## Maison A.E. Dor Cognac #10



Maison A.E. Dor was founded in 1858 as a family-run Cognac house dedicated to producing some of the world's finest distilled spirits. Through generations, this has remained the work of this firm, currently run by the Pierre-Antoine Rivière, who succeeded his father, Jacques, 10 years ago. Experience, talent, dedication and the gift of time now contribute to this offering of Cognacs ranging from the smooth Selection VS to the more than century-old #11. While the family vineyards are given over to the production of an amazing range of Pineau des Charentes, the Riviére's are

master blenders and purchase grapes for distillation or young Cognac for aging and blending in their cellars. At every level of quality, VS, VSOP, XO, the Cognacs of A.E. Dor are aged well beyond the legal minimums, giving their Cognacs great depth of aroma and flavor and a remarkably mellow character.

**Region:** Charentes **Appellation:** Cognac

Owner: Pierre-Antoine Rivère

Established: 1858

Farming Practices: Sustainable

Soil: Sand, clay and limestone Vineyard: 100% Grande Champagne

**Grape Varieties:** Mainly Ugni Blanc

**Age of Spirits:** From 1922, 90+ years of aging

**Distillation and Aging:** After traditional double distillation in a charentais pot still, the young spirit is put into casks of Limousin and Troncais oak to age and mellow. The spirit is reduced with deionized water to 80 proof before bottling. Constant tasting by the maître de chais will determine the type of barrel, length of aging necessary and the blending of spirits from different sectors of the Cognac region, to attain the style and quality desired. A.E. Dor #10 is one of a series of numbered Cognacs from very old stores within both the dry and humid cellars. These are incredibly rare and truly a tremendous pleasure and experience.

**Tasting Notes:** The fruit for #10 came entirely from the 1922 harvest, from the sector of Grande Champagne. The 90+ years of aging took place in both dry, then humid cellars, yielding an incredibly smooth and ultra-aged spirit. Layers of licorice, violet, caramel and vanilla abound.

