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“The 140 Top Five-Star Spirits in the World 2011”

Calvados Christian Drouin Pays d’Auge 1970 : “The deep copper/burnished orange color dazzles the eye; sediment-free. Delicate scents of wax paper, almond, and coconut complement each other well in the initial inhalations; after another six minutes of air contact, the wax paper element fades as an oilier, fatter aroma emerges. Entry is rich, gamey, and apple strudel focused; midpalate is slightly burnt/charred and exhibits buttery apple pastry notes that have aspects of brown sugar, honey, leather, and apple butter. Ends clean, with some oiliness and in a buttery final flourish that’s also nut-like. So much going on here that it’s hard to follow. ***Majestic***”.

Calvados Christian Drouin AOC 1959 : ***“Another fabulous calvados from Christian Drouin.*** The wonderful butterscotch and sautéed apples-in-butter bouquet is followed by ambrosial, concentrated tastes of tart spiced apple pastry. Finish is intense and graceful. A stunning spirit achievement. Wow”.

Calvados Christian Drouin Pays d’Auge HORS D’AGE : ***“A thrilling, top-drawer Pays d’Auge*** Calvados that smells and tastes of baked apple strudel and baked pear. It’s a delicious calvados that always satisfies in flying colors when I have it. Hard to find anymore but worth the search”.

Spirit Journal - Paul Pacult - September 2011 - (USA)

****/ **Highest Recommendation** **Calvados Christian Drouin A.O.C. 1961** :
“Considering that this *regal beauty* is half a century old, it’s remarkable that it’s not only held up so well, but that it is still so beautifully integrated”.

****/ **Highly Recommended** **Calvados Christian Drouin Pays d’Auge 1991**

Guide des Vins Gilbert & Gaillard 2012 (France)

“90/100 Calvados AOC Christian Drouin 1961 : Beautiful, deep orangy colour with coppery highlights. Rich nose with accents of baked apple and apple pie. On the palate, real fullness, abundant expression, dry character. Successfully retains power and harmony.

“87/100 Calvados Pays d’Auge Christian Drouin 1971 : Coppery hue with bronze highlights. On the nose, a mix of dried apples and smoky notes. Understated throughout. The palate still seems youthful, powerful, well-structured. More mellowness would have been beneficial.

“91/100 Calvados Pays d’Auge Christian Drouin 1981 : Orangy hue. Typical nose of mature brandy marrying dried fruit and spices (cinnamon, nutmeg). On the palate, extraordinary fullness with vegetal aromas (dried-flowers, heather) and more spice of the finish. A highly unusual effort.

“89/100 Calvados Pays d’Auge Christian Drouin 1991 : Golden hue. The nose is focused with suggestions of baked apple, smoky tones and a caramel-like touch. On the palate, a supple, very melted calvados delivering the same intense fragrances. Enjoyable presence, length and character.

The New York Times – “The Flavor of Apples and a Sip of Fall” by Eric ASIMOV – published : October 31, 2011

“Among the large houses are more focused producers like Christian Drouin or Roger Groult, kind of Billecart-Salmon to Boulard’s Veuve Clicquot, to put it in Champagne terms. Drouin’s Calvados are always excellent, even inexpensive bottles like the Sélection”.

Anthony DIAS-BLUE Reviews – Dec. 2011 (USA) The Tasting Panel

93/100 Christian Drouin Calvados Pays d’Auge 1981 : “Fragrant, toasted apple nose; smooth and elegant with spice, creamy vanilla oak and lively flavours; long, complex and refined”.

The 10 most outstanding Spirits of 2011

***** **SUPREME** “**Christian Drouin Calvados Pays d’Auge 1990** : Brilliant copper to amber color. The nose is wonderfully complex and intriguing offering a vast array of scents ranging from baked orchard fruits to fig and dates, sweet sherry, honey, cardamon, cinnamon, allspice, candied orange peel and mulled cider. The palate gives further dimension to the aromatics with an unctuous, silky rich core of fruit, confection, and spice that linger on for minutes after swallowing the nectar. *A real beauty*”.

***** **SUPREME** “**Christian Drouin Calvados AOC 1939** : Deep copper to amber color. The nose reveals an amazingly fresh spirit that defies its age. Aromas of cider and baked apple abound with accents of brown baking spices and caramel. The palate echoes the nose being incredibly rich and unctuous again showing astonishingly youthful notes with a sweet, roasted meat note. *Perfection*”.

***** **SUPREME** “**Christian Drouin Calvados AOC 1959** : Bright amber color. The nose opens with scents of fresh pralines giving way to baked apple, ripe apple puree, vanilla, and a dense black currant note. The palate is in full agreement offering a supple, lush texture that carries the flavours toward a long, ever lingering finish with accents of cinnamon, nutmeg and toasted almond. *Wonderful*”

***** **SUPREME** “**Christian Drouin Calvados Pays d’Auge 1970** : Deep, brilliant copper color. The nose deftly marries the scents of rich baked apple and sweet, freshly squeezed cider with accents of cinnamon, vanilla, caramel, red currant and clove. The palate echoes the nose as it opens dry and mildly austere with cider notes that soon broaden to offer a rich, and sweet mid-palate of baked apple and pear with hints of toffee, oak, and brown spices. *Ideally balanced with great length and weight*”.

***** **SUPREME** “**Christian Drouin Calvados Pays d’Auge 1976**: Bright amber color. The nose perfectly marries the scents of rich, baked apple and sweet, freshly squeezed cider, cinnamon, nutmeg, and caramel, with hints of orange peel and clove. The palate echoes the nose that gives further dimension to the aromatics with an unctuous, silky rich core of fruit, confection, and spice that linger on for minutes after swallowing the nectar. *Stunning*”.

***** **EXCEPTIONAL** “**Christian Drouin Calvados AOC 1960**

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**** **EXCEPTIONAL** “**Christian Drouin Calvados Pays d’Auge 1979**

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*** **BRILLIANT** “**Christian Drouin Calvados Pays d’Auge 1981**

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