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Let's Talk

Incredibly enough, we have reached the end of ten years. This is a milestone I'm certainly proud of and one which shows the interest of collectors around the world. The last ten years have had many twists and turns for us; however, like all nostalgia, we'll only remember the good points.

Just simply start to do some counting. How many more states now allow the sale of mini bottles? How many more clubs are now going strong? How many more publications are available? And finally, the most important question of all: how many more bottles are now found in the U.S. and abroad? So, in retrospect, all we can say is, it's been a great ten years!

News of another club...and then there were three. Yes, I'm talking about New Zealand. In the next issue, there will be a few more details, but for now: New Zealand Miniature Bottle Collectors Club, c/o Mrs. Marg Hollis, 18 Bowers St., Stokes Valley, Wellington, NZ.

Here's some more news for you. On December 23, 1983, The Kovel's Organizer for Collectors was published by Crown Publishers in New York, This is exactly what the majority of you have been waiting for. Each book will hold 200 bottles with a place for a picture of each. There's room for a description of the piece, price paid, insurance, condition, etc. In short, it's just what the doctor ordered when thinking about how to catalog those special bottles. Seek it out at your local book seller and I'm certain you'll agree that at \$14.95, you can't go wrong.

See you in 1984! -- DMS--

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Our Cover

The cover this time shows six miniature beer cans from Italy. These six happen to be Birra Peroni which is perhaps the best known beer of Italy. In all there are now thirty different cans available from a variety of breweries. You may ask why the cans are featured in a magazine devoted to bottles? The simple answer is that almost every collector of mini beer bottles also wants the mini beer cans.

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The first issue will be the "Hotel". Subsequent decanters will be issued periodically. Members will be notified in advance.



WHUS MHW

Old, Odd, or Unusual

by James Triffon

I have for my article this month eightOriental whiskies, new and quite hard to obtain. The first seven are from the Republic of Korea while the last is from Thailand. The Korean whiskies are all clear glass, of standard appearance and shape with one exception, which I shall get to shortly.

The first bottle has the name GIL-BERT Bourbon Whiskey, 86 proof and 58 ml. It was blended and bottled under the supervision of Jim Beam Distilling Co., U.S.A. by Jinro Limited. The label is of a black background with white, gold and red letters and a gold border with a blue diagonal stripe in the lower right corner.

The next bottle is Gilbert Royal Whisky, in a round clear bottle of 58 ml and 82 proof. The whisky is 12 year old malt whisky, blended and bottled by Jinro Limited. The label has shades of brown and tan colors and is trimmed in gold.

Number three is Gilbert "Ace" in a round clear glass bottle, 86 proof and 58 ml. It was blended and bottled by Jinro with a black label, trimmed in dull gold, white and black lettering and a maroon colored center.

Number four is Blackstone by OB-SEAGRAM in clear glass, distinctive in rectangular shape, with the sides and front having a slight taper in from bottom to top with the four corners chamfered. The contents is 82 proof with 60 ml capacity. The label is in black, trimmed in dull gold and with white and gold letters.

VALLEY 9 GREEN is in a clear round glass of 86 proof and 60 ml. This whisky is distilled, blended and bottled by Baik Wha Brewery and Distillery Co., Ltd. The label is yellow with green letters and gold "9", and the stripe in the upper left corner is blue.

Valley 9 Gold is a rectangular bottle in clear glass, 82 proof and 60 ml. The same distillery as Valley 9 Green. The label is a light tan in color with dark brown lettering and the crest and word



"gold" are in bright gold color.

Valley 9 Gold, 12 Year Whisky, is the last Korean bottle pictured. This is the same bottle as before with the same proof and size; however, it is a 12 year old malt whisky. The distillery is the same with the same label but a blue diagonal stripe across the lower right corner. There are a few variations of these bottles in existence, so be alert and on the lookout.

Last and perhaps the best of this group is a bottle from Thailand by the name of Sang Som. This whisky is 80 proof and 60 ml in size, in a clear, round bottle. It is mounted in a polished brass pouring stand of excellent work-manship and design. The label is in shades of brown with dull gold and bright red lettering. There is a gold foil wrap around the cap.

These eight bottles pictured should be a welcome addition to any whiskey/ whisky collection. Good hunting!

---J. T. ---







SENIOR & CO.

by Robert L. Williams

In late 1982, my wife and I were traveling in the Caribbean and found the three delft bottles which are pictured with this article. We found them on the island of Curacao and they were just going onto the market.

Intrigued by these bottles and other pieces I remember having come from the island, I went to the headquarters of Senior & Co. and met with the General Manager, Mr. C. E. Milet de Saint Aubin. As well as the information which follows, he also told me that no more than 2000 of any one type of bottle is ever produced and that each will always have the indicia of "Blue Delft, Made in Holland" on the bottom. Here now though is the story of Senior & Co.

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'During the centuries that passed, the fruit obtained its own unmatched characteristic properties due to the extraordinary different and particular conditions of the soil and climate of Curação. These characteristics are so unique, that the fruit subsequently obtained its own botanical name, viz Aurantium Curassuviensis, meaning Golden Orange of Curacao, now locally known as Lahara. (Therefore, our GENUINE Curação of Curação can NEVER be duplicated.) The originally sweet Valencia orange, as a matter of fact, changed during these centuries into a kind of inedible, bitter tasting orange. For a long time nobody knew what to do with the fruit. Only around the beginning of the 18th century it was discovered that a very flavorful, particular aroma could be obtained out of the etheric oil from the sun-dreid peel of the fruit, if plucked at the right moment in its green stage.

"In small, laborously cultivated orange groves, mostly in sheltered valleys
in the eastern part of the island, small
independent farmers harvest once or
twice a year, depending on rainfall and
other climatic conditions. They then
carefully cut the peel of the unripened
fruit into four equal parts. These parts
are then laid out on especially constructed terraces to dry slowly in the
sun.

"The main ingredient of the genuine Curacao of Curacao Liqueur is this sun-dried peel of the 'Lahara', but other exotic spices and herbs are added to enhance its typical bouquet. For centuries private recipes were used by various families. In the course of time, these families died out and their recipes were lost, with the exception of that of the Senior family, which jealously guarded its formula and passed it on through several generations to the present owners of the firm of Senior & Co., Inc.

"As explained above, our genuine Curacao of Curacao Liqueur can never be duplicated. The most tragic part of this unfinished story is its own name, CURACAO LIQUEUR, which has brought this well known product a worldwide reputation for its inimitable contents.

"Since the name of a country cannot be registered as a trademark, consequently the name of our Liqueur cannot be protected and thus liqueur makers all over the world started to imitate our unique, delicious Distilled liqueur, and freely labeled their bottles Curacao Liqueur, a product with artificial orange flavors and fragrances.

"However, since 1896 Senior & Co., Inc. are the only Distillers in the world of the one and only authentic Curacao of Curacao Liqueur, which acquired the highest award for liqueurs, the 'Gold Medal of the World Selection for Excellence, Paris, October 1973'."

Now you know the story of Senior Curacao. The only pity is that these delft pieces are so difficult to obtain!

--R. L. W. --





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LE CHATEAU DE BEAUNE label is said to be the most expensive and the best Marc in all of France. It is produced by Bouchard, Pere & Fils, the largest producers/shippers in Beaune, the commercial capital of Burgundy.

To be eligible for the LE CHATEAU DE BEAUNE label, the Marc must be produced from grapes grown on the Chateau estate which is less than 200 acres. Production is strictly regulated and supervised by the French government.

Bouchard, Pere & Fils, also produces a "FINE BOURGOGNE" which is a good companion for its MARC de BOURGOGNE. The FINE carries the family Coat of Arms.

A few miles north of Beaune is Nuits-St-Georges, another famous wine hub. The CARTRON distillery in Nuits-St-Georges produces a very old MARC de BOURGOGNE, and a very old FINE Bourgogne. They carry a "DAMES HU-GUETTE" label.

> --Joseph Levesque--The Cognac Newsletter









VODKA

by George Lisenko

The national drink of Russia (my mother's place of birth), VODKA, was first produced there in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. As difficult as it may be to believe, VODKA was not a big hit in both East and West until the mid-1960's. This is true even though Smirnoff, the first western VODKA was distilled here in the United States in 1934 and in Great Britain in the early 1950's.

Historical references show that the VODKA consumption was an integral part of Russian life from the fourteenth century. Vladimir of Kiev once told a Muslim delegation (who were seeking to convert his people to Islam) that the Russians are merrier drinking. Without VODKA, they cannot live (if one can believe that)! And then, there was Peter the Great, one of the more notable partons of the drink. He once wrote a letter to his wife from Paris in which he complained that he only had one bottle left.

While most Russian VODKAS are traditionally made from grain (like most good VODKAS), there are some in Russia made from raw materials, VODKAS are often made from potatoes VODKAS are often made from molasses, as the Ukranians grow some 80 percent of the USSR's sugar beet production.

There is a very wide variety of different name brand VODKAS throughout Russia and most of them are not exported from the country. As a VODKA collector, a trip to Russia would be a treasure hunt for me; however, I do know of the great restrictions placed on travelers.

Pictured are just a handful of Russian VODKAS that can be picked up in different parts of the world. Both new and old, there are twenty different bottles in shape, brand names and variation. Note the strong similarity in the last three letters of each brand name (aya). Also notice the different symbols on the labels which indicate different parts of the world in which they were sold.

Hope you enjoy the VODKAS pictured. In the coming issues we will be looking at flavored VODKAS from Russia and other parts of the world.

'Til next time

--George "VODKA" Lisenko --









Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod





Some of the most important people on the streets of Boozeville are the farmers. They come into town to buy supplies. We must remember that they are the ones who grow the corn from which that good old corn whiskey's made.

The tall bottle shown here is a German Giveaway. It is 6 1/2 inches tall and is found in all brown as shown. It is also occasionally seen in both blue and multicolor, too. The base has YOUR HEALTH printed on it while another version of exactly the same piece has FARM RELIEF.

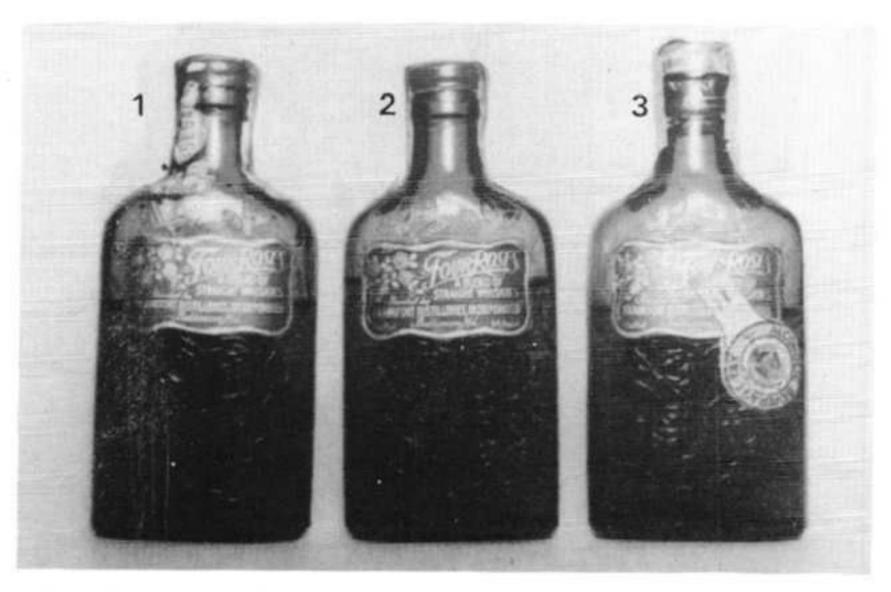
The small one is a multicolor FARM RELIEF made in Japan. It has green pants, red shirt and yellow hat while standing 4 3/4 inches tall.

The crops were real good this year and the farmers are all smiling. Here is how they spell relief: C-O-R-N!!

--L. M. --

melo's minis

by Mike Olson

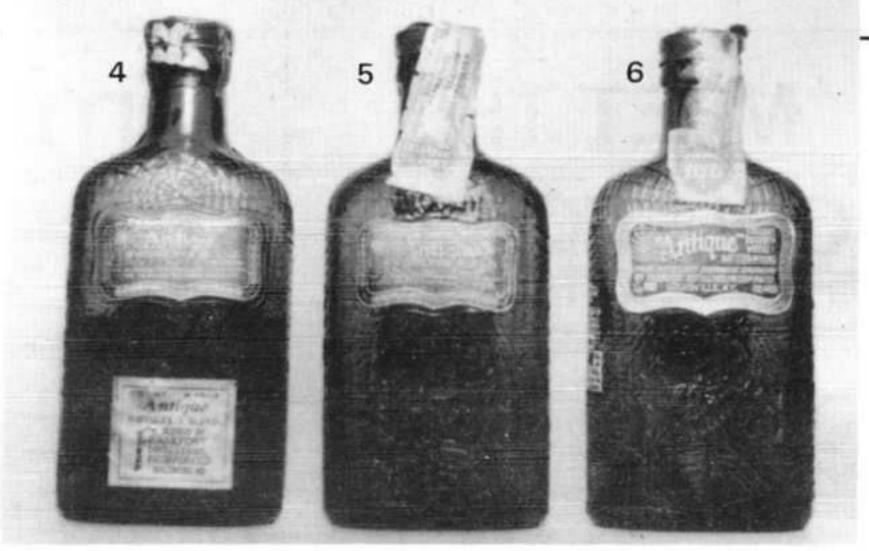


In this article I would like to feature some nice embossed bottles. Embossing has long been used on bottles for both information and decoration. Many of the best embossed bottles were produced between 1933 and World War II. I think this period was the best ever for miniature whiskey bottles. With the repeal of prohibition, many distillers emerged, producing bottles of high quality workmanship and exotic brand names. Some examples are: Old Underoof, Sunshine Road, 8 Ball, Lucky 17, etc. World War II shortages forced many small distillers out of business and by the late 1950's, miniature production had evolved into its present

form and quality crafted bottles had almost totally disappeared. Enough wishing for the "good old days", let's get to the bottles.

Bottles one, two and three are Four Roses Blend of Straight Whiskies blended and bottled by Frankfort Distilleries Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, These bottles are brown glass flats, embossed with "roses" and from the 1930's. Bottle one is 90 proof, 3 1/2 years old and has an applied cap. Bottle two is 94 proof and states: Youngest whiskey used Distilled Spring 1934 and has an applied cap. Bottle three is 94 proof, one year and three months old and is a corker.

Bottles four, five and six are Antique





Whiskeys, distilled and bottled by the Frankfort Distilleries, Inc. These bottles are brown glass flats, embossed with "spider and web", have applied caps are are from the 1930's. Bottle four is Whiskey a Blend, 90 proof, has two front labels and a private back label which states: Compliments of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zimmerman Maccabaean Club Initiation Dec. 8, 1935 DeSoto Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Bottle five is Whiskey a Blend, 90 proof, and was blended and bottled Feb. 1934. Bottle six is Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 100 proof, BIB 1935-1939 and was distilled and bottled in Louisville, KY.

Bottles seven, eight and nine are Old

Classic Blend of Straight Whiskies blended and bottled by the Continental Distilling Corp., Philadelphia, Penna. They are brown glass, oval-shaped flats, 86 proof, embossed around the label and on the sides, have maroon cords with tassels around the neck and from the early 1950's. Bottle seven is four years old, bottle eight is seven years old and bottle nine is eight years old. This brand was also made in two, three, five and dix year old variations.

As always, if anyone would like any further information on any bottle pictured, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time... MELO

MEET THE Jim COLLECTOR: Kruse



From Peoria, Illinois, meet Mr. Jim Kruse, our collector of the month. As you can plainly see from Jim's pictures, he is a total bottle man. Not only are there miniatures galore, you will also find Jim Beam, Lionstone, Ski Country, Alpha, McCormick and a host of other larger decanters. All these may be found in Jim's special bottle room.

If you could look carefully at all the pictures with a magnifying glass, you'd find some real delights. In fact, you'd find bottles you've never seen before. This is because Jim's collection within a collection is made up of sample bottles from various companies in both large and mini sizes. These are some of the rarest of the rare and Jim has

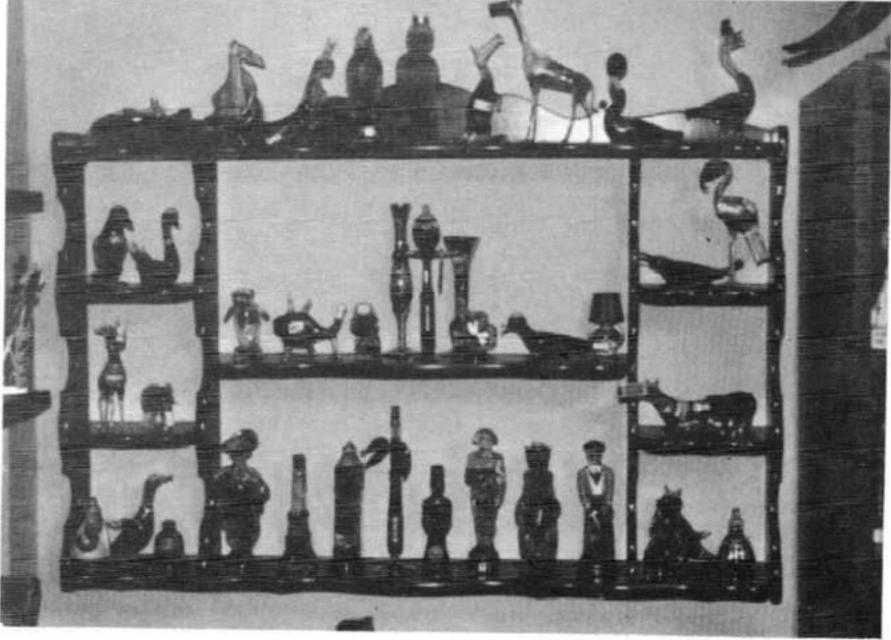
a wonderful selection of them.

Beside spending an inordinate amount of time in his bottle room, Jim is also one of the guiding lights of the Midwest Miniature Bottle Club and takes further delight in his gambling collectibles. Many of us collect an odd set of dice or cards from a casino, but Jim has scores of dice, cards, and even an occasional gambling device... that's a slot machine!

The only thing missing in all these pictures and information is Jim's lovely wife Linda. Many of us have spouses who "put up" with our collecting, but Linda is highly involved and right there at every show and convention.

So hat's off to the Kruses!!





Ski Country



Nice to be able to have a couple of bottles to show you this time, 1983 was a little slow with some of our favorite bottles. These two new pieces will be available soon and should be snatched up quickly as anything from the Indian Series and Duck Series always are!

The Greenwinged Teal was to have been issued in November; however, the month of November came and went. Now it appears that it will be 1984 when the Teal and the Falcon Dancer arrive. Unlike some of the recent issues, both of these bottles (at least at last notice) were to be filled and released through liquor stores.

Don't know exactly what 1984 holds in store; however, I have seen the club bottle and it's well worth waiting for!



Scotch For The Connoisseur

by Roy Holden

Well, here we are with six more Scotch from that collection I purchased in the Spring...and all are beauties. We start with Blue Seal by Henry Simpson & Co. of London and Glasgow, We have today Scotch produced exclusively for the House of Commons, well this brand was supplied direct to the House of Lords. You will all have the various forms of the Scotch called House of Lords but I would think that many of you will be seeing this particular brand for the first time. The label is off white in colour, and all the writing is in a very attractive blue. It has a cork cap and is from the 1940's.

Labels today seem to lack interest and colour but this can't be said about our next bottle. The Machrihanish or "Niblick" has a beautiful colourful label of a golf course with golfers on the green. You can even see the golf clubs, green tee, bunkers and lovely blue sky. The course it depicts I don't know but Scotland is famous for so many golf courses it could be one of many. The bottle is dumpy in shape, cork top, and is from the 1930's.

Our third bottle this issue is quite plain in appearance to our last but this doesn't affect the rareness of it. It's called Roger Grayson Scotch Liqueur. The brand was produced by the company of the same name in London in the 1950's. The Connoisseurs Choice on top of the label really sums up the type of bottle it is. Talking of Connoisseurs Choice, Gordon & Macphail of Elgin in Scotland put out 15 malts with that title

last summer and quite a unique set to have. They range from 20 year old to 10 year old when distilled,

Campbell's Blairmore Scotch is our fourth bottle and a real top of the list Scotch miniature. The firm responsible for its distribution are independent from the other Campbells you are all familiar with like Pride of Edinburgh, Perfection, Tomintoul Special, etc. This brand was put out by Campbell Barber & Co. of Piccadilly, London and Leith and is from the 1940's. The label is very attractive with a burgundy tartan under the printed Blairmore, and an ear of corn is on the top left hand side of the label. The bottle is rather tallish and has a cork top.

Our fifth bottle is called Lass O' Gowrie, and was produced by a small firm in Liverpool and Bristol in the 1940's called Rigby and Evans. The label is very attractive with a crisscross pattern of yellow across it.

Well, here is our last bottle this issue...and "Worthy" of its name. Gillies & Co. of Glasgow have produced many brands of miniature Scotch for us collectors over the years (and still do), but this particular brand of Old Worthy is from the 1940's. There was also an oval flask type bottle of the same vintage put out in France. Both bottles are extremely sought after to-day.

I hope you have all enjoyed these six bottles and you can look forward to some more in the New Year from that great collection. --R, H, --



"SPECIAL"
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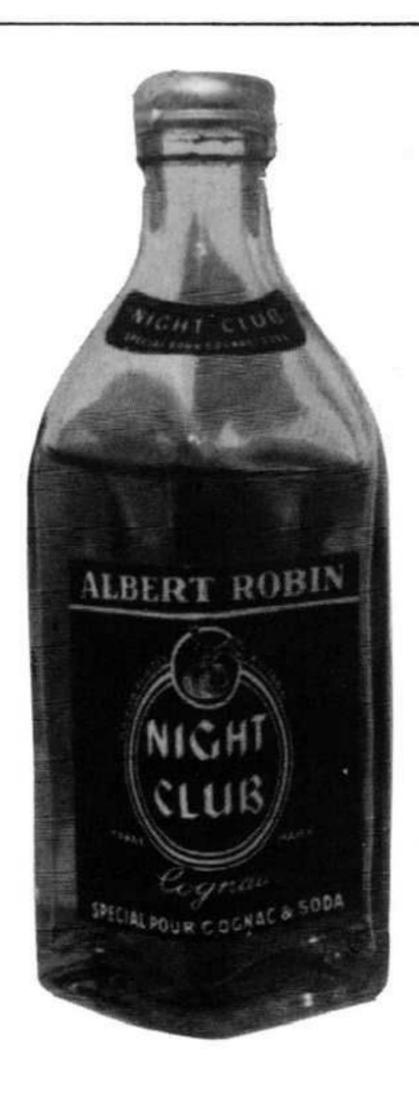
Most cognac companies bottle several grades of cognac, and several go as far as bottling a cognac that is said to be for one specific drink only. Pictured here are three cognacs by different firms that make just such a claim.

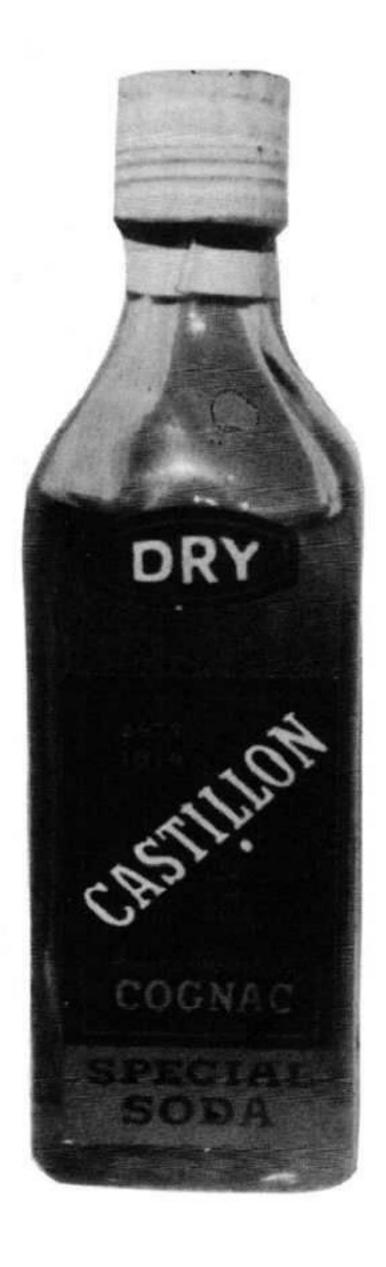
The cognac inside is said to be made especially to be drunk over ice or with a soda. The term that most of these companies use is a "long drink". As for my own personal observations, I find that most of the cognac that says "Special Soda" has to be the worst made. If you ever taste this grade of cognac, you will know why they want you to mix it with something.

Oh well, great bottles...lousy cognac is the way it goes. I guess you can't every have everything.

--Fred Jinkens--The Cognac Newsletter









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