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## Camus Caribbean Expedition

Camus Wines & Spirits has begun a transatlantic voyage that will expose a four-year-old cognac to both oceanic and tropical weather conditions, with the end result of producing the limited edition Camus Caribbean Expedition, expected to be available in 2020.



The transatlantic route of the Camus Caribbean Expedition began in France. Stowed on board the sailing vessel *De Gallant*, the cognac departed the port of La Rochelle on November 22. Driven by the trade winds, the ship will call in at Madeira and Tenerife before arriving in Bridgetown, Barbados, in January 2019, weather permitting. The ocean crossing will be shared by Camus on Facebook and Instagram.

At the end of this Caribbean Expedition, the barrels will make their return to France, and the cognac will be bottled to become the first cognac to be double-aged in oceanic and tropical conditions.

During the approximate 45-day voyage to the Caribbean, the cognac will be exposed to multiple environmental factors, which will influence its maturation, enhancing its aromatic profile through specific reactions that would occur at a much slower pace in mainland weather conditions.

### Motion

The continuous shaking and stirring of the cognac inside the barrels, caused by the movement of the ship while sailing, amplifies the contact between each molecule of the cognac and the wood staves, accelerating the extraction of aromatic components from the barrel.

### Oceanic Climatic Influence

All of the chemical reactions which are part of the maturation process are accelerated by heat. As the ship crosses different climatic areas, entering into warm zones, some of the crucial processes of maturation, such as oxidation

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## WSWA Files Amicus Brief in Tennessee Wine & Spirits Retailers Association v. Clayton Byrd, Et Al.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has long-upheld that the Twenty-First Amendment provides each state with authority to pass laws and regulations over the distribution and sales of beverage alcohol within its borders," Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA) highlighted in an amicus brief filed with the Court in Tennessee Wine & Spirits Retailers Association v. Clayton Byrd, Et Al. "This primary authority is protected under the Twenty-First Amendment in light of dormant Commerce Clause challenges, subject to very narrow and previously-defined limits set by the Court. Accordingly, a lower court decision to the contrary should be overturned," WSWA's brief noted.

The brief outlined how a U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruling, which led to this Supreme Court case, "gets the constitutional analysis exactly backwards. As the history of the Twenty-First Amendment demonstrates, apart from repealing Prohibition, the whole point of the Amendment was to create an exception to the normal operation of the Commerce Clause," as the Court has noted in prior cases. "In this setting, a party who challenges a state liquor regulation as 'discriminatory' in violation of the Commerce Clause is, as a practical matter, advancing a claim the Amendment was expressly designed to extinguish."

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## E.U. Agreement on New Spirit Drinks Regulation

E.U. spirits producers have welcomed the political agreement reached on a new Spirit Drinks Regulation, which sets rules for the production and labelling of spirit drinks and for the registration and protection of the more than 240 spirits with Geographical Indications (GIs).

"After so many years of discussions, it is a great relief to see the conclusion of the new regulation, as it lays down the rules for the production and labelling of all spirits sold in the E.U. and for the protection of those E.U. spirits bearing a Geographical Indication," said Ulrich Adam, Director General of spiritsEUROPE. "The law is a central piece of legislation for the spirits sector,

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