



Villa Zarri

Cocktail Recipe:

Old Brandy

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Emilia Romagna, Italy

6 cl Brandy Villa Zarri 10 years

1 cl China Clementi

Drops of Jerry Thomas Age Toasted

Serve in an old-fashioned glass with ice, fill with tonic water and garnish with orange and lemon slice and a cocktail cherry.

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Though it may surprise you, Italy is not just about wine, and Villa Zarri excels at an important Italian tradition few are aware of: the making of world class spirits such as Brandy. Indeed, many experts believe Villa Zarri Brandy to be the best made in Italy today.

Villa Zarri makes its Brandy from high quality wine made from Trebbiano Toscano and Trebbiano Romagnolo, which needs to be perfectly clear, low in sulphide content (if not the distillation procedure risks bringing out unpleasant odours and flavours), high in acidity and resistant to oxidation. However, high quality grapes and wine are not enough to guarantee a world class spirit, and at Villa Zarri the all-important discontinuous distillation method is employed, using copper Charentais still that ensures a final product of much deeper, cleaner and richer aromas and flavours. The Brandy is aged in small 350 litre French oak (Limousin and Allier) barrels.

There are many different brandies available from Villa Zarri, but our favourite is the Traditional 10 Year Old Blend, made up of a blend of distilled spirits of different years and ageings and the 21 Year Old Blend Vintage Brandy, made from a blend of four Brandies all from 1988. While the 10 Year Old Blend is more delicate and floral, with delicate sweet spicy accents, the 21 Year is a marvelously complex effort redolent in chestnut honey, vanilla and licorice nuances.

Villa Zarri also makes a stellar Nocino, or walnut liqueur, made by steeping high quality alcohol with organically-grown walnuts, cloves, cinnamon, sugar and water for roughly sixty days.

Last but not least, don't miss out on visiting the beautiful main building of Villa Zarri, a must-see (it's open to the public and is the site of concerts and art exhibits) which dates back to 1578 and was built by the Marquis Nerio Lorenzo Pietro Angelelli "...upon returning from his travels to distant lands".

Code	Label name	Vintage	Alcohol	Closure type	Case size
Spirits & Liqueurs					
VZ210	Liquore Nocino - Organic	NV	43.0%	Stopper	6x0.5lt
VZ410	Coffee Brandy	NV	40.0%	Stopper	6x0.5lt
VZ845	Dusk Negroni Brandy	NV	26.7%	Stopper	6x0.70lt
VZ846	Dusk Manhattan Cherry Brandy	NV	33.0%	Stopper	6x0.70lt
VZ847	New Orange Brandy	NV	40.0%	Stopper	6x0.5lt
VZ110	Brandy 10 Years Blended	NV	44.0%	Stopper	6x0.5lt
VZ125	Brandy Millesimato 18 Years Vintage Aged in Marsala Florio Barrel	NV	49.0%	Stopper	6x0.5lt