

SAN ZANJ WHITE RUN CLAIRIN

PORT-AU PRINCE, HAITI

2023 SILVER: THE SAN FRANCISCO WORLD SPIRITS COMPETITION

San Zanj, from Haitian Creole, translates to "Without Angels" and is a reference to the un-aged nature of this spirit.

This rum & clairin blend is made primarily from an organically grown sugarcane varietal known as Madame Mueze, farmed without the use of chemicals, fertilizers or pesticides. The cane is hand-harvested by machete, using only the pure sugarcane juice for fermentation with no sugars being added.

The clairin in this blend is sourced from two clairin-only producing distilleries with the rum coming from a third rum-only distillery, all of which use Creole Column Stills dating back to the 1940's. All three are located in the agriculture rich plateaued region of Port-au-Prince known as Cul-de-Sac and were selected by Master Blender Herbert Linge Barboncourt due to their perfect expression of the tropical dry style of Haitian spirits.

TASTING NOTES

Tropical Fruit & Banana Pudding Notes Yet Clean & Dry

ALCOHOL SIZE FOUNDED

43.0% ABV 750 ML & 200 ML 1862

AGING STYLE

NONE WHITE RUM CLAIRIN BLEND

LOCATION

CUL DE SAC, PORT-AU PRINCE



BERLING S.A.

Berling S.A. traces its lineage back to 1862 in Port Au Prince when brothers Dupre & Labbé Barbancour began distilling high quality rum from locally sourced clairin. The brothers split in 1870 with Labbé continuing to produce artisanal Haitian rums under his new company, Jane Barbancourt Co., (affectionately named after his granddaughter). Although the company name evolved over time, first to The Barling S.A and finally settling in 1999 on Berling S.A., their dedication to creating artisan Haitian spirits continues into the modern day.

Today, Jane's grandson Herbert Barbancourt Lingé is owner and president of Berling S.A. Herbert has become the central figure in Haitian rum and clairin, known internationally for his expertise and long lineage in the category. Along with sourcing, blending and bottling some of the world's most widely known clairin and rum brands, he has recently added distilling to his resume.

