

BIGALLET

Depuis 1872

BRIEF HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF HERBAL ALPINE LIQUEURS

Herbal liqueurs of the European Alps originated from centuries-old medicinal traditions practiced by monks, apothecaries, and mountain communities. Using locally gathered alpine botanicals, they created wines, spirits, and extracts believed to aid digestion, combat fatigue, and support health in the demanding mountain environment. Over time, these remedies evolved into beverages enjoyed for both their therapeutic qualities and their flavor.

By the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, advances in distillation and expanding trade transformed these local preparations into distinctive regional liqueurs. Producers across the Alpine regions developed unique recipes featuring botanicals such as gentian, g n pi, wormwood, hyssop, mint, and angelica. Today, styles including g n pi, arquebuse, herbal amari, and monastic liqueurs reflect centuries of botanical knowledge, craftsmanship, and cultural heritage, while remaining deeply connected to the landscapes from which they originated.



BIGALLET DESSERTINE

Region: Virieu-sur-Bourbre, Auvergne-Rh ne-Alpes — French Alps foothills. 90%+ botanicals sourced locally.

ABV / Proof: 50% / 100 Proof

Botanicals: 20+ botanical ingredients — distilled bouquets + house-made macerations & infusions

Base: Combines spirits obtained from the re-distillation of three separate complex botanical infusions, with two additional complex infusions

Nose: Sensual fresh alpine herbs, green botanicals, light floral notes

Palate: Alpine herbs, rich vegetal character, warming spice, subtle bitterness — powerful yet balanced and elegant

Finish: Elegant — lingering warmth, honeyed vegetal notes fade cleanly

Historical records date to 1910's with modern recipe dating to 1944.



GREEN CHARTREUSE

Region: Voiron, Is re — French Alps

ABV / Proof: 55% / 110 Proof

Botanicals: 130 herbs, plants, bark, roots & spices

Base: Combines spirits obtained from the re-distillation of many complex botanical infusions. All processes are a tightly kept secret

Nose: Pungent — angelica, pine, peppermint, lime zest, anise, cocoa

Palate: Bold, intensely herbal, slightly medicinal — woody with bright citrus edge

Finish: Long, warming, intense herbal burn

Historical records date to 1605 with modern recipe dating to 1840

