



## CALVADOS LEMORTON

DOMFRONTAIS

The Lemorton Family *Proprietor*  
Roger & Didier Lemorton *Producteur*

### Reserve

1984 Vieux Vintage

1978 Vieux Vintage

1970 Vieux Vintage

Although apples are most commonly associated with Calvados, pears are also allowed in Calvados production. Soft soils in Calvados' northernmost region, particularly the Pays d'Auge appellation, are more conducive to the shallow roots of apple trees and consequently nearly all Pays d'Auge Calvados is produced exclusively from apples.

However, the clay and limestone soils that dominate Calvados' southern Domfrontais appellation are far more suited to the strong, deep roots of pear trees. For this reason appellation law stipulates that pears comprise at least 30% of the cider distilled in the Domfrontais. The inclusion of pear contributes to the lighter color of the Domfrontais spirit while encouraging a more feminine and elegant bouquet.

The Lemorton family has a long history in the Domfrontais. Roger Lemorton, a fifth generation owner, manages the domaine alongside his son, Didier. Although the 9-acre Lemorton property is planted to both apple and pear trees, pears account for 70% of the fruit yield and have always played a dominant role.

Calvados Lemorton ages its cider for eleven months in oak barrels prior to distillation. Distillation takes place in Lemorton's own alambic, a single-distillation unit that yields about 140 proof. The clear spirit is then aged in barrels that average 30 years old. The estate sells some excellent younger blends but the jewels of the family crown are the vintages from the 1970s. These are intense and focused spirits which still retain their forward fruit while clearly revealing their terroir and breed.

**RESERVE:** *Golden straw. Light pear aromas along with a touch of vanilla.*

**10-YEAR-OLD:** *Deep gold straw. Pear and floral notes on the nose and palate. Slightly richer texture with a bit more tannin and better length.*

**1976 VINTAGE:** *Amber. The young pear notes are beginning to converge with rich apple flavors. Additional notes of flowers, almond and vanilla. Delicate texture. Touch of pear skin and a wisp of wood smoke on the finish. Very good length.*

**1970 VINTAGE:** *Amber with gold highlights. Exceptionally rich in the nose, somewhere between apple and pear punctuated by a hint of toffee. Complex nuances include licorice, almond, orange and wood smoke. Very soft mouth feel. Sexy Domfrontais. Excellent length.*