

LEVANTE SPIRITS Old Sailor Coffee Liqueur

Levante Spirits is a small yet dynamic spirits group based in Ponsacco, Tuscany. Creators Enzo Brini and Fabio Mascaretti set out to create liqueurs and distillates that represent the soul of Tuscany. Their Old Sailor Coffee Liqueur combines tradition with a modern sensibility. Levante based their formulation on a drink popular with sailors in the Adriatic port city of San Benedetto del Tronto, where Fabio grew up. They sourced a unique variety of anise found in the Marche to complement organic oranges from Tuscany and ground coffee from a historic Italian roaster, all blended with Colombian rum, to create this delicious concoction.

COMPANY: Levante Spirits

CREATOR: Enzo Brini **ESTABLISHED**: 2015

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STYLE: A coffee liqueur incorporating Colombian rum and two custom infusions: one, a hydro-alcoholic infusion of mandarin oranges; and two, a hydro-alcoholic infusion of green anise from Castignano in Marche. The separate infusions are mixed, after which sugar is added. The quantity of sugar used is never more than 17%, about half the amount found in most other coffee liqueurs.

ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS: Coffee from Torrefazione Barbera; Colombian rum; mandarin oranges from Tuscany; green anise

ABV: 27%

CLOSURE: Screw cap

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Powerful Arabica coffee essence complemented by bitter orange and anise notes, along with hints of warm baking spices. Medium viscosity, with a long finish that combines coffee-bean bitterness, smoke, and a hint of citrus sweetness

