



Cognac
The Story of the World's Greatest Brandy
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- Comprehensive study of Cognac and its production
- Author's inimitable writing style brings to life the history of Cognac and its most important producers
- Previous edition won the prestigious André Simon award

This fully revised third edition of **Cognac: The Story of the World's Greatest Brandy** provides an authoritative account of how the much-loved spirit is produced and matured. Nicholas Faith was the world's leading authority on Cognac. Here he explores the reasons for the spirit's complex character, and reveals its fascinating history. Cognac is an extraordinary and unparalleled collection of insights into the world's finest brandy. The first edition of this book, published in 1986, won the Veuve Clicquot award in the US and the Deinhard/Wine Magazine award in Britain. In 2005 the second edition was awarded the André Simon prize, Britain's premier wines and spirits writing prize. The most recent edition includes a fully updated directory of the top producers and their brandies – including the author's tasting notes – and two new sections on tasting and mixing: a selection of Cognac cocktails and how to make them, and revelations on the associations made between brandy and food. This completely updated edition of Nicholas Faith's classic guide is a thorough and engaging resource – the essential companion for every Cognac enthusiast.

Nicholas Faith was renowned for the books and hundreds of articles he wrote on wines and spirits over a 30-year period. His first book, *The Winemasters*, won the André Simon award. He also edited the prestigious magazine *L'Amateur de Bordeaux*. Founder of the International Spirits Challenge, the world's leading alcoholic spirits competition, Nicholas Faith became in September 2010 the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Bureau National Interprofessionnel de Cognac.