## BRANDY HISTORY

Brandy has its' roots in the sea and more precisely in the port of La Rochelle. Indeed, sea merchants trading wine in the 17th century from the Saintonge Region to northern Europe discovered brandy. To protect the wine during the long trip to the far north, and save valuable cargo space, the wine was concentrated by distillation thus Brandwijn or burnt wine was created.

The port of La Rochelle has played a major role in the cognac trade and from its docks has shipped barrels to the far side of the world. Its merchants have continued to develop the product and have made cognac what it is today. La Rochelle is the original homeport of cognac and it is there that the Godet family settled 400 years ago. After 14 generations since the discovery of cognac, the Godet family still has a passion for cognac, and today still lives and work in the same place where their ancestors founded the business.

Just as La Rochelle is the sea capital of cognac, so the Godet family continues this tradition by continuing to sail in many ocean events the world over. Connoisseurs from the four corners of the world appreciate their cognacs, and, many of these have won awards in worldwide competitions. In fact, the Godet cognacs have been designated as having exceptional quality and are well know as being "Cognac of remarkable character".

