

## VINTAGE 1980 - CASK N°212-01



### ORIGIN

The vintage 1980, in addition to being a 40-year-old cognac, has a special significance for our Cellar Master Dominique Touteau, arriving at Delamain the same year that he did, and undoubtedly as a heralded vintage with more fanfare than for the young apprentice! Over four decades Dominique has guided this Grande Champagne *eau-de-vie* with special fondness. In a sense it is the liquid story of his professional life, a young trainee turning into a prize-winning Cellar Master, a young cognac turning into extraordinary cognac

### VINEYARD

Originating from vines in the hamlet of Mainxe, between Jarnac and Segonzac, this cognac had a narrow escape, when a freak frost ended the second half of the 1980 harvest and destroyed those grapes which had not already been picked. Fortunately the first week's harvest was already safely tucked away awaiting distillation.

### CASK

The vintage 1980 has been aged in old, well-seasoned French oak casks. The use of old, seasoned oak reduces the influence of tannins, preserving the subtle nuances of the cognac, its elegance and an almost ethereal finesse.

### CELLAR

For 40 years the wax-sealed cask has been maturing, un-moved in our vintage cellar, a star from birth. The near perfect level of moisture and humidity in this riverside cellar provide ideal ageing conditions for our vintage cognacs. Delamain self-imposes the most stringent controls and procedures on the ageing of its vintage cognacs, by placing its cellar under strict monitoring and lock-and-key control by the BNIC (Bureau National Interprofessionnel du Cognac) the official cognac industry body.

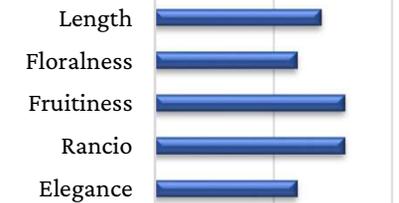
### SPECIFICITIES

**TERROIR:** GRANDE CHAMPAGNE

**VESSEL:** Seasoned-oak cask

**VOLUME:** 350 L at 42% abv

### AROMATIC PROFILE



### DOMINIQUE TOUTEAU'S TASTING NOTES

**AROMAS:** great length, powerful warm autumnal notes; soft leaves, vanilla, rancio.

**TASTE:** lively and persistent in the mouth, finishing with walnuts, spices and rancio. A cognac with undeniable individuality and character.