

Artez

Bas Armagnac Artez Historic

Artez is a small Armagnac producer who owns 12 hectares (30 acres) located in the Western part of the Bas Armagnac, also known as the First Cru. Even though the eaux de vie have been produced at this distillery for many decades, a new owner took over the family business about 20 years ago. The uniqueness of Artez is to produce mostly single varietals Armagnacs, a very rare specialty which requires special skills from the distiller and cellar master.

About the products:

Vineyard location: in the Golden Triangle, also known as the Grand Bas Armagnac, a privileged area of the Western Bas Armagnac, famous for producing the finest eaux de vie from the Bas Armagnac. The vineyards sit on small, sun-bathed hills.

Soil: iron-rich sands (sables fauves) produce eaux de vie supple in their youth and showing a great finesse.

Vines: about 40 years old and the vineyard is planted with Baco, Ugni Blanc and Folle Blanche vines, giving low yields but more intensity and depth in the spirits.

Distillation: single in a column still at the estate

Aging: Artez owns a forest of Monlezun oaks (black oak) so the aging is done using mostly black oak, to give the eaux de vie a better natural color and more spices

Production: only about 40,000 bottles per year.

Note: Artez has chosen the organic, sustainable farming practice, with no pesticides or fertilizers. In fact, they just received their organic certificate for their Armagnac, beginning with the 2015 vintage. Each varietal is single distilled at the estate. Artez Armagnacs are all natural with no sugar or caramel added and are 10 years old.

Vintage 1995

This Armagnac is produced in the Midour valley, in the heart of the Bas Armagnac, known for its soil of tawny sand, giving very supple and ripe spirits.

- 100% Baco - Old Vines
- Single Distilled at the estate
- Distilled in 1995. Bottled in 2017. 22 years old
- Bottled at Cask Strength, 46%
- 1200 bottles from Gascon oak barrel no. 5

4 Stars, Highly Recommended - Spirit Journal 2018

