

CLAIRIN

The Spirit of Haiti

The Vieux Edition series represents a transformative chapter for The Spirit of Haiti, moving beyond the celebration of raw, unaged spirits to master the art of tropical maturation. Launched as an ambitious research project, the series explores how the vibrant, high-ester terroir of traditional Clairin Traditionnel evolves when subjected to the intense climate of Port-au-Prince. By utilizing a diverse array of high-integrity casks—ranging from legendary rums like Caroni and Hampden Estate to prestigious sherry and bourbon barrels—the project seeks to prove that artisanal Haitian spirits possess the structural complexity to stand alongside the world's finest aged rums.

VIEUX SAJOUS



Producer Name:	Michel Sajous
Village:	Saint Michel de l'Attalaye
Raw material:	Sugarcane juice
Cane type:	Cristalline
Fermentation:	Natural with ambient yeast
Distillation:	Pot still
Bottling Strength:	55.15% abv

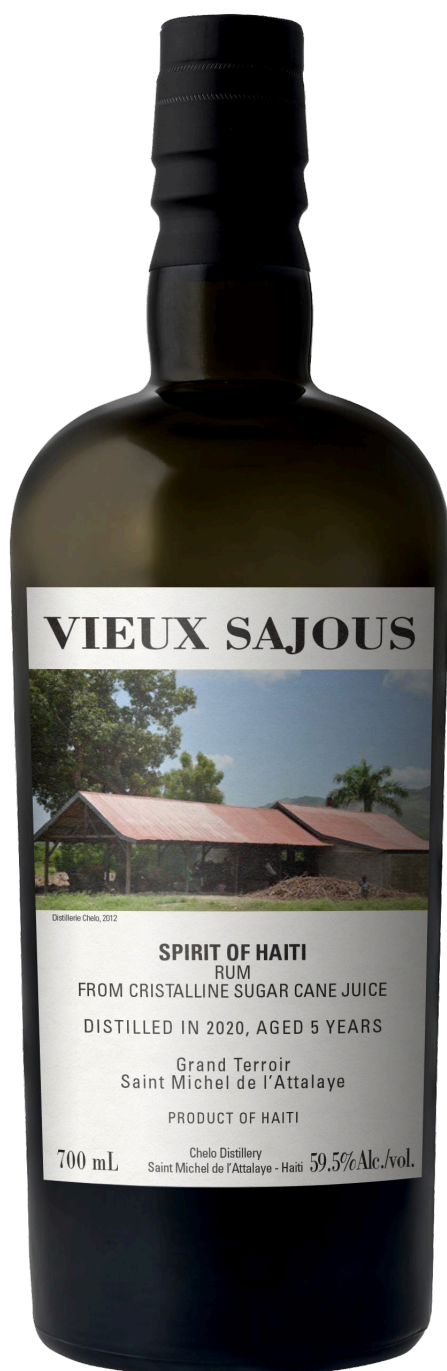
The series has evolved into a highly anticipated annual vintage program, with the Vieux Sajous becoming its most iconic benchmark. Each release, such as the 5-Year-Old 2020 edition, showcases a profound aromatic metamorphosis where the primary notes of fresh sugarcane are layered with sophisticated secondary characteristics. This aging process doesn't mask the spirit's origin; rather, it amplifies it, revealing medicinal depth, spicy bursts, and an earthy richness that only several years in the "angel's share" environment of Haiti can produce.

TASTING NOTES

Nose: An immediate explosion of bright, high-tone aromatics led by fresh-cut grass, green bell pepper, and lime zest. Underneath the initial verdancy, there are deeper notes of ripe mango, white flowers, and a distinct, sharp minerality that mimics wet stones.

Palate: The texture is vibrant and piercingly clean. It opens with an intense sweetness of raw sugarcane juice followed by a complex layer of savory garden herbs—specifically mint and tarragon. Mid-palate, it reveals a concentrated tartness of green apple and unripe pineapple, balanced by a subtle earthy saltiness.

Finish: The finish is exceptionally long and persistent, leaving a cooling sensation of anise and menthol. It tapers off with a lingering echo of peppery spice and a clean, floral honey note that stays on the roof of the mouth long after the spirit is gone.



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