



RIGA BLACK BALSAM

JSC Latvijas Balzams, Riga, Latvia

LCBO # 212035 | 45% alc./vol. | \$29.95 | 500 mL | Release: 12-Nov-2016

Traditional herbal bitter drink of Latvia, aristocratic, mysterious and forever young. It is known for its **ONLY NATURAL** ingredients. The unique clay bottle is authentic and easily recognizable. More than 50 awards at international fairs.

Tasting notes:

Deliciously different and exceptionally smooth, Riga Black Balsam opens a whole world of sensations with its 24 ingredients. Classic yet contemporary bitter-sweet taste combines the gentle sweetness of Linden blossoms, Raspberry, Huckleberry and Honey with a savoury touch of Ginger, Nutmeg and Oak. It fits various mixers; especially in winter it could serve as an addition to fine tea and coffee.

Brand History:

Created in 1752 by pharmacist Abraham Kunze this elixir is considered to have cured the Empress Catherine the Great of Russia who fell seriously ill during her stay in Riga. Nowadays it is the most popular gift brought by tourists visiting Baltic countries.



Ingredients: grain vodka, caramel, rasperry juice, sugar, brandy, natural honey flavour, natiral peru balsam flavour, extracts from: dried blueberry, bich buds, gencian roots, wormwood, peppermint (leaves), ginger (roots), valerian (roots), sweet flag (roots), melissa, lime-tree blossom, cortex of oak, St. John's wort, black pepper, pomerance peel, bogbean, nutmeg.

Serving suggestion: Like aperitif or digestive it served in liqueur glass and drink in small sips without snacks to feel the full taste of the drink. Often served or blended with coffee. Drink raises the tone, improves mood, warms. Herbal flavour lends sophistication to many cocktails - served cold with ice, warm - with hot juice.

Sugar Black cocktail: 60 mL Riga Black Balsam, 30 mL coffee liqueur, 50 mL cream, Chocolate crumbs, Ice. Shake all the ingredients in a shaker with ice then pour the drink into a cocktail glass through a strainer. Add chocolate crumbs for a garnish.

International Wine & Spirit competition '15
China Wine & Spirits Awards '14
International Spirits Competition, LA '13
MicroLiquor '11

BRONZE
Double GOLD
BRONZE
Triple GOLD



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COCKTAILS WITH RIGA BLACK BALSAM

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Fresh Black Cranberry

- 40 mL Riga Black Balsam
- 20 mL cranberry liqueur
- 150 mL cranberry juice
- 5-6 fresh cranberries
- slice of lime
- Ice



Black Moon

- 20 mL Riga Black Balsam
- 10 mL lemon juice
- 10 mL grenadine syrup



Black Delight

- 50 mL Riga Black Balsam
- 80 mL grape juice
- 100 g chocolate ice cream
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Black Night Dancer

- 20 mL Riga Black Balsam
- 10 mL blackberry syrup
- 40 mL cola
- 5 mL lemon juice
- 1 cherry
- Ice



Black Plum

- 50 mL Riga Black Balsam
- 150 mL Apple juice
- 5 mL sugar syrup
- 3 prunes
- lemon rind
- Drink should be warm up



Balsam Kissberry

- 40 mL Riga Black Balsam
- 80 mL peach juice
- 10 mL caramel syrup
- 10 mL lemon juice
- 2 Strawberry
- 2 canned pineapple

