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Introduction

Belgium produces more speciality beers than any other country in the World, and their current well-deserved and dramatic rise in popularity is due to an appreciation of their complexity and excellent quality. Besides the better-known mainstream brands we support, Cave Direct aims to continuously source lesser-known beers from smaller, more artisan brewers.

Cave Direct has been importing and distributing these beers successfully for more than 25 years. We have reviewed and improved our Belgian speciality beer listing, and have recently expanded our premium quality beer range from other countries. Our main distribution point is near Maidstone in Kent, from where a fleet of lorries and trucks deliver directly to bars, pubs, restaurants and clubs in the Greater London area and throughout the country.

Cave Direct is a family owned business and, although we are expanding rapidly, we pride ourselves on our unrivalled personal and knowledgeable service. In addition to delivering the beers direct from the breweries, we also provide the following services as part of our support package:

- An efficient, friendly sales team and delivery service
- A supply of glassware and relevant point of sale materials with purchased products
- Technical assistance for draught beers
- Extensive product information and education through staff training and seminars
- Assistance with organised beer events
- Seasonal promotional offers and sales incentives

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The Belgian speciality beers, international beers, lagers and jenever currently stocked by Cave Direct are included in this list.

The portfolio of beers is organised as follows:

- All beers are categorised by colour group (**Blond – White – Amber – Dark – Flavoured**), except for certain appellations like **Pils/ Lager, Trappist beers** or **regional specialities**, which are listed according to origin, and the **international beers and lagers**, which are listed by country.
- Each colour group or appellation is then sub-divided in alcohol strength groups (**Single** 0.5 - 4.0%, **Extra** 4.0 – 6.0%, **Double** 6.0 – 8.0%, **Triple** 8.0 – 10.0%, **Quadruple** 10.0% and above).
- Alcohol strength is indicated by **volume %** as indicated on the label of the keg or bottle at time of printing.
- Case, bottle and keg size are indicated by centilitre, litre or as otherwise stated in gallons.
- For each category we have selected two or more brand leaders, which we consider to be the best representative for the style of that beer. (In bold).
- Individual tasting notes for each product are available on request through your Cave Direct contact.
- Bottled beers marked **Rb** are delivered in returnable cases for which a deposit will be charged. This will be credited on return of a full case of empties. Bottled beers marked **Nrb** are non-returnable.
- For product prices and case or keg deposits please contact your Cave Direct representative.



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"In Belgium, the magistrate has the dignity of a prince, but by Bacchus it is true that the brewer is king."

Emile Verhaeren. Flemish writer. (1855-1916)

Belgian Specialities



Pils/Lagers

(For International Lagers please see page 10)

Pils or lagers are light, easy drinking, thirst quenching, and bottom fermented blond beers, named after the Czech city of Pilsen, where the first Pilsner was brewed. Belgian Pils or lagers have a distinct barley malt flavour and a crisp hoppy dryness, with alcohol strength between 4.5 and 5.5%.

• Cristal	4.8%	24 x 25cl	Rb	50L kegs
• Vedett	5.2%	24 x 33cl	Rb/Nrb	

Also available ...

Bel Pils	5.0%			50L kegs
Estaminet	5.2%	24x 33cl	Nrb	50L kegs
Jupiler	5.2%	24 x 33cl	Rb	50L kegs
Jupiler LA	0.5%	24 x 25cl	Rb	
Slag Pils	5.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Gluten Free Pilsner				
Glutaner	5.2%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	



White Beers

White or wheat beers are light, easy drinking, refreshing, unfiltered, hazy, yellow coloured beers made from a mixture of raw wheat and barley malt, sometimes oats are added. They are seasoned with coriander and Curaçao orange zest, have a fruity-lemony flavour and a slightly dry, spicy aftertaste. This style of brewing, typical of the region south west of Brussels around the village of Hoegaarden, died out due to the popularity of lagers in the 60's and was revived and reinvented by Pierre Celis. Alcohol strength is between 4.5 and 5.5 %.

• Brugs Wit	4.8%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	30L kegs
• Steenbrugge Wit	5.0%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	20L kegs

Also available

Blanche de Bruxelles	4.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	30L kegs
Floris Wit	4.8%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Hoegaarden Wit	4.9%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	50L kegs
Vedett White	4.7%	24 x 33cl	Rb/Nrb	30L kegs



Trappist Beers



Trappist beers are brewed by or under control of the Trappist monks, in the brewery located within the walls of their monasteries, according to the rules of Strict Observance, as laid down by the founder St. Benedictus in the early Middle Ages. There are only six Trappist monasteries in the World, all in Belgium, that brew beer and can use the legally protected 'Authentic Trappist Product' logo. Each monastery has its own style of beer, varying in colour, taste and strength, so it is difficult to compare beers from different monasteries. They are all top fermented and bottle conditioned, medium to full bodied beers, with an alcohol strength between 6.2% and 11.3%.

Abdij der Trappisten van Westmalle

• Westmalle Dubbel Trappist Double Dark	7.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	30L kegs
• Westmalle Tripel Trappist Triple Blond	9.5%	24 x 33cl 12 x 75cl	Rb Rb	

Abbaye Notre-Dame d'Orval

• Orval Trappist Double Amber	6.2%	24 x 33cl	Rb
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Also available...

St. Benedictusabdij Achelse Kluis - Achel

Achel 8 Blonde	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb
Achel 8 Bruin	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb

Abbaye Notre-Dame de Scourmont – Chimay

Chimay Rouge	7.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb
Chimay Premiere	7.0%	12 x 75cl	Rb
Chimay Triple	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb
Chimay Cinq Cents	8.0%	12 x 75cl	Rb
Chimay Bleu	9.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb
Chimay Grande Reserve	9.0%	12 x 75cl	Rb
Chimay Magnum	9.0%	1 x 150cl	Nrb

Abbaye Notre-Dame de St. Rémy – Rochefort

Rochefort 8	9.2%	24 x 33cl	Rb
Rochefort 10	11.3%	24 x 33cl	Rb

Abbaye Van Koningshoeven – La Trappe (French)

La Trappe Blonde	6.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb
La Trappe Dubbel	6.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb
La Trappe Triple	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb
La Trappe Quadruple	10.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb

*Experience is the comb nature gives us when we are bald.
 Belgian Proverb*



Blond Beers

Blond beers are light, medium to strong and top fermented. They are medium to full bodied, easy drinking and blond to golden in colour with an alcohol content between 5.5 to 11.0 %. Characterised by a fruity to sweetish malty flavour and distinct hoppy dryness, they often have a pleasant spicy aftertaste. Some of these beers are bottle conditioned.

Double Abbey Blond

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|-----------------------|------|-----------|-----|----------|
| • Brugse Zot | 6.0% | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | 30L kegs |
| | 6.0% | 12 x 75cl | Nrb | |
| • Leffe Blonde | 6.6% | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | 20L kegs |

Double Blond

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|-----------------------------|------|-----------|-----|----------|
| • Steenbrugge Blonde | 6.5% | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | 20L kegs |
| • De Koninck Blonde | 6.0% | 24 x 33cl | Rb | |

Triple Abbey Blond

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| • St.Feuillien Triple | 8.5% | 24 x 33cl | Rb | |
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Triple Golden Blond

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| • Duvel | 8.5% | 24 x 33cl | Rb/Nrb | |
| • Duvel Green | 6.8% | | | 20L kegs |

Triple Blonde

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|-------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|----------|
| • Delirium | 8.5% | 24 x 33cl | Rb | 30L kegs |
| • Hoegaarden Grand Cru | 8.5% | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | |

Quadruple Blonde

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|---------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----|--|
| • Deus Brut des Flandres | 11.5% | 1 x 75cl | Nrb | |
| • Maredsous 10 | 10.0% | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | |

Also available...

Affligem Blond	6.8%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	30L kegs
Barbar Honey Blonde	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	15L kegs
De Koninck Tripel	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Floreffe Blonde	6.3%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Grimbergen Blonde	6.7%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Hapkin	8.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Judas	8.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Kasteelbier Gouden	11.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
La Chouffe	8.0%	12 x 75cl	Rb	20L kegs
	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	

Blond Beers (cont.)

Lefte Triple	8.5%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	
Maredsous 6/ Blonde	6.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	30L kegs
Piraat	10.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Satan Gold	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Steenbrugge Tripel	8.2%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	
St. Feuillien Blonde	7.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	20L kegs
Straffe Hendrick	9.0%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	
Tripel Karmeliet	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Witkap Stimulo	6.0%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	



Amber Beers

Amber beers are light, medium to strong, copper or amber coloured and top fermented. They have a distinct fruity, slightly nutty, caramel sweetness with a well rounded hoppy dryness, and a hint of exotic spices. Alcohol between 5.0 and 12.0 %. Some of these beers are bottled conditioned.

Extra Amber				
• De Koninck	5.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	30L kegs
• Palm	5.4%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	30L kegs
Triple Amber				
• Kwak	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	30L kegs
Also available ...				
Bruegel Amber	5.2%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Campus Amber	7.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Carolus Amber	8.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Scaldis Bush	12.0%	24 x 25cl	Rb	

The mouth of a perfectly happy man is filled with beer.
 Ancient Egyptian wisdom

"I'd hate to be a teetotaler. Imagine getting up in the morning and knowing that's as good as you're going to feel all day."

Dean Martin. American Entertainer. (1917-1995)



Dark Beers

Dark beers are light, medium or strong, top fermented and are light brown to dark black in colour. They have a slightly roasted, caramelised toffee sweetness with spicy, warm, fruit undertones, often contrasted by a lingering hoppy dryness in the finish. Alcohol strength between 6.5 and 11.0%. Some of these beers are bottled conditioned.

Double Dark Abbey

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| • Leffe Brune | 6.5% | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | 30L kegs |
| • Brugse Zot Dubbel | 7.5% | 24 x 33cl | Rb | 30L kegs |
| | 7.5% | 12 x 75cl | Rb | |

Triple Dark Abbey

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|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-----|-----------------|
| • Leffe Radieuse | 8.2 % | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | |
| • Maredsous 8 | 8.0% | 24 x 33cl | Rb | 30L kegs |

Triple Dark

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| • Delirium Nocturnum | 8.5% | 24 x 33cl | Rb | |
| • Verboden Vrucht | 8.5% | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | |

Quadruple Dark

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| • Gulden Draak | 10.5% | 24 x 33cl | Rb | |
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Also available ...

Boon Duivelsbier	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Belgian Guinness	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Carolus Classic	8.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Duchesse de Bourgogne	6.2%	24 x 25cl	Rb	
Grimbergen Dubbel	6.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Grottenbier	6.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Kasteelbier Bruin	11.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Leutebobbier	7.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
St Bernardus Abt 12	10.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Steenbrugge Brune	6.5%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	20L kegs
St.Feuillien Brune	7.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	

A bee, from her industry in the summer, eats honey all the winter
 Belgian Proverb

"Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."
 Benjamin Franklin. American statesman. (1706-1790)



Flavoured Beers

Flavoured beers have an added ingredient, which has become the dominant flavour. This determines not only the taste, but also the colour and character of the beer, such as fruit, herbal or honey with no limits to new flavours.

Fruit Beers

Cherry

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|-------------------|------|-------------|----|--|
| • Boon Kriek | 4.5% | 12 x 37.5cl | Rb | |
| • Floris Griottes | 3.6% | 24 x 33cl | Rb | |

Raspberry

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|-------------------|------|-------------|-----|----------|
| • Boon Framboise | 5.0% | 12 x 37.5cl | Nrb | |
| • Floris Framboos | 3.6% | 24 x 33cl | Rb | 30L kegs |

Strawberry

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| • Fruli Strawberry | 4.1% | 24 x 25cl | Nrb | 30L kegs |
| | 4.1% | 12 x 50cl | Nrb | |

Also available..

Floris Apple	3.6%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Floris Fraise	3.6%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Floris Mango	3.6%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Floris Ninkeberry	3.6%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Floris Passion	3.6%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Leifmans Cuvee Brut (Kriek)	6.0%	20 x 37.5cl	Rb	30L kegs
Leifmans Mixed Fruit	4.2%	24 x 25cl	Nrb	30L kegs
Lindemans Cassis	3.5%	24 x 25cl	Rb	
Lindemans Framboos	2.5%	24 x 25cl	Rb	
Lindemans Pecheresse	2.5%	24 x 25cl	Rb	
Lindemans Kriek	3.5%	24 x 25cl	Rb	
Mongozo Banana (Fairtrade)	4.8%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	
Mongozo Coconut (Fairtrade)	3.5%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	
Mongozo Mango (Fairtrade)	3.6%	24 x 33cl	Nrb	
Mort Subite Kriek	4.5%	24 x 25cl	Rb	30L kegs
	4.5%	20 x 37.5cl	Rb	

Other Flavours

Barbar Honey Blonde	8.0%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Floris Chocolate	4.2%	24 x 33cl	Rb	
Floris Honey	4.5%	24 x 33cl	Rb	

Regional Specialities – Lambiek Beers

Traditional Lambiek beers are brewed in the region around Brussels in the Zenne valley, and are spontaneously fermented and oak matured, made from a mixture of raw wheat and barley malt. No yeast is added at any stage of the brewing process. Airborne friendly bacteria cause the natural fermentation, which creates the distinct cider-like tartness of the Lambiek beers. They are drunk as such or blended to create other beers like Lambiek Geuze, Faro or even Kriek and Framboise fruit beers.

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| • Boon Oude Geuze | 6.5% | 12 x 37.5cl | Rb |
| • Lindemans Faro | 4.0% | 24 x 25cl | Rb |
| • Mort Subite Geuze | 4.5% | 24 x 25cl | Rb |

Also available ...

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| Boon Mariage Parfait | 8.0% | 12 x 37.5cl | Nrb |
| Mort Subite Fond Geuze | 7.0% | 20 x 37.5cl | Rb |



Other Regional Specialities

Flemish red

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|------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|-----------------|
| • Rodenbach | 5.0% | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | 20L kegs |
| • Rodenbach Grand Cru | 6.0% | 24 x 33cl | Nrb | 20L kegs |

Saisons

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| • Saison 1900 | 5.2% | 24 x 33cl | Rb |
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Seasonal Beers

Beers brewed for seasonal occasions and as such only available at certain times of the year.

Winter

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|----------------------------|------|-----------|----|
| • Winter De Koninck | 6.0% | 24 x 33cl | Rb |
| • Winterbok Barbar | 8.0% | 24 x 33cl | Rb |

Xmas

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|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|----|
| • Cuvee Noel St.Feuillien | 9.0% | 24 x 33cl | Rb |
| • Delerium Noel | 10.0% | 24 x 33cl | Rb |
| | 10.0% | 12 x 75cl | Rb |
| • Scaldis Bush Noel | 12.0% | 24 x 25cl | Rb |

International Beers and Lagers

A selection of international beers and lagers, listed by country of origin

Australia

- **Coopers Original Pale Ale** 4.5% 24 x 33cl Nrb
Pale Ale
- **Coopers Sparkling Ale** 5.8% 24 x 33cl Nrb
Ale
- **Little Creatures Pale Ale** 5.2% 24 x 33cl Nrb
Pale Ale

China

- **Tsingtao** 5.6% 24 x 33cl Nrb
Lager

Czech Republic

- **Pilsner Urquell** 4.4% 50L kegs
Lager

England

- **Bath Ales Barnstormer** 4.5% 12 x 50cl 9Gal casks
Dark Bitter
- **Bath Ales Dark Hare** 4.0% 12 x 50cl 9Gal casks
Stout
- **Bath Ales Gem** 4.8% 12 x 50cl 9Gal casks
Premium Amber Ales
- **Bath Ales Wild Hare** 5.0% 12 x 50cl 9Gal casks
Organic Pale Ale
- **Meantime Bavarian Wheat** 5.0% 30L kegs
Wheat Beer
- **Meantime Helles** 4.4% 30L kegs
Lager
- **Meantime Kolner** 4.8% 30L kegs
Kolsch
- **Meantime Pale Ale** 4.7% 12 x 33cl Nrb
Pale Ale
- **Meantime Wheat Grand Cru** 6.3% 12 x 33cl Nrb
Wheat beer
- **Meantime Pilsner** 5.4% 12 x 33cl Nrb
Lager
- **Meantime India Pale Ale** 7.5% 6 x 75cl Nrb
Pale Ale
- **Meantime London Porter** 6.5% 6 x 75cl Nrb
Porter
- **Meantime Union** 4.9% 24 x 33cl Nrb 30L kegs
Vienna style Amber lager

International Beers and Lagers (cont.)

Estonia

- **Viru** 5% 20 x 30cl Nrb
Lager

Germany

- **Erdinger Dunkel** 5.6% 12 x 50cl Nrb
White Extra
- **Erdinger Hefe-Weiss** 5.3% 12 x 50cl Nrb 30L kegs
White Extra
- **Flensburger Pilsner** 4.8% 24 x 33cl Nrb
Lager
- **Lowenbrau Pils** 5.0% 50L kegs
Lager
- **Kuppers Kolsch** 4.8% 30L kegs
Blond Extra
- **Paulaner Hefe-Weisse** 5.5% 50L kegs
Wheat Beer
- **Paulaner Munich lager** 4.9% 5L / 50L kegs
Lager
- **Paulaner Munich Dunkel** 5.0% 30L kegs
Dark Lager
- **Schneider Aventinus** 8.0% 20 x 50cl Nrb
White Triple
- **Schneider Weiss** 5.4% 20 x 50cl Nrb
White Extra
- **Warsteiner** 4.8% 50L kegs
Blond Extra

Holland

- **Amstel** 4.1% 24 x 33cl Nrb 50L kegs
Lager
- **Heineken** 5.0% 50L kegs
Lager

Italy

- **Menabrea** 4.8% 24 x 33cl Nrb
Lager

International Beers and Lagers (cont.)

Laos

- **Beer Lao** 5.0% 24 x 33cl Nrb
- Lager 5.0% 12 x 64cl Nrb

Mexico

- **Bohemia** 4.8% 24 x 33cl Nrb
- Lager
- **Modelo Especial** 4.5% 24 x 33cl Nrb
- Lager

Portugal

- **Super Bock** 5.6% 24 x 33cl Nrb
- Lager

Spain

- **Moritz** 4.7% 24 x 33cl Nrb
- Lager

Sweden

- **God Lager** 5.3% 20 x 33cl Nrb
- Lager

USA

- **Anchor Steam Beer** 4.7% 24 x 35.5cl Nrb
- Blond
- **Brooklyn Lager** 5.0% 24 x 35.5cl Nrb
- Extra Lager
- **Sierra Nevada Pale Ale** 5.6% 12 x 35.5cl Nrb
- Ale

Cider

England

- **Aspalls Draught Cyder** 5.4% 12x 50cl Nrb 50L kegs
- 5.4% 24 x 33cl Nrb
- **Aspalls Perronelles Blush** 5.4% 12 x 50cl Nrb
- **Aspalls Premier Cru** 7.0% 12 x 50cl Nrb
- **Thatchers Gold** 4.8% 12 x 50cl Nrb 50L kegs
- **Thatchers Pear Cider** 4.5% 12 x 50cl Nrb 50L kegs
- **Thatchers Katy Rose** 5.4% 6 x 75cl Nrb

Belgium

- **Stassen Apple Cider** 6.0% 24 x 33cl Nrb
- **Stassen Pear Cider** 6.0% 24 x 33cl Nrb

Jenever Genièvre Belgian Gin

Jenever is a spirit made from a blend of malt wine, distilled water and a neutral alcohol, re-distilled with a variety of herbs and spices (of which the Juniper berry is the dominant flavour, hence the name). Malt wine is derived from pure grain alcohol, which has been distilled 3 times using (mostly) 3 different fermented grains – rye, barley and wheat, oak matured. The neutral alcohol can be either pure grain alcohol or molasses alcohol derived from sugar beets.

Fruit & Cream flavoured jenevers – created as a result of the Vandervelde prohibition law these light, easy drinking, fruit flavoured jenevers offer a great range of flavours to drink as shots, over ice or as a flavouring for designer cocktails:

- **Fruit flavoured** - Apple – Cherry – Lemon – Melon – Passion – Pear – Redcurrant – alcohol between 20 – 24 % - 1 x 75cl - Lemon 1 x 100cl
- **Cream flavoured** - Vanilla – Chocolate – Hazelnut
Alcohol between 20 – 21 % - 1 x 100cl

He who does not wish for little things does not deserve big things.
Belgian Proverb

Environmental Credentials

In recognition of the increasing awareness of environmental issues, Cave Direct continues to consider the impact we have on the environment and how we can manage our activities to minimise that impact. Therefore, we would like to encourage our customers to use returnable bottles whenever possible. It is also important to highlight that we have just upgraded our entire fleet of trucks to fall into line with Euro IV Emission Regulations.