

DECISIVELY
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Wine & Spirits

ST. GEORGE

CALIFORNIA RESERVE

APPLE BRANDY



OVERVIEW

It's back! Our 2023 California Reserve Apple Brandy is a beautiful expression of fresh California apples. We've been making fruit brandies since we were founded in 1982, and this limited release distillate speaks to our love for working with fresh fruit and our heritage as brandy distillers.

WHAT'S IN IT

A field blend of local apples, sourced from a family-owned farm in Mendocino County.

Varieties include Fall Pippin, Jonathan, Golden Delicious, Black Arkansas, Red Delicious, Granny Smith, Gravenstein, McIntosh, Sierra Beauty, Swaar, and Winter Banana.

HOW IT'S MADE

We cold-ferment fresh-pressed apple cider and distill with more fresh apples in our pot stills. The resulting brandy is aged in an array of long-term casks prior to blending. We incorporated some of our apple brandy reserves from our 2020 release into the 2023 blend, so part of this year's blend also saw short-term finishing casks prior to bottling.

AGE/COOPERAGE

Our 2023 release was aged in used French oak, as well as a combination of new and used American oak.

Time in barrel ranged 3–11 years, with the most of the blend coming from barrels laid down in 2014–2016 (6–9 years old at time of bottling).

TASTING NOTES

On the nose: Crisp cider, pastry crust, lemon, allspice, crème brûlée.

On the palate: Buttery apple pie, clover honey, finishing with mint and clove.

SPECS

ABV: 43%

Format: 750 ml

Cases: 6 x 750 ml

Distribution: Limited release

ABOUT ST. GEORGE SPIRITS

California's St. George Spirits was founded in 1982 by master distiller Jörg Rupf. Over more than four decades at the vanguard of the American craft spirits movement, the distillery has grown into a diversified operation with a portfolio that includes single malt whiskey, absinthe, and several gins, vodkas, brandies, and liqueurs. Now owned and operated by master distiller Lance Winters and head distiller Dave Smith, St. George has been inducted into the *Spirit Journal* Hall of Fame and named "best craft distiller in America" by *Thrillist*.