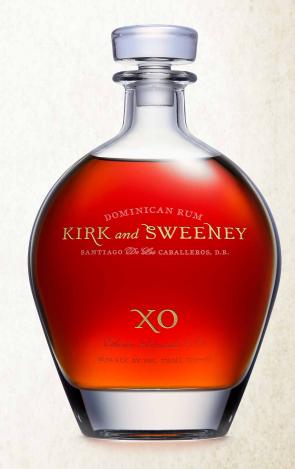
# KIRK and SWEENEY

SANTIAGO De Los CABALLEROS, D.R.

## A RUM WELL WORTH PURSUING.





★★★★ HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION

> F. Paul Pacult's Spirit Journal

95 pts.

Wine Enthusiast

97pts.

Tasting Panel

LIMITED RELEASE

XO



#### \* TASTING NOTES \*

 $12^{\text{reserva}}$ 

This deep mahogany colored rum presents a sweet aroma balanced heavily toward cane honey. Light notes of vanilla and wood hit the palate transforming into an incredibly smooth offering.

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This full bodied rum delivers an intriguing range of aromas and flavors, from intense vanillas to faint notes of sherry and raisins – all built upon a notable undercurrent of roasted cane sugars.

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This rum is as pleasantly complex as the nose would suggest, offering a rich evolution on the mouth - from fresh, sweet sensations to dried fruits. The balanced finish ranges from caramel and sherry to almond and vanilla.

XO

The nose dominates with layers of dried fruits and oak with subtle hints of caramel and toffee. At first sip, flavors of toasted oak and vanilla delight the senses with hints of raisin and sherry, built upon layers of spice and sweet dried fruits. Long, warm and robust finish through the end. This XO rum leaves you with a desire for more.

### \* PRODUCTION \*

Handcrafted in the Dominican Republic, this rum adheres to the very strict regulations to be called "Dominican Rum". To qualify as Dominican Rum the harvesting of the sugar cane, processing into molasses, distillation and aging must take place in the Dominican Republic.

The process begins with high quality sugar cane sourced just south of Santo Domingo and is processed into grade three Blackstrap Molasses. After fermentation and distillation the rum is then oak barreled for a rum well worth pursuing.

#### **★** INSPIRATION **★**

KIRK AND SWEENEY was a wooden schooner, best known for smuggling rum from the Caribbean to the Northeast during the early years of Prohibition. In 1924, it was seized off the coast of New York with a massive amount of rum aboard. The schooner was subsequently renamed "Chase" and pressed into duty as a Coast Guard trainer, serving until the late 1940's when it was retired and salvaged.