

# ARMORIK

## Breton Single Malt Whisky: The Celtic Connection



### The distillery

Located in Lannion, Brittany, the distillery Warengem has been making high-quality liqueurs and spirits for over 100 years. In 1900, Leon Warengem created his first product, the Elixir d'Armorique, a distillate of 35 plants which won awards at international exhibitions in 1902. Since then, from one generation to the next one, the distillery has created a small range of unusual fruit and plant-based liqueurs, honey liqueurs, apple brandy, beers and whiskies.

30 years ago, Warengem was the first and only distillery to ever produce double distilled whisky in France and today it remains the most renowned.

### The making of Armorik

**The grain:** 100% French malted barley

**The environment:** the soil is mostly granitic, the air is very iodized (the sea is less than 6 miles away) and the weather is as rainy and windy as in the Scottish Highlands but overall warmer, which favors the aging of the whisky. The humidity level is the same as in the Highlands.

**The water:** the distillery sits on a water source by the name of Rest Avel (it means the house of wind) which gives a pure and crystal clear granitic water.

**The distillation:** double distillation in traditional copper stills.

### Armorik Classic:

Armorik Classic is the result of a unique aging method, using a majority of refill bourbon casks made of American white oak and some refill sherry butts made of Spanish oak. Soft and honeyed, lightly spicy, dotted with a citrus note and a pleasantly light smoky finish.

- *Finalist, 94 points, Excellent / Highly Recommended* (Ultimate Spirits Challenge)
- *Gold Medal* (San Francisco Spirits Competition, 2014)
- *91 points "very nice"* (Mark Gillespie, WhiskyCast)
- *Gold Medal* (International Review of Spirits BTI Chicago)
- *Highly Recommended / 4 stars ".... exceedingly pleasant"* (Spirit Journal)

### Armorik Sherry Finish:

Armorik Sherry Finish is mostly aged in refill bourbon casks and then finished in refill sherry butts for about 8 months. Round and warm with notes of candied fruit, grain and a touch of chocolate; creamy texture that coats the palate in a slightly spiced finish.

- *Gold Medal* (San Francisco Spirits Competition, 2017)
- *94 points / Chairman's Trophy* (Ultimate Spirits Challenge, 2015)
- *91 points, "Bold, Audacious & Voluptuous!"* (Whisky Advocate 2015)

### Armorik Double Maturation:

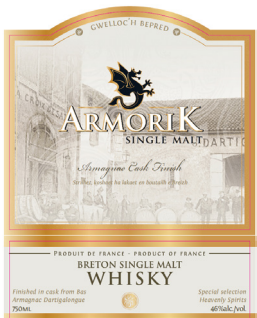
Armorik Double Maturation uses Breton oak from the forest of Armorik for about 5 years and then oloroso xeres sherry casks for about 2 years. Fruity, elegant, with notes salted butter caramel, a touch of woodiness, grain and iodized marine flavors.

- *#6 - Top 20 Whiskies of 2018* (Whisky Advocate)
- *Best in Show - Other Whisky category* (San Francisco Spirits Competition 2014)
- *Double Gold* (San Francisco Spirits Competition 2014)
- *Best European Single Malt* (World Whiskies Awards 2013)
- *90 points / Excellent / Highly Recommended* (Ultimate Spirit Challenge 2013)

### Armorik Armagnac Dartigalongue Cask Finish:

A Heavenly Spirits exclusive collaboration between the oldest Armagnac house, Dartigalongue, and first French whisky producer, Armorik! The first single malt whisky to be aged in Armagnac casks! The whisky was matured for 4 years in a refilled bourbon cask and spent a further 2 years in a Dartigalongue Armagnac cask. Licorice, with soft notes of pastry with almonds. Intense aromas of citrus, followed by a nice roundness and nice volume. Elegant woodiness enhanced by peppery and fruity (peach) notes. Long and spicy finish.

- *91 points, Excellent, Highly Recommended* (Ultimate Beverage Challenge, 2018)
- *4 stars / Highly Recommended* (Paul Pacult, Spirit Journal, 2017)



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