

MARSEILLE

an Amaro



MARSEILLE is an amaro aromatized with 36 unique botanicals and sweetened with three varieties of raw honey.

This amaro is the first release of Forthave Spirits' historical line, where ancient botanical recipes are reinterpreted as digestivos. Marseille amaro was inspired by two intertwined legends: the one of four thieves and the other of the herbalist Richard Forthave.

THE HISTORY

an Elixir Reinterpreted



For centuries, herbal, bitter tonics were used throughout Europe as protective remedies.

As the second plague ravaged southern France, a cargo ship laden with gold, silks and other precious cargo approached the port of Marseille. The entire crew had fallen ill and soon perished from the disease. A crew of four thieves then hatched a plan to board the ship in the dead of night and sack the booty. Their plan involved using an herbal tonic, herbs macerated in vinegar, as protection against the plague. The thinking at time was that the disease was spread through foul air or bad humors, so the thieves figured that by covering their skin, nose and mouths, they'd be immune. The plan was successful, but they were soon caught, arrested and brought before the local authorities who in return for leniency, demanded their secret recipe. The legend of the four thieves was born.

An alternate, and possibly more plausible legend is that a historical figure named Richard Forthave created the blend.

Marseille Amaro is inspired by this lineage and is crafted into a modern digestivo this is rooted in the bitter remedies of historic Marseille, where bitterness was believed to protect and restore.

IN THE GLASS



With notes of eucalyptus, cinnamon, chamomile, spearmint, lavender, and honey, this amaro carries a unique balance of warmth, cooling, bitter and sweet. It is beautiful on its own, often enjoyed with a slight chill, and adds complexity and depth to many cocktails.