



## ORIGINAL BARREL MINUS 8 VINEGAR SPEC SHEET

**MINUS8**  
VINEGAR & VERJUS

A rare treasure that is drawn from the first ever barrel of Minus 8 made in 1997. It is said that nothing great comes without sacrifice. Every year that this nectar slumbers in its barrel, a portion evaporates. The amount that is lost through this process is called the “angels’ share.” Fortunately, there is a tradeoff; for what is lost in terms of quantity is gained in ever increasing concentration and complexity. The small amount that is left for bottling is truly a heavenly treasure.

This incredible vinegar seems even more complex than a great wine, each time you approach it you pick up something else! We are only able to release this precious elixir in small limited batches. This is something that must be savoured by the drop — that’s why we give you a dropper.

### Tasting Notes

**Appearance:** Opaque dark amber/brown colour; showing a hint of cloudiness and some wisps of sediment which belies its intense concentration and natural unfiltered state.

**Density:** Very dense and viscous, like a syrup reduction; a couple of drops go a long way.

**Aromas:** Extraordinarily intense and complex; ever changing and evolving. Quite perfumed and powerful; showing an array of scents including sweet oak/vanilla, caramelised tropical fruit, nutmeg, earth, Asian spice, prune and old wood with notes of smoke, dark chocolate, Cuban cigar tobacco, Armagnac, toasted nut and fresh cracked black pepper.

**Palate:** Rich, sweet, honeyed and unctuous like a PX sherry, quite expansive on the palate. This is big, bold and complex with unbelievable concentration and yet it shows a surprisingly amount of elegance and a cleansing finish that keeps you wanting more. It exhibits complex flavours of tropical fruit (both dried and baked), agave syrup, dark berry, caramel, cocoa nibs and Christmas cake, with complexing hints of tea, baking spice, dried herb, aromatic wood and sherry. Finish is long and balanced with a real sense of umami that adds still another dimension. This multifaceted and incredibly perfect vinegar must be experienced to be fully appreciated and is something that should be on everyone’s “bucket list.”

### Ingredients:

Wine Vinegar

5% Acetic Acid

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