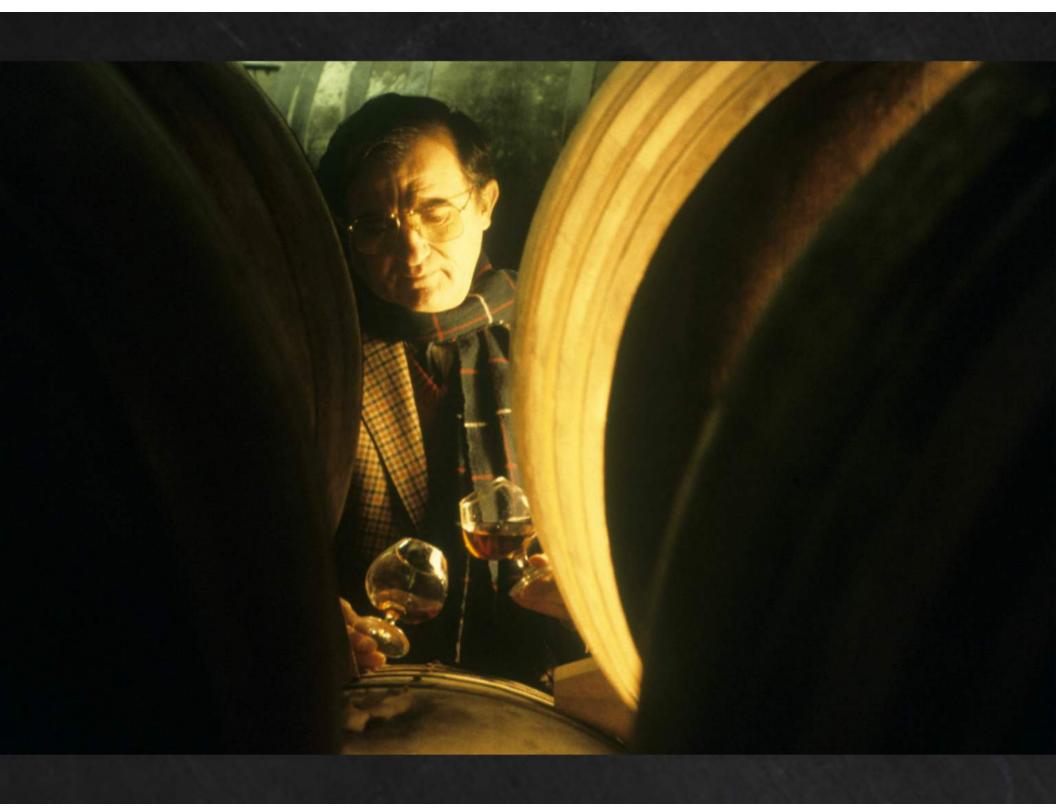
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From gastronomy restaurant to treasure hunter of Armagnac

- Francis selected more and more armagnacs for his restaurant
- He sold some to friends who were restaurant owners
- 1973 : the company Francis Darroze founded
- 1975: first distillation at Domaine du Martin
- 1980: bought the 280 casks from Domaine de Saint Aubin









From regional to international

- After the purchase of the Saint Aubin armagnacs a new cellar was built
- Their reputation grew and the export markets diversified
- 1977: first export sales (Europe)
- 1981: United States of America
- 1990 : Asia (Japan)
- 2000 : Russia

From generation to generation

- 1995: Marc returned after vinifying in several countries (USA, Hungary, Bordeaux).
- He joined forces with Francis, bringing with him his youth and his energy.
- More and more distillations, new markets, perpetuating his fathers work ethic
- EXCELLENCE, CRAFTSMANSHIP and RESPECT of 'terroir armagnacs'.

DARROZE A strong brand

BAS-ARMAGNACS



ARTISAN D'EXCELLENCE

Our mission statement as a "Artisan d'excellence"

Being the world leader on the high-end Armagnac market

4 strong values

Authenticity

Traditional Armagnacs: no added sugars, tanins or caramel to accelerate ageing process

Traceability: Collection Unique our 30 estates' range - spotlighting of several terroirs, vintages, grape varieties, bottling date, specific details for every single product

Respect of..

- the producers
- the products
- the distributors/clients: strong loyalty
- the colleagues/partners

Independence

An independant and family-run company which is not owned by any financial or luxury group

Pleasure

...is the key word in our work!



The Unique Collection



Historical range

The singularity of the Darroze firm

The image of the company



Grands Assemblages



A more recent range Complements the Unique Collection

A more accessible profile

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