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Cape Town's Sugarbird Craft Gin, Spreads Its Wings To Brandy

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Best known for its **quality fynbos gin**, **Sugarbird** has negotiated access to aged barrels of **potstill brandy** from one of the world’s finest, award-winning distilleries – right here in South Africa.

Chenin Blanc and **Colombard grapes**, grown in the **Breedekloof region**, provide the distillate that is carefully aged in small **French Oak barrels**, for 14 years.

Ultimately, once the ageing process has completed, this delicate liquid is **trickle-filtered through honeybush** and other fynbos botanicals by Sugarbird’s Artisan Blender, Edmund Paulsen, who says; “*this adds a very subtle character to one of the finest ‘Cognacs’ around.*” Finally, a little squeeze of fynbos honey gives it a natural smooth nuttiness.”



Sugarbird’s MD, Matt Bresler, says: “*Our initial focus was on creating a gin, differentiated by its locally-sourced ingredients. We feel we have done this to popular acclaim – recently winning Best South African gin in the 2021 Luxury Lifestyle Awards. As a result, we decided to try our hand at brandy: a product with a rich South African heritage. The Cape*

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With a nose of **sweet prune**, **dark chocolate** and **vanilla** that follows through on the palate, the **Sugarbird XO 14 Year Old** is a great choice for **sipping around the fire**, either neat, or with a block of ice.



“South African brandy is the unsung hero of the spirit world,” according to Cape Wine Master, Winnie Bowman. But now – there is Sugarbird XO 14 Year Old Potstill –

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presented in a **quality heavy glass bottle**, strikingly labelled, with understated elegance.

Sugarbird XO is available at **R449.95** from **Takealot, SmousOnline**, and selected retailers.

With this XO Brandy, Sugarbird hopes to pay tribute to our unique South African distilling traditions, whilst proudly celebrating our vibrant and diverse country.



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