

## RATAFIA CHAMPENOIS

### Colour:

Beautifully bright and intensely shimmering. Light mahogany in colour with deep, almost red copper reflections.

### Nose:

The first impression is rich, warm and delicately woody (oak and Bourbon vanilla). Eventually, the Ratafia's "fruitiness" grows more intense.

### Palate:

The attack is smooth on the palate quickly broadening to becomes creamy while retaining its lightness, thanks to a lovely freshness with a slightly acidic note. Roundness and sweetness have melted away the strength of the alcohol and the sugar within the Ratafia.

### Finish:

The long aromatic persistence (around 10 seconds) offers "rancio" and nut aromas. It is also very clear, as it emphasizes the delicate hint of acidity and the soft tannins produced by barrel aging.

### Conclusion:

A very nice Ratafia, which combines facets often forgotten by those who produce such liqueurs: balance, complexity and delicacy. The quality of the must and the alcohol transcend this traditional beverage.

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