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RIGA BLACK BALSAM CURRANT

JSC Latvijas Balzams, Riga, Latvia

LCBO # 286716 | 30% alc./vol. | \$23.95 | 500 mL

Built on traditions of the legendary Riga Black Balsam herbal bitter (the traditional drink of Latvia). **Only natural ingredients** - extracts of carefully selected grasses, roots, berries and buds. The unique clay bottle, Riga Black Balsam brand but **with a modern fruity twist**.

Tasting notes:

Classic yet contemporary bitter delicately blends the distinctive, slightly bitter-sweet taste from 24 natural herbs, buds and roots of Riga Black Balsam with blackcurrant juice. Smooth blackcurrant and ginger notes twine around the gentle sweetness of linden blossoms, raspberry and huckleberry with a savoury touch of nutmeg and oak.

Brand History:

The elixir created by Riga pharmacist Abraham Kunze in 1752 is credited with curing the Empress Catherine the Great of Russia who fell seriously ill during her stay in Riga. Now Riga Black Balsam is considered the traditional drink of Latvia, the most popular gift brought home by tourists from their Baltic trips. Riga Black Balsam is often consumed with blackcurrant juice, so Currant version was created.



Ingredients: Vodka from grain; sugar; black currant and raspberry juices, caramelized sugar; ginger root distillate; extracts from: birch buds, gencian root, wormwood, peppermint leaves, valerian roots, sweet flag roots, melissa leaves, lime-tree blossom, cortex of oak, st. John's worth, black pepper, pomegranate orange peel, bogbean, nutmegs.

Serving suggestion: Rich nuanced taste makes it an excellent dessert or digestive drink. Best enjoyed neat or on the rocks. Equally popular mixed in a variety of cocktails. Also popular delight with coffee, tea, blackcurrant juice or as an accompaniment to cakes or ice cream.

Ingredient for Hot Black Currant cocktail:

- 40 mL Riga Black Balsam Currant
- 160 mL blackcurrant juice
- Cinnamon
- orange peel
- Drink should be warm up



Latvijas  Balzams



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**SILVER
Double GOLD**



COCKTAILS WITH RIGA BLACK BALSAM CURRANT

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Dark Rainbow

- 50 mL Riga Black Balsam Currant
- 20 mL Triple sec
- 10 mL strawberry syrup
- 140 mL Sprite
- 5 mL lemon juice
- Ice



Riga's Fruity Summer

- 40 mL Riga Black Balsam Currant
- ½ lemon
- ½ orange
- 100 mL Ginger Ale
- Ice



Currant Fire

- 15 mL Riga Black Balsam Currant
- 2 mL Spicy syrup
- 8 mL lime cordial mixer syrup
- 15 mL Triple sec
- set fire to drink and drink through a straw



Lovely Rosmary

- 40 mL Riga Black Balsam Currant
- 150 mL Apple juice
- 10 mL chocolate syrup
- rosemary



Riga Temptation

- 50 mL Riga Black Balsam Currant
- 20 mL peach liqueur
- 100 mL Apple juice
- 5 mL passion fruit syrup
- Almond



Riga Black Kir Royal

- 20 mL Riga Black Balsam Currant
- 130 mL dry sparkling wine
- 1 cherry

