



VAN RYN'S 12 YEAR OLD DISTILLERS RESERVE

BACKGROUND

Van Ryn's Distillery lies in the heart of the Stellenbosch Valley on the banks of the Eerste River. The Van Ryn's legendary brandy making history dates back to 1845 when Jan van Ryn arrived in the Cape. The Van Ryn Wine and Spirit Company was established and with it a proud tradition of brandy excellence that remains unparalleled in South Africa. The founder's belief that the secret to creating a truly great brandy lies in its maturation still remains the cornerstone of the Van Ryn's brandy making tradition. The Van Ryn's Distillery boasts an impressive variety of copper potstills – one of which dates back almost 200 years – and is still in daily use. It is a living testament to the age-old art of crafting fine brandy and South African brandy culture.



DESCRIPTION

In addition to earning regular gold medals at major international shows, Van Ryn's 12 Year Old Distillers Reserve Potstill Brandy has won the trophy for the 'Worldwide Best Brandy' six times to date, three times at the International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC) and three times at the International Spirits Challenge, officially confirming its status as the best brandy in the world.

"Warm and appealing, an even balance is perfectly displayed with a spectrum of exciting flavours of fruit, spices and herbs," said the IWSC judges in their tasting notes. "A beautiful, elegant finish lingers long on the palate - true finesse!"

RECENT AWARDS

- 2013:** Gold outstanding – International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC)
Gold – International Spirits Challenge (ISC)
Double gold – Veritas Awards
Gold – Michelangelo International Wine Awards
- 2012:** Gold and Best Brandy trophy – International Spirits Challenge (ISC)
Gold (best in class) and Worldwide Best Brandy trophy – International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC)
Gold – Veritas Awards
- 2011:** Gold – International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC)
Double gold – Veritas Awards
- 2010:** Gold (best in class) – International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC)
Double gold – Veritas Awards
- 2009:** Gold and Best Brandy trophy – International Spirits Challenge (ISC)
Gold (best in class) – International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC)
Gold – Concours Mondial
- 2008:** Gold and Best Brandy trophy – International Spirits Challenge (ISC)

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Lustrous, deep golden amber.

Nose: A complex range of ripe and dried fruits with dark berries, plums and dried apricot with spicy aromas of vanilla, cinnamon and sweet tobacco.

Taste: A great concentration of aromas and flavours which meld wonderfully together while retaining a fine balance. Oak aromas are well-balanced with mature notes of strong dried fruit that develop into hints of coffee.

Finish: Elegant with a controlled power. A soft velvety palate of dried fruit and coffee ends on a lingering, lasting note.

SERVING SUGGESTION

Best enjoyed neat, with ice or a dash of water.

