



# Château de Hontambère



Château de Hontambère can be found on maps of the Armagnac region since at least 1834. The name Hontambère is derived from reference to the beautifully restored fountain, the source for which has long been known to locals for its exceptional purity.

Located in the Ténarèze sub region of Armagnac, Hontambère expresses the subtle, smooth, and perfumed style that is the hallmark of the best Armagnacs of this region. Combining this local knowledge with a detailed understanding of the Château’s different terroirs has allowed specially selected vines to be grown and harvested in a way that brings out the very best in Armagnac.

## Ténarèze Armagnac XO

Carefully selected by cellar master Sylvain, these precious cast-strength elixirs are bottled with care on the domain in order to preserve the spirit of each barrel. No alteration of the colour, no dilution, no additives whatsoever, not even water; no filtration nor reduction. Unbiased, unadulterated, unprecedented. The true nobility of a 700 year old product, made even greater with advanced craftsmanship.

With great aromatic richness, this Extra Old develops a bouquet of vanilla and plum, delicately wooded flavors and balanced aging. This Armagnac upholds all the promise and character of the Hontambère Domain. Bottled at 53,2 %.

## Rare Armagnac Collection by Hontambère

Rare Armagnac Collection by Hontambère gives unprecedented access to one-off bottlings of Armagnacs from small producers, not previously available to those outside of the region – or even sometimes outside of the family.

Our commitment to the traditions and people of this region and years of careful, patient work has given us access to the finest of these small lots of hand made artisanal Armagnacs now proudly released under the Rare Armagnac Collection, using the same methods that have been handed down through generations for over 700 years.

## Ténarèze Armagnac Vintage 1985

Barrel No. H7  
Number of bottles: 400  
Cask strength: 56.6%

Grape Variety: Ugni Blanc  
Bottled in 2022.  
Aged in oak casks for 37 years.

### Aging:

Initial aging in barrels, then transferred to wide-grained French Limousin Oak. Aged in a dry cellar. The older Limousin barrels are “red barrels.” “When a barrel is called “Red”, a reference to the reddish color of aged wood, it has aged before other eaux-de-vie during at least 2 years up to 8 years, reaching the perfect stage of maturation for both the wood and the spirit.”

### Tasting Notes:

Powerful and smoky nose which transforms with aromas of prunes, undergrowth, citrus, almonds, rancio, wood leather and fresh fruits. Structured and forceful on the palate with delicate sweetness and flavors of wood, candied fruit, figs, and coffee. Lengthy finish.

- 96 points, Finalist (*Ultimate Spirits Challenge 2023*)
- Gold Medal (*Bartender Spirits Awards, 2023*)



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