

Delord

Bas Armagnac 1er cru since 1875

Born in 1875, Prosper Delord started the company as an itinerant distiller. He gained a reputation for his dedication and expertise by carting his traveling pot still around to the farms in the Bas Armagnac region. When his son Gaston took over in 1925 he officially founded the company and established the business as a permanent site in Lannepax.

Today, great-grandsons Jerome & Sylvain carry on the same tradition, having established a reputation for quality that is unsurpassed. Owners of a prime 30 hectare vineyard in the heart of the Bas Armagnac, (widely known as the 1st Cru), they have been distilling, aging and blending their eaux-de-vie the exact same way their fore-fathers did. Their aging cellars contain Armagnacs dating back to 1904. When touring the distillery and aging cellars, it feels as if time has stopped and you almost expect to see great-grandfather Prosper coming around the corner pulling his itinerant pot still with the help of his two cows.



Delord Technical Information

- Use of high quality fruit, harvested from the best soils of the Bas Armagnac.
- No use of pesticides or fertilizers
- A good use of the grape varietals : 57% Ugni blanc (gives a good foundation), 16% Colombard (herbal aromas), 15% Folle Blanche (floral notes), and 12% Baco (gives roundness)
- A particularly slow single distillation process
- A distillation at low temperature (around 54 to 58 degrees), which enables more flavors, fatty acids and character to remain in the spirit.
- Use of 10% Gascon oak to give good tannins, darker color and beautiful spices.
- More aging than required by law



Tasting Notes and Reviews

Napoleon: Minimum 10 years old. Woody nose with hints of “rancio” to come. Discreet aromas of vanilla and fruit are satisfying and smooth.

- **Gold Medal, 94 points / Outstanding, Best Buy** (*Beverage Tasting Institute, Chicago, 2011*) - **91 points / Excellent** (*Ultimate Spirits Challenge, NY*) - **Superb / Highly Recommended / Best Buy** (*Wine Enthusiast*)

XO: Minimum 15 years old. This exceptional Hors d’ Age displays a masterful balance of ripe fruit, wood and buttery orange pound cake. Smooth and deep with a wealth of rancio.

- **4 stars / Highly Recommended** (*Spirit Journal*) - **Gold Medals** (*Concours Mondial de Bruxelles; Concours Agricole de Paris*) - **97 points, Top 50 Best Spirits** (*Wine Enthusiast*) - **92 points / Excellent** (*Ultimate Spirits Challenge*) - **4.5 stars** (*Doug Frost / Tim Fish, New York Times*)

25 Years Old: This superb blend displays flavors of cocoa, spices, vanilla, raisins, walnut and cinnamon. Its finish is long, silky and biscuity.

- **5 stars / Highest Recommendation** (*Spirit Journal*) - **Gold medal** (*Concours General Agricole, Paris*) - **Chairman’s Trophy, 97 points, Extraordinary / Ultimate Recommendation** (*Ultimate Spirits Challenge*) - **96 points, Top 10 Best Armagnacs & Top 50 Best Spirits** (*Wine Enthusiast*) - **5 stars / Highest Recommendation / Best Buy** (*Wine Enthusiast*) - **Gold Medal / Prix du President de la Republique** (*Concours des Grandes Eaux de Vie d’Armagnac*)

L’Authentique: The Armagnac in Delord L’Authentique spent an average of 30 years in oak barrels, first in heavily-charred new French oak, before finishing in older barrels. An Armagnac with great complexity marrying notes of vanilla, wood, and roasted coffee beans with aromas of prunes, walnuts, and dried fruit. A Bas Armagnac with true Gascon character! Pairs well with fruit tarts, particularly pear, and almonds.

- **5 stars / Highest Recommendation** (*Spirit Journal 2018*) - **Chairman’s Trophy, 96 points, Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation** (*Ultimate Spirits Challenge*) - **Gold Medal** (*International Spirits Challenge, London*)

1981 Vintage: Distilled in 1981 and bottled in 2011. Dark amber with hints of copper, delicate nose with aromas of sweet spices (cinnamon and ginger) and light tobacco. Fine tannins with flavors of butter and spices that linger, leaving on the palate the sensation of a beautiful brandy.

- **Chairman’s Trophy, 97 points, Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation** (*Ultimate Spirits Challenge*) - **GOLD medal and WINNER of President Republic Prize** (*Concours des Grandes Eaux de Vie d’Armagnac*)

