



THE BHAKTA 50  
COLLECTION

# BARREL 1

# HOGSWORTH

VINTAGES: 1868 1897 1939 1946 1956 1963 1965 1970  
PROOF: 89.6 / ABV: 44.8% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: SHOREHAM, VERMONT / NO. BOTTLES: 519

HOGSWORTH is a farewell, a chapter coming to an end. Raj Peter Bhakta is on hiatus from the whiskey world, but he leaves an Islay mark on his new, spirited sensation. BHAKTA 50 carries rich caramel from slow Armagnac distillation. Now imagine that profile with a kiss of seaside smokiness. The finish is fruit and brine, sweet and savory.

## TASTING NOTES

Light nose before an initial wave of dried apricot. The palate brings in peaty smokiness from Islay casks. Flavor cascades as fruits change and caramel floats in between. Complex and continuous finish, reminiscent of initial fruitiness with just the shadow of peat and berry.



# REVIVAL

## BARREL 2

VINTAGES: 1868 1897 1939 1946 1956 1963 1965 1970

PROOF: 88.4 / ABV: 44.2% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: SHOREHAM, VERMONT / NO. BOTTLES: 575

Revival is an embrace of the future. Blended by our Revivalist Society on America's birthday, this barrel carries the most incredible wisdom of the American Spirit. It marries the best attributes of Armagnac and Scotch, and the wedding is monumental. Revival contains the same vintages as Barrel 1, Hogsworth, but new blend ratios highlight distinct tasting notes.

### TAUSTING NOTES

Candied plums and crystallized honey on the nose. Cracked pepper spice and charred marshmallow, disrupted by tart orange and stewed fig waves. Peat and caramel finish, refreshingly balanced with hints of mint.

# BARREL 3

## PENDRAGON TIME OF DISCOVERY

VINTAGES: 1868 1897 1939 1946 1952 1963 1964 1970  
PROOF: 90 / ABV: 45% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: SHOREHAM, VERMONT / NO. BOTTLES: 569

This barrel is named for King Arthur Pendragon, master of Excalibur, and pays homage to discovery. Whether drawn from a stone or a cellar, it narrates the power within a mythic asset. Armagnac from France was our founder's capstone discovery. Our 50 Year blend can be yours.

### TASTING NOTES

Lovely nose of honey and butterscotch. Initial notes of floral citrus and vanilla, with just a hint of peat. Islay smoke enters later, circulating with a deep oakiness. The finish is spicy, with white pepper to complement final notes of caramel and plum.



# GALAHAD

## GALLANTRY AND PURITY

VINTAGES: 1868 1904 1933 1947 1951 1959 1964 1970

PROOF: 95.4 / ABV: 47.7% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: SHOREHAM, VERMONT / NO. BOTTLES: 567

BARREL  
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This barrel reflects gratitude for the apprentice. Sir Galahad is Lancelot's son, a late addition to the Round Table, yet a heroic knight in his own time who leads the quest for the Holy Grail. Every fellowship has its young Galahads. With proper training, they can become great. We drink to them.

### TASTING NOTES

Sweet nose of tangerine, chocolate, and honey. Lemon zest on the attack, followed by cinnamon spice and our most potent peat expression yet. Dried fruit and chocolate on the finish, with lingering solid smoky notes.

# BARREL 5

## PERCIVAL THE VISIONARY

VINTAGES: 1868 1897 1939 1946 1956 1963 1965 1970  
PROOF: 94.2 / ABV: 47.1% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 592

The forest isolated Percival until 15; Percival followed a legion of knights on foot to King Arthur's court, earning a seat at the table. There is power in perseverance, never settling for "no," despite the obstacles. The spirits of Percival herein have marched marathons for their goals.

### TASTING NOTES

Rich nose of stewed fruits and light peat. Full mouthfeel, with an exceptionally peaty and smoky spice. The finish is long, with potent notes of black pepper and redoubling of the initial fruity palate.



# LOHENGRIN

## A TOAST TO HUMILITY

VINTAGES: 1868 1898 1939 1947 1952 1962 1965 1970

PROOF: 94.4 / ABV: 47.2% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 579

BARREL  
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The Arthurian legend of Lohengrin tells the story of the Swan Knight. Ferried by a swan-drawn boat to rescue a maiden, he mysteriously demanded his name never be revealed. The tale teaches us much about humility. The spirits in this barrel toast the modern heroes who ask for no recognition in return. This is true honor, after all.

### TASTING NOTES

Macerated strawberries and heavy oak on the nose. New shoe leather, smoldering cigar, and charred caramel. Banana split on a syrupy dinner table—persistent, mentholated finish of marzipan, apricot, and Islay peat.

# BARREL 7

## GUINEVERE THE FAIREST BARREL IN THE LAND

VINTAGES: 1868 1897 1939 1946 1952 1963 1967 1970  
PROOF: 94.2 / ABV: 47.1% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 581

Rich with a smoky kiss and a majesty worthy of names. Guinevere was King Arthur's wife, Queen of the British in an age of magic and chivalry. Don't let the beauty distract, though: you might catch yourself drinking up all of this rare blend before you can save some as a liquid investment.

### TASTING NOTES

Ripened plums and quince paste on the nose. Crackling campfire with a juicy bunch of purple grapes and a tall glass of lemonade. Maraschino cherry set aflame.





# SAGRAMORE

## SMOKY WITH A HOTHEADED NAMESAKE

VINTAGES: 1868 1924 1934 1946 1955 1962 1967 1970

PROOF: 94.8 / ABV: 47.4% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 589

BARREL  
8

Sagramore was a fierce knight, righteous but quick-tempered and often dangerous. Tales of epic battles and love affairs were told throughout the land: Sagramore was early Britain's first true "bad boy." We present this one to the Scotch drinkers who enjoy the most intense of Islay finishes.

### TASTING NOTES

Nose of charred marshmallow and burnt caramel crust at the bottom of the sugary bat. Peaty spray and barnacle-coated wooden rowboat. Rare steak with a maple-orange glaze. The ripest of plums cast into flame.

# BARREL 9

## COLGREVANCE A TIMELESS PARADOX

VINTAGES: 1868 1893 1929 1941 1955 1962 1965 1970  
PROOF: 91.8 / ABV: 45.9% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 592

When one speaks on behalf of righteous truth, peril can befall. Colgrevice is one such example. While defending his comrade and preventing his murder, Colgrevice was slain. Though his legacy is oft forgotten, we honor Colgrevice just the same. It is amusing to say his name out loud at the very least. At most, it reminds us to hold fast to our virtues, even before the harshest rebuke.

### TASTING NOTES

Rich nose with strong white wine profile. Fresh slivered almonds, orange peel, nutmeg, and charred caramel. Smooth, peaty attack, with a palate of ripe, stewed fruit and dry raisins. Powerful and persistent peaty finish.



# GAWAIN

## THE COURTEOUS KNIGHT

VINTAGES: 1868 - 1878 - 1934 - 1947 - 1956 - 1963 - 1967 - 1970

PROOF: 88.6 / ABV: 44.3% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 595

BARREL  
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Sir Gawain's skill with the sword and celebrated integrity earned him a permanent seat by Arthur's side. Above all, the tale of Sir Gawain's marriage reminds us that true beauty is found within. Love is a mysterious puzzle, but our most important tool lies in our judgment of character. Let this barrel bring the magnificent souls closer.

### TASTING NOTES

Nose of rose petals and dried nectarine, with the slightest hint of mossy campfire. Chocolate-covered strawberries, with charred bacon and smoky victuals to accompany. Decadent fudge to celebrate the day's catch.

# BARREL 11

## BOHEMOND AS HEROIC AS DELICATE

VINTAGES: 1868 1898 1934 1941 1952 1956 1962 1970  
PROOF: 96.2 / ABV: 48.1% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 595

The bright, fiery orange color says it all: this crusader king embodies insatiable passion and victorious perseverance. From Prince of Taranto in Southern Italy to the Prince of Antioch in modern-day Turkey, Bohemond imparted stirring leadership to his various conquests. Pope Urban II admired his strength, and we are sure you will marvel at this barrel.

### TASTING NOTES

Lemon cream, marmalade, and preserved quince on the nose. Toffee, vanilla. Intense peat on the palate followed by toast and cinnamon. Gentle finish showing butter, fruitcake, and serious richness. Long finish.



# LAFAYETTE

## A TRANSATLANTIC LEGACY

VINTAGES: 1868 1878 1900 1947 1956 1963 1965 1970

PROOF: 97.6 / ABV: 48.8% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 578

BARREL  
12

No line of ancient Armagnac would be complete without the Marquis de Lafayette, with his famous commitment to the freedom and rights of all men. Without Lafayette's assistance in mobilizing French military aid, America's Revolution would not have won succeeded. This barrel is dedicated to the intimate linkage between France and America. We salute our oldest allies grandly.

### TASTING NOTES

Sweet nose of caramel, toffee, and flambéed crème brûlée with a smoky finish. Matures with floral notes of lilac, violets, and muguet – lily of the valley. Floral essences are a blooming meadow with a dry, oaky mouthfeel.

# BARREL 13

## GODFREY THE MARK OF STRONG LEADERSHIP

VINTAGES: 1868 - 1897 - 1939 - 1946 - 1956 - 1963 - 1965 - 1970  
PROOF: 87.2 / ABV: 43.6% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 585

Godfrey of Bouillon was the champion of the First Crusade, Jerusalem's presumed new ruler. However, he declined his title and golden crown since Christ himself had not worn more than thorns. Instead, he continued his campaign, amassing land until his death in battle. Humility and reluctance to accept accolades are the marks of strong leadership. We drink to the mighty few.

### TASTING NOTES

Citrus and dark stewed fruits on the nose with earthy tones showing hints of honey. Subtle aromas of peat and minerals. The attack explodes with fruit: plum, apricot, and pear, followed by burnt sugar. Viscous and mouth-filling on the palate. Oak and leather. Long, beautiful finish that calls for a cigar.



# THEOBALD

## FRENCH WINE'S PROGENITOR

VINTAGES: 1868 1897 1939 1946 1956 1963 1965 1970

PROOF: 87.2 / ABV: 43.6% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 584

BARREL  
14

We remain in awe of the multitalented. Theobald of Navarre was at once a master diplomat, lutist, and grandfather to Champagne wine. After kindling the Baron's Crusade on the Pope's whim, he sang his way to Damascus and breezed through negotiations. He also selected Chardonnay grapes to bring home to France for the first time. These grapes have fed French wine & brandy traditions for generations.

### TASTING NOTES

Nose of juicy blood orange, overripened on the grass from the sun's beating rays. Rich palate of hazelnut, vanilla, treacle, and candied prune. Festive cake of fruit and nuts, with a touch of holiday spice. Persistent finish of peat and cinnamon.

# BARREL 15

## BONIFACE NEVER BEEN VETOED

VINTAGES: 1868 1898 1939 1947 1952 1962 1965 1970  
PROOF: 92 / ABV: 46% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 581

Boniface of Montferrat was the Fourth Crusade's clear leader. With Papal permission, his army stormed Constantinople, and all hailed him as the new Byzantine Emperor. Still, powerful Venice held him unworthy. Barred from his throne in Byzantium, Boniface started his kingdom in Thessaloniki. If you know the Bhakta story, you will join us in praising this act. Drink from this barrel and never be vetoed.

### TASTING NOTES

Meadowy, potent nose, with lilac buds and shoe polish intermingling. A whiskey lover's familiar palate, with a peaty punch to char the fruity texture. Spicy, minty finish.





# ULYSSES

## AN UNLIKELY HERO

VINTAGES: 1868 1897 1934 1946 1960 1963 1964 1970

PROOF: 92.6 / ABV: 46.3% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: SHOREHAM, VERMONT / NO. BOTTLES: 592

BARREL  
16

Ulysses S. Grant was a president but not a politician, a general who loathed the pomp of military office. He was also a bit of a lush. He made up for what he lacked in polish with his military acumen and perceptiveness. Grant led the Union to victory in the Civil War and then oversaw reconstruction efforts over a torn country. He is a turbulent and often conflicted hero, but Ulysses S. Grant is a hero, nonetheless. Flawed heroes and heroic humanity – we'll drink to that.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright orange and burnished copper on the nose, with spicy stewed fruit undertones. Robust peaty palate with notes of caramel, toffee, and a cacophonous symphony of stewed fruits.

# BARREL 17

## WINSTON THE BULLDOG

VINTAGES: 1868 1924 1939 1943 1956 1962 1965 1970  
PROOF: 93 / ABV: 46.5% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: SHOREHAM, VERMONT / NO. BOTTLES: 593

They say that Winston Churchill enjoyed a “mouthwash” of whiskey each morning. Whatever his daily routine, there is no doubt that Churchill was witty, savvy, and a visionary. He became Britain’s Prime Minister in 1940, just after the start of WWII. His tenacity, stirring speeches, and unwavering resolve made him one of the chief architects of Allied victory. The bold flavors of this barrel would convert the British Bulldog himself into an Armagnac enthusiast.

### TASTING NOTES

Nose of aged leather and smoky cigar lounges melts into a palate of peaty creosote that softens into floral, even spicy notes of mulled fruit and roasted nuts. Persistent finish of peat and nutmeg linger on the palate.



# ROCKEFELLER

## THE GILDED AGE

VINTAGES: 1868 1897 1939 1941 1955 1963 1965 1970

PROOF: 94 / ABV: 47% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: SHOREHAM, VERMONT / NO. BOTTLES: 550

BARREL  
18

Perhaps no man (nor woman) better represents the glamour and complexity of the Gilded Age than John D. Rockefeller. Born into a family without means in upstate New York, the scrappy Rockefeller saw untapped opportunity in oil refining, founding the Standard Oil Company in 1870. He retired in 1897, a vintage found in this bottle. Indulge in this barrel of BHAKTA 50 and discover the richness within it.

### TASTING NOTES

Dried peach, dried flowers, with undertones of peaty smoke and black licorice on the nose. Balanced mouthfeel, with a spicy palate of cinnamon, white pepper, white chocolate, and hazelnut, with mild undertones of blonde tobacco and leather. The lengthy finish echoes the palate, with an interesting overlay of chamomile tea.

# BARREL 19

## LOUIS NAPOLEON THE FIRST PRESIDENT AND THE LAST MONARCH

VINTAGES: 1868 1924 1934 1942 1952 1962 1963 1970  
PROOF: 91.6 / ABV: 45.8% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: SHOREHAM, VERMONT / NO. BOTTLES: 587

Napoleon Bonaparte's nephew, Louis-Napoleon Bonaparte, served as France's first president from 1848-1852. When he constitutionally could not be reelected, he named himself Emperor. As Emperor, he oversaw the expansion of France's overseas domains and the modernization of France's economy until 1870. The throes of 19th-century expansionism are contained within Barrel 19, aptly named Louis-Napoleon. À votre santé!

### TASTING NOTES

Heady figs, plums, and apricots swirl in concert with smoky peat on the nose. Peppery palate delights the senses with lingering stewed fruits and a long, smoky finish reminiscent of whiskey around the campfire.



# FITZGERALD

## THE ROARING TWENTIES

VINTAGES: 1868 1924 1934 1946 1955 1962 1967 1970

PROOF: 97.8 / ABV: 48.9% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: SHOREHAM, VERMONT / NO. BOTTLES: 610

BARREL  
20

F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald are the epitome of the Roaring Twenties. A tumultuous match between F. Scott and Zelda produced some of the best iconography and literature of its age, from *This Side of Paradise* to the flapper style Zelda Fitzgerald brought to America. The Fitzgeralds moved to Paris in 1924, a vintage found in this barrel. That year, F. Scott began writing his best-known work, *The Great Gatsby*. You will discover all the glamour and indulgence of the Jazz Age within Barrel No. 20, aptly named Fitzgerald.

### TASTING NOTES

A floral nose with just the slightest note of leather gives way to a robust, peaty palate with a hint of spicy, musky floral notes that will appeal to whiskey drinkers.

# BARREL 21

## EARHART A PIONEER

VINTAGES: 1868 1897 1924 1937 1952 1963 1965 1970  
PROOF: 95.8 / ABV: 47.9% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 584

Born in 1897, Amelia Earhart earned her pilot's license in 1921. From there, she smashed records and championed women in aviation, accruing a laundry list of accomplishments and accolades, much like BHAKTA 50. Earhart disappeared in 1937 (a vintage found in this barrel) during a flight around the world. Despite being gone, she is not forgotten. With this barrel, we toast to the fearless pioneers who aren't afraid to be the ones who go first.

### TASTING NOTES

Nose of overripe figs and hints of vanilla leans into a palate of stewed fruits with walnuts and piney undergrowth. A sweet and smoky attack softens into a silky texture with remarkable complexity.



# PATTON

## OLD BLOOD AND GUTS

VINTAGES: 1868 1888 1934 1944 1956 1962 1967 1970

PROOF: 96.8 / ABV: 48.4% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 614

BARREL  
22

General Patton said, “A good plan violently executed right now is far better than a perfect plan executed next week.” A decisive (albeit controversial) leader, Patton was integral to the success of D-Day on June 6, 1944. His troops distracted German command, leaving them vulnerable and unprepared on the beaches of Normandy. Patton’s army swept through the breaches, helping to cement a decisive victory for Allied forces. With this barrel, we say cheers to the mavericks who make history.

### TASTING NOTES

An earthy nose of forest floor mixed with orange zest and cloves retains its identity on the palate with notes of piney resin and smoldering campfire. Mellow tannins and peppery notes add complexity to the flavor profile.

# BARREL 23

## MORGAN A TITAN

VINTAGES: 1868 1893 1929 1941 1955 1963 1965 1970  
PROOF: 96.4 / ABV: 48.2% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 586

John Piermont Morgan's commitment to the progress and modernization of the American economy led him to dominate the banking sector throughout the Gilded Age. During the Panic of 1893 (you will find 1893 in this barrel, minus the panic), when the U.S. Treasury was on the verge of collapse, he masterminded the economic recovery efforts – selling gold from his syndicate directly to the U.S. Treasury to shore up the value of paper money. Cheers to legacies built and new avenues forged!

### TASTING NOTES

Caramelly-nutty-praline notes of a patisserie on the nose blend smoothly into a soft palate with hints of orange and salted caramel. Finish of gentle tannins and smooth mineral notes rounds out the profile.





# GANDHI

## GREAT-SOULED

VINTAGES: 1868 1888 1924 1931 1960 1963 1967 1970

PROOF: 97 / ABV: 48.5% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 591

BARREL  
24

Mahatma is an honorific title meaning “Great-Souled,” given to Gandhi for his non-violent efforts to secure Indian Independence. The Gandhi-Irwin pact signed in 1931 (a vintage found in this barrel) began negotiations with Britain to ensure the independence of India. We remember Gandhi for his intelligence, commitment to nonviolence, and unique ability to inspire a largely fragmented country. With this barrel, we salute a great soul.

### TASTING NOTES

A delightful nose of white cherry blossoms, orange, and stewed prunes invites a sip that unveils an elegant palate of cigar boxes, dark chocolate, leather armchairs, and toasted nuts.

BARREL  
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# LINDBERG

## THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS

VINTAGES: 1868 1900 1927 1941 1952 1962 1965 1970  
PROOF: 96.4 / ABV: 48.2% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 587

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh boarded the Spirit of St. Louis, a single-engine monoplane, and took off for the first-ever nonstop flight from New York to Paris. During his 33.5-hour odyssey, Lindbergh encountered storms, heavy seas – flying just 10 feet over the ocean at times – and often navigated by dead-reckoning due to a lack of navigational equipment. This barrel finds 1927, and we toast the indomitable American spirit with it.

### TASTING NOTES

A rich nose of treacle, beeswax, toasted hazelnut, and fall spices. The palate expresses with an explosive peaty, peppery attack followed by a full mouthfeel. A bitter walnut-y finish pleasantly rounds out each sip.



# PICKERELL

## THE FOUNDING FATHER OF CRAFT DISTILLING

VINTAGES: 1868 1888 1929 1934 1956 1962 1967 1970

PROOF: 95.4 / ABV: 47.7% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 592

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Raj founded WhistlePig Rye Whiskey in 2010, nearly in tandem with Dave Pickerell's rise in the craft distilling world. The Founder of Whistle Pig cast his lot in with the Founding Father of Craft Distilling to create unique blends that propelled the WhistlePig brand to the upper echelon of whiskey. We crafted this barrel in honor of Dave Pickerell, a pioneer, a mentor, and a visionary, but above all, a friend.

### TASTING NOTES

Soft nose with just a hint of peat and leatherbound books. Palate starts with a powerful, smoky attack that mellows into oaky notes with buckets of flavor. Dry, peaty finish with rancio and spices delightfully lingers on the palate.

# BARREL 27

## JACKIE AN ICON

VINTAGES: 1868 1888 1924 1941 1952 1963 1967 1970  
PROOF: 94.6 / ABV: 47.3% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 573

Acknowledged as “unlikely to become a housewife” in her high school yearbook, Jacqueline Bouvier instead became a tour de force as an American icon and the First Lady to JFK. They first met in 1952, and she was JFK’s partner in politics, adding panache to the presidency until JFK’s assassination in 1963. She effortlessly blended the old with the new, heading historic preservation efforts and setting fashion trends. This barrel is for the trendsetters who know the beauty of blending history with modernity.

### TASTING NOTES

Spicy fruit cake on the nose, with a sweet and soft palate. Silky mouthfeel as elegant as its namesake. Mellow notes of oak and vanilla give way to a persistent, peaty finish.



# RASPUTIN

## A MYSTIC

VINTAGES: 1868 1900 1929 1952 1956 1963 1965 1970

PROOF: 94.8 / ABV: 47.4% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 599

BARREL  
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Rasputin, meaning dissolute, was the surname adopted by Grigori Novykh. Rasputin fully embodied his new name as a famed libertine, spiritual leader, and advisor to the Romanovs. His death was as fantastical as his life – he purportedly survived being poisoned and shot twice before succumbing to a gunshot to the head. The Bolshevik Revolution followed his assassination, which was no coincidence. With this barrel, we toast to those who venture boldly into their destiny.

### TASTING NOTES

Nose of rich, candied fruit accelerates into a veritable cacophony of dark fruit on the palate. Fruity and dry, the balanced flavor profile gives way to a persistent peaty finish with just the slightest hint of patisserie.

# BARREL 29

## DE GAULLE HONOR, UNITY, SALVATION

VINTAGES: 1868 1888 1941 1956 1962 1965 1967 1970  
PROOF: 96 / ABV: 48% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 574

De Gaulle rose to prominence in WWII when he refused to accept the French government's truce with Germany, exiling himself in London. From there, he created a new government for his home country. He resigned, only to be tapped again in 1958 when he became president of the French Fifth Republic. His nationalist approach earned him a second term as president in 1965. A tenacious statesman, de Gaulle had strong beliefs that he abided by in all his actions. We will toast to that.

### TASTING NOTES

Fermented plums and pears, chocolate, and earth delight the nose. The powerful attack gives way to a dry palate of candied fruit and dark jammy notes with a definitive peaty finish.



# EMPEROR NORTON

## AN IMPERIAL DELUSION

VINTAGES: 1868 1878 1929 1941 1952 1963 1965 1970

PROOF: 96.4 / ABV: 48.2% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 582

BARREL  
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Joshua Norton declared himself Emperor of the United States in 1859. Treated with deference by the people of San Francisco until he died in 1880, Norton had no formal power. As the self-appointed Emperor, he advocated abolishing the two-party system in the U.S., proposed a bridge from San Francisco to Oakland, and led a diplomatic effort that resulted in the Hawaiian king recognizing Emperor Norton as the true leader of the United States. Cheers to the Emperors and Empresses, officially appointed or not.

### TASTING NOTES

Spicy apple pie à la mode on the nose offers a prequel to a full-bodied palate with apricots, dried fruits, and spice notes. Tannins and peat are present but well-balanced in this blend.

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# IRON LADY UNCOMPROMISING

VINTAGES: 1868 1888 1924 1931 1960 1963 1967 1970  
PROOF: 99.8 / ABV: 49.9% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 548

Margaret Thatcher served as Britain's first female and longest-serving Prime Minister. The "Iron Lady" was a force to be reckoned with for her uncompromising politics. She was a proponent of strong nationalism, forging policies to make Britain fiercely independent. This barrel is for those made of more potent stuff – who forge their identities in iron and are uncompromising in their convictions.

## TASTING NOTES

Nose of rich caramelly vanilla with just a hint of smoke. The palate is very Armagnac-forward with rich, full-bodied, and juicy dark fruit notes. Smoky, peaty finish tempers the fruitiness.





# RAVI

## THE LIFE OF THE PARTY

VINTAGES: 1868 1900 1934 1946 1955 1963 1966 1970

PROOF: 99 / ABV: 49.5% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 585

BARREL  
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Ravi, Raj Bhakta's uncle, lived life to its fullest. Born in 1955, he danced through his lifetime energetically. Ravi was a drinker, a dancer, a merry-maker, and was indeed the life of the party. He brought vibrancy to any event. We toast to those who dance like nobody is watching, even if a crowd gathers. This one is for the late nights that last through the early mornings, and the merriment that friends and family bring.

### TASTING NOTES

Black walnut is astringent but gives way to a honeyed fruit palate that balances strength with sweetness on the nose. Proportionally balanced, the Armagnac stands out with a peaty finish.

# BARREL 33

## EUGENE DESPITE ALL ODDS

VINTAGES: 1868 1888 1931 1941 1959 1962 1965 1970  
PROOF: 96 / ABV: 48% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 580

Eugene Bullard was the first African American fighter pilot. He never flew for the U.S., but rather for France. Born to formerly enslaved people in Georgia, he escaped to Paris to join France's Aeronautique Militaire during WWI. Between wars, Bullard ran a nightclub frequented by jazz legends. During WWII, he flew again for France, earning the Legion of Honor in 1959. A hero, despite the odds.

### TASTING NOTES

Nose of ripe, cooked fruits and rich vanilla melts into a sweet, syrupy palate with light tannins.  
A dry finish of smoky peat rounds out the flavor profile, lingering on the palate.



# MARY TERESA

## DEVOTEE

VINTAGES: 1868 1924 1934 1946 1955 1962 1967 1970

PROOF: 97.8 / ABV: 48.9% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 587

BARREL  
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Bhakta means “devotee.” While Mary Teresa Bhakta, Raj’s mother, was a Bhakta by marriage only, she was a devotee just the same. She was devoted to her family and raised her children with love and care. Mary Theresa was devoted to her faith, leaning on it both in times of need and times of health. She was devoted to joy, finding adventure in the everyday. This barrel is for the mothers who make us who we are, and see us for what we can become.

### TASTING NOTES

Rich nose of buttery caramel and vanilla fudge lends itself to a rich viscosity and a silky mouth feel. Matured fruit on the palate with a dry, creosote finish.

# BARREL 35

## SARDAR THE CHIEF

VINTAGES: 1868 1888 1929 1947 1952 1962 1967 1970  
PROOF: 96.6 / ABV: 48.3% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 579

Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel earned the title “Sardar” or “Chief” after leading a movement to lower taxes on landowners in Gujarat in the wake of a massive crop failure in 1917. Raj’s grandfather fought alongside Sardar Patel during this successful campaign. Sardar Patel helped to unify India politically. With this barrel, we toast to those who bear the mantle of power with grace and dignity.

### TASTING NOTES

Lively nose of fresh tobacco and weathered oak and a peaty attack gives way to a palate of dried fruits and almonds for full mouthfeel. A long, fruity finish has notes of raisins and figs.



# OCTAVIAN

## THE UNIFIER

VINTAGES: 1868 1900 1939 1946 1952 1963 1967 1970

PROOF: 96 / ABV: 48% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 591

BARREL  
36

Coming to power in the wake of nation-builder Julius Caesar, Octavian unified the Roman empire into a sprawling superpower through administrative and diplomatic efforts. As Emperor, he witnessed the death of his heirs and persisted through ill-health to build a Roman heritage that blended cultures, territories, and peoples. An enduring legacy of unification – we will drink to that.

### TASTING NOTES

Expressive nose of fresh orange zest and dark chocolate with a broad-shouldered, buxom palate that is spicy, peaty, fruity, and well-balanced. Dry finish persists with integrated tannins after each sip.

# BARREL 37

## CHARLEMAGNE THE EMPIRE BUILDER

VINTAGES: 1868 1893 1929 1941 1955 1962 1965 1970  
PROOF: 98.6 / ABV: 49.3% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 583

From 768 AD to 814 AD, one man took Europe by storm, waging war to unify tribes under the flag of Christianity. Charlemagne ushered in a new era of education and art. The writing developed during this period serves as the basis for the alphabet we use today. Known as the Father of Western Europe, Charlemagne constructed an empire that would become legendary. It's fitting to name a spirit as legendary as BHAKTA 50 for a man who has ascended into myth-dom.

### TASTING NOTES

Orange zest and apricot preserves supplement a spicy and peppery attack on the nose. Light peat gives way to patisserie notes of brioche and cinnamon.



# WASHINGTON

## THE FOUNDING FATHER

VINTAGES: 1868 1878 1900 1947 1956 1963 1965 1970

PROOF: 95.4 / ABV: 47.7% / FINISH: ISLAY / BOTTLED: CONDOM, FRANCE / NO. BOTTLES: 590

BARREL  
38

In 1787, after leading the Continental forces to victory against British rule, George Washington was compelled to give up the quiet life of a genteel farmer to become the first president of a fledgling country. Mindful of his legacy, Washington ruled the country with integrity and fairness. He took a neutral stance in foreign relations and believed that respect for opposing views was critical to achieving equity and progress. We toast one of the Founding Fathers who set the tone for a nation.

### TASTING NOTES

Well-balanced and complex palate with hints of licorice and pepper. A nose of orange blossom and cigars gives way to a peaty, spicy attack. Earthy dried fruits and nuts persist on the finish.

