

17 (B) 79  
**B. NARDINI**  
DISTILLERIA A VAPORE

BASSANO DEL GRAPPA - ITALIA



**PRODUCER PROFILE**

Owned by: The Nardini family  
Year founded: 1779  
Region: Veneto  
Country: Italy

**Grappa Riserva 15 yr NV**

**DISTILLERY DESCRIPTION**

Bortolo Nardini, an ingenious and enterprising man, was an expert in the art of distillation and possessed a unique knowledge of its process, when he descended to Bassano from his native Trentino region, in order to produce and commercialize his "Grappa." In 1779, he founded a distillery in Bassano. This location was a strategic one for its ample water supply and the ease of reaching principal markets by boat. Bortolo Nardini revolutionized Italian distillation, quickly establishing himself as the leading producer of Grappa in Italy. Subsequently, as the distillery was handed down from father to son, each generation made a progressive contribution toward refining the distillation process, allowing the firm to achieve the prestige of which Bortolo Nardini only dreamt.

Today, Nardini owns two distilleries in the Veneto Region of Italy: one in Bassano del Grappa, in the Vicenza Province and the other in Monastier, in the Treviso Province. Combined, these distill 40,000 metric tons of DOC grape pomace which is wisely blended and carefully selected from the best wineries in the Alpine foothills of the Veneto and Friuli-Venezia Giulia. Today Nardini, with its two distilleries and state-of-the-art manufacturing system, makes grappas and grappa-based liqueurs that that evoke the rich traditions of this region.

**SPIRIT DESCRIPTION**

This particular Riserva, aged fifteen years in Slavonian oak barrels, was bottled as a celebration of the 225th anniversary of Nardini Distillery. It is made from the pomace of Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot and Friulano grapes that are harvested in the alpine foothills of the Friuli region.

**TASTING NOTES**

It is golden colored with amber reflections. The nose is fragrant, bold and persistent, with hints of wood and resin. On the palate this grappa is soft but intense. Complex flavors obtained by the incredibly long aging period show through on the aftertaste.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

ABV:	50 %
Mash Bill/Composition:	Pomace of Cabernet, Merlot, Pinot and Friulano and grapes harvested in the foothills of the Friuli region of Italy.

**PRODUCTION PROCESS**

Distillation:	The grape pomace is collected within 24 hours of the winemaking process and it gets stored and sealed in underground vats during the period of time between September and October. The distillation process starts in October and lasts 24 hours a day until May. This basic grappa used for the Riserva 15 Anni version is made in a discontinuous, vacuum-packed steam still. The grappa is thereafter transferred to the post-modern plant in Bassano del Grappa where it is brought to its final stage (alcoholic reduction to 50% and cold filtration) and bottled.
Aging:	Aged for 15 years in Slavonian oak barrels.
Sizes Available:	375ml, 1L