



SINGLE ESTATE - SMALL BATCH COGNAC

Passion for Excellence

This 4<sup>th</sup> generation artisan distillery is nestled a few miles from the town of Cognac. In the hands of *PATRICK DROUET*, its 80 acres of vineyards are situated in *GRANDE CHAMPAGNE 1<sup>er</sup> CRU*, the top growth area or "cru" of Cognac. Its vineyards yield elegant eaux de vie that receive long ageing in French oak barrels to reach optimal maturity. Accomplished master distiller, Patrick Drouet, is a true "modern style old schooler" blending the best of traditional methods and new thinking. Between tending the vines, harvesting, vinification, distilling, ageing, and bottling, all taking place on the estate, Drouet is the essence of a *SINGLE ESTATE* Cognac. Produced in small quantities and distilled with great precision and passion, Drouet Cognacs are pure, beautifully smooth, and benchmark examples of how stunning this spirit can be. Drouet is quickly establishing itself as one of Cognac's top family owned estates, attested by its impressive accolades in recent years.

## COGNAC XO ULYSSE

Ultimate Spirits Challenge 2015, 96 points, "EXTRAORDINARY"

Difford's Guide 2014, 5+/5 Stars, "OUTSTANDING"

Beverage Testing Institute 2014, 97/100 pts, Platinum Medal "SUPERLATIVE"

CATEGORY: XO

VOLUME: 70cl / 700ml STRENGTH: 40% vol.

## TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Golden amber.

NOSE: Complex aromas of hazelnut, coffee cake,

mocha and dried orange peel, with underlying spices including ginger.

PALATE: Wonderful silkiness, showing exceptional

balance with lovely cedar, nutmeg, sweet brown spice and slight mineral notes.

FINISH: Sweet and shamelessly long, yet again

showing fantastic balance.

**COMMENTS**: The perfect representation of what an XO

should taste like with every drop loaded with flavour, yet so well integrated and seamless. Presented in a carafe that honours the work of *ULYSSE* 

DUMARGUE, the great- grandfather of

PATRICK DROUET.

