



## GRANDE ABSENTE ABSINTHE

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Outlawed in its home country of France for nearly a hundred years, there is perhaps no single spirit as notorious as absinthe. Ironically enough, absinthe has its origins in herbal medicine – the wormwood plant, blended with anise, was used as a treatment for various afflictions. In the nineteenth century, however, absinthe exploded in popularity among the growing urban population of France, becoming the favoured tippie of luminaries such as Van Gogh, Toulouse-Lautrec and Manet. Yet this popularity soon became its downfall, as absinthe was blamed for high rates of alcoholism, crime and decay; it was eventually outlawed in France in 1915, under a law that was not fully repealed until 2011. Grande Absente is produced from an authentic pre-ban recipe, and has a wonderful spiced nose with aromas of star anise, camphor and menthol, a mouth-filling flavour and an incredibly long finish.

