

SPIRIT GUIDE, GUIDE

— ABOUT —

Welcome to Social's spirit guide! This is not only a list of every spirit, liqueur, and fortified wine that we carry, it's also a way to learn about new spirits you may not have tried before. Each item comes with an interesting anecdote about it as well as tasting notes. Within large categories, spirits are broken out into flavor sub-categories to make it easy to find something new you'll love, based on what you already know you like. We hope you have as much fun perusing this guide as we had putting it together. Cheers!

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— A NOTE ON POUR SIZE/PRICING —

We strive to bring our guests the best deal possible when it comes to the way we charge for spirits and we want to be completely transparent about our pricing policies. Please ask your server/bartender if you have any questions or concerns about how much something is going to cost.

First, some terminology; Social abides by the following standard American pours:

- A standard American "shot" is 1.5 fluid ounces.
- A standard American "up" or "double" pour is 3 fluid ounces.

Most of the spirits and liqueurs in this menu have a price based on the "shot" price (a 1.5 oz pour). Fortified wines and a few lower-proof liqueurs are priced as 3 fluid ounce pours. These exceptions are clearly indicated in the spirit guide.

A spirit ordered "neat" or "on-the-rocks" will be served as a 1.5 fluid ounce pour, in glassware appropriate to the order. Therefore, unless otherwise specified by the guest, whiskey ordered neat will be served in a Glencairn glass, tequila ordered neat will be served in a tequila tasting glass, etc. A spirit ordered on-the-rocks will be served in a double Old Fashioned glass, with high-quality ice.

A "double" pour is a 3 fluid ounce pour priced at twice the price of the single (1.5 fluid ounce) pour, less a \$2 double discount.

— A NOTE ON PRODUCT ALLOCATIONS/AVAILABILITY —

Social has over 750 different spirits and liqueurs in-house, ranging in price from \$20 per bottle to over \$5,000 per bottle. For higher-end and allocated spirits, our goal is to price items fairly, so these rare and precisely-made spirits are not out of reach for the average person. In some cases we do this by limiting the number of pours a single person can order. We reserve the right to limit our rare and allocated spirits to one pour, per person, per night.

Keeping over 750 spirits and liqueurs available to our guests is a Sisyphean task, which we happily take on. We try our best to keep everything in stock. However, sometimes one of the many distributors we work with is out of a product for an extended period of time. Sometimes we are phasing out a product to replace it with a new one. Certain items can only be purchased once a year. And occasionally we just mess up. We apologize if your selected item is unavailable.

COLORADO WHISKEY

Although the craft distillation movement has taken off nationwide and excellent distilleries can be found in multiple states beyond the classic whiskey-producing states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania, in the past five years or so Colorado has established itself as one of the definitive leaders in quality whiskey production nationwide. With an ideal climate for barrel aging and ready access to a plethora of small farmers growing a wide variety of organic and heirloom grains, the whiskey coming out of Colorado is both excellent and unique. Most of the distilleries on this page have been around long enough to release age statement-carrying whiskies with 10-12 year ages and many distilleries are growing the grains they are using, or they have contracted with local farmers within a rock's throw of the distillery, a practice unusual outside of the state.

In short, much of the whiskey coming out of Colorado is as good or better than the whiskey from those states traditionally known for their whiskey industries. We have gathered the very best of the state on this list so order with confidence, you won't be let down.

— BOURBON —

BRECKENRIDGE HIGH PROOF	9	DEERHAMMER FOUR-GRAIN STRAIGHT	10	BOULDER SPIRITS BIB	10
56% corn, 38% rye, 6% barley. A CO staple. The higher proof amplifies the flavors their flagship release is known for—toffee, caramel apple, cinnamon, stewed fruit, underripe banana, vanilla.		70% corn, 16% oat, 9% rye, 5% barley. An unusual mashbill composed of 100% Colorado-grown grains imparts unique flavors of plum, coffee, tobacco, hickory, pecan pie, grilled peaches, oatmeal.		51% corn, 44% barley, 5% rye. The non-traditional high-malt mashbill offers an interesting fruit profile. Lots of mango, papaya, chestnut, caramel, toasted marshmallow. Rich and well developed.	

• Breckenridge, unsourced, 52.5% ABV

LEOPOLD BROS. 8 YEAR CASK STRENGTH	11
65% corn, 20% barley, 15% rye. LB employs a rare grain-to-bottle production and one of five private malting floors in the world. Toffee, citrus, Cracker Jacks, baking spices, nuts.	

• Denver, unsourced, 54.2% ABV

— BOURBON —

BRANCH & BARREL SB CASK STRENGTH	11
80% corn, 20% barley. B&B has grown from humble beginnings in a garage to one of Colorado's best distilleries. This 6-year single barrel is bold and superb. Toffee, buttercream, cherry cola, coca.	

• Centennial, unsourced, 53% ABV

A.D. LAWS FOUR GRAIN STRAIGHT BIB	13
60% corn, 20% wheat, 10% rye, 10% heirloom barley. All grain sourced from Colorado farms. Dry and leathery with clove, breakfast tea, black pepper, dates, butterscotch. Long, peppery finish.	

• Boulder, unsourced, 50% ABV

A.D. LAWS FOUR GRAIN STRAIGHT BIB	13
60% corn, 20% wheat, 10% rye, 10% heirloom barley. All grain sourced from Colorado farms. Dry and leathery with clove, breakfast tea, black pepper, dates, butterscotch. Long, peppery finish.	

• Denver, unsourced, 50% ABV

— RYE —

TELLURIDE MOUNTAIN MASH	8
95% rye, 5% barley. At an average age of 3 years, this whiskey is younger than most on our wall but is still an excellent example of Colorado distilling. Finished in wine casks. Dry, spicy, well rounded.	

• Telluride, unsourced, 46% ABV

A.D. LAWS SAN LUIS VALLEY BIB	13
96% rye, 4% barley. Aged over 6 years and named after the Colorado valley where they source their rye. Tobacco, wild mint, fennel, orange tea, sea salt, brown sugar, oak. A long, spicy finish.	

• Denver, unsourced, 50% ABV

WOODY CREEK	9
100% Colorado heirloom Elbon rye. An incredible dram from the most-awarded Colorado distillery. Rye spice, fruit juice, Meyer lemon peel, raisin, apple, clover, pine, black pepper. Good value for proof.	

• Basalt, unsourced, 45% ABV

OLD ELK STRAIGHT	14
95% rye, 5% barley. This exceptional dram won Best American Rye Whiskey at the 2020 International Whiskey Competition. Notes of peach cobbler, cinnamon, allspice, rye spice, caramel.	

• Fort Collins, sourced, MGP, 50% ABV

LOCKE & CO ASPEN AGED	10
95% rye, 5% barley. Completely unique from anything else we carry, this rye is aged in oak but has aspen disks added during aging that impart flavors of pie crust, toffee, cinnamon, pine, mint.	

• Denver, unsourced, 45% ABV

LEOPOLD BROS. THREE-CHAMBER BIB	18
80% rye, 20% barley. Made with heirloom Abruzzi rye on a historic three-chamber still which is completely different from anything else in use today. Soft, floral, unique, excellent.	

• Denver, unsourced, 50% ABV

— SINGLE MALT —

STRANAHAN'S ORIGINAL SINGLE MALT	9
Colorado's oldest distillery has been producing single malt (100% malted barley) whiskey since 2004. Aged a minimum of four years. Some scotch notes, vanilla, cinnamon, caramel, chocolate, leather.	

• Denver, unsourced, 47% ABV

ROOT SHOOT SINGLE MALT BIB	9
With all grain sourced from within 30 miles of the distillery, this is one of the most hyper-local whiskies we carry. And it's superb. Cobbler, honey, granola, cocoa, alpine florals. Bright, spicy finish.	

• Loveland, unsourced, 50% ABV

SPIRIT HOUND STRAIGHT SINGLE MALT	10
100% malted Colorado barley. An exceptional dram. Aggressive and punchy but drinks smooth. Flavors of agave, butter, honey, butterscotch, pear, cinnamon, black tea, smoke.	

• Lyons, unsourced, 45% ABV

— OTHER STYLES OF WHISKEY —

TALNUA AMERICAN WHITE OAK CASK	12
50% malted and 50% unmalted barley. A Colorado distillery making whiskey in the Irish tradition with the twist of aging in virgin white oak casks. Notes of green tea, peach, apricot, caramel, waffle cone.	

• Arvada, unsourced, 50% ABV

A.D. LAWS CENTENNIAL WHEAT BIB	13
Made from 100% single season's harvest of heirloom Centennial wheat. Mountain strawberries, orange marmalade, alpine meadow, wildflower honey, jasmine tea, sage, grass, spruce tips, oak, anise.	

• Denver, unsourced, 50% ABV

OLD ELK DOUBLE WHEAT	16
71.5% wheat, 25% corn, 3.5% barley. The dram for those who adore Buffalo Trace wheated whiskies like Pappy and Weller at a fraction of the price. Maple, leather, baking spice, coffee cake, pie crust. Superb.	

• Fort Collins, sourced, MGP, 53.55% ABV *

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RYE

Although bourbon may be considered the quintessential American whiskey nowadays, the first style of whiskey to be distilled in the United States was rye. Through the 1930's, rye was the most-distilled whiskey in the US, which is why the majority of classic whiskey cocktails call for rye instead of bourbon. Rye whiskey tends to be drier, spicier, and more savory than the caramel-honey sweetness associated with bourbon. The ryes on this list are broken into low-rye and high-rye categories, with the low-rye options likely more approachable to bourbon drinkers and the high-rye options closer in profile to what scotch drinkers are accustomed to. Rye whiskey made in the United States has very similar regulations to those required of bourbon (our bourbon list can be found on the next two pages). It must be made from a fermented grain mixture that is at least 51% rye, aged in new, charred, white oak casks, distilled to no more than 160 proof, entered into the barrel for aging at no more than 125 proof, and bottled at 80 proof or more. The grain mixture that makes up a given rye whiskey is called its mash bill. Legally, 51% of the mash bill must be rye, the remaining 49% can be made up of any grain or grain mixture; corn, wheat, and malted barley are the most common. The mash bill has a significant influence on a given rye's flavor profile, so we've noted it on those ryes which disclose it. Except for a couple of exceptions noted below, there is no minimum duration required for aging rye.

Like bourbon, there are some legally defined styles of rye that do have stricter requirements than those ryes which comply only with the general definition. Many of these definitions mimic those required of bourbon. Below you can find explanations for some terms and legal definitions commonly used within the industry.

Straight rye must be aged for a minimum of two years but if aged for less than 4 years, it must carry an age statement.

Bottled-in-Bond (BIB) rye conforms to the Bottled-in-Bond Act of 1897. The Act stipulates that BIB rye must be aged for a minimum of 4 years, be the product of a single distillation season, and be bottled at exactly 100 proof (50% ABV).

Small Batch (SMB) rye doesn't have a legal definition and is a subjective label that varies from one distillery to the next. Single Barrel (SB) is small batch to the extreme, it's an unblended bottling of a single, exceptional barrel. Barrel proof legally denotes a whiskey bottled to within 1% of a batch's ABV when the barrels were dumped after being fully aged.

— LOW RYE —

RITTENHOUSE BIB	8.5	WOODFORD RESERVE	9	MICHTER'S US*1 STRAIGHT SB	9
51% rye, 39% corn, 10% barley. Perfect rye for both easy sipping neat and blending into cocktails. Rye spice, honey, red pepper, cinnamon, lots of fruit, apple, pear, cherries, leather.		53% rye, 33% corn, 14% barley. The low rye mashbill contributes hardly any of the characteristic rye spice we would expect. Butterscotch, toasted grains, banana taffy, copper, malt, spearmint.		Undisclosed mash bill, (estimated low-rye). An outstanding single barrel offering for the price. Rye spice, ripe citrus, vanilla, green apples, dry oak, butterscotch, candy corn, raw grain.	
• Kentucky, unsourced, 50% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 45% ABV		• Kentucky, sourced, 42.4% ABV	
SAGAMORE SPIRIT STRAIGHT SMB	9	WILD TURKEY RARE BREED	10	BARRELL CRAFT SPIRITS SEAGRASS	13
Undisclosed mashbill. This bottling won "Best Rye Whiskey in the World" at the 2019 SFWSC. It truly deserves the honor. Notes of baking spice, caramel, apple and bright fruit, honey, walnut.		51% rye, 37% corn, 12% barley. A superb barrel proof small batch option and a great value for the price. Aromas of green apple, lemon, pie crust. Palate of lemon, black pepper, clove, grass, menthol.		Barrell are expert cask finishers and blenders. This rye is finished in rhum agricole, apricot brandy, and Madeira casks that offer a unique profile. Red summer fruit, apricot, shortcake, spice.	
• Maryland, unsourced, 46.5% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 56.1% ABV		• Kentucky, sourced, 59.2% ABV	

— HIGH RYE —

BULLEIT	8	SAZERAC 6 YR	9	ALBERTA PREMIUM	9
95% rye, 5% barley. Sourced rye owned by Diageo. Not the best example of the form. Lots of alcohol overwhelms more subtle notes. Cinnamon, cloves, honey, light pepper, buttery toffee. Med. finish.		Undisclosed mash bill. Buffalo Trace's higher-end rye offering. This whiskey is named after the eponymous cocktail it is often used in. Pepper, cinnamon, rye bread, paprika, licorice, cherry.		100% rye. Technically a Canadian whisky, we're including it here so it's excellence isn't overlooked. High proof and lots of character. Vanilla custard, candied apple, maple, rye spice, nuts.	
• Kentucky, sourced, 47.5% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 45% ABV		• Canada, unsourced, 65.1% ABV	
DOC SWINSON'S 7 YR BIB	9	BASIL HAYDEN MALTED RYE	10	WILLET FAMILY ESTATE 4 YR RYE	13
95% rye, 5% barley. Bonded and aged longer than most sourced ryes, DS's youthful master blender clearly knows his stuff. Warm, spicy, and complex. Toast, cherry cola, honey, clove, orange.		100% rye. Although best known for its Small Batch bourbons, Basil Hayden has several rye offerings as well. A good intro to rye for bourbon drinkers. Floral notes, baking spice, chocolate. A bit underproof.		Undisclosed mashbill. The distillery brought bourbon back from the brink of extinction in the 80's. Their flagship cask-strength rye has incredible complexity. Raisin, menthol, green tea, cherry, citrus.	
• Washington State, sourced, 50% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 40% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, ABV Varies (>56%)	
ANGEL'S ENVY RUM CASK FINISHED	13	MASTERTON'S 10 YR STRAIGHT	13	WHISTLE PIG 10 YR STRAIGHT	14
95% rye, 5% barley. Aged 6-7 years including finishing for 18 months in Caribbean XO rum casks. Molasses, maple sugar, gingerbread, rye spice, marshmallow. Unique and accessible.		100% rye. Named for Bat Masterson, a buffalo hunter, lawman, Army Scout, gambler, and sports editor. Rye spice, caramel, pepper, leather, tobacco, oak, vanilla, dill, baking spice. Nice finish.		99.9% rye, 0.1% barley. One of the most-awarded American distilleries of the past ten years. Rye spice, mint, caramel, oak, vanilla, orange peel, anise, barrel char. Spicy body and a long, lingering finish.	
• Kentucky, sourced, 50% ABV		• California, sourced, 45% ABV		• Vermont, sourced, 50% ABV	

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BOURBON

Although there are other spirits that are uniquely American (applejack and moonshine, for example) bourbon is recognized as the quintessential American spirit. And even though the lion's share of bourbon is produced in Kentucky, distillers in any US state can legally produce bourbon and label it as such as long as it is: made from a grain mixture that is at least 51% corn, aged in new, charred, white oak, distilled to no more than 160 proof, entered into the barrel for aging at no more than 125 proof, and bottled at 80 proof or more. Except for a couple exceptions noted on the next page, there is no minimum duration required for aging bourbon.

The grain mixture that makes up a given bourbon is called its mash bill. Although 51% of the mash must be corn, the remaining 49% can be made up of any grain or grain mixture; rye, wheat, and malted barley are the most common. Mash bills have a significant influence on a given bourbon's flavor profile so we've noted it on those bourbons which disclose it. Other factors that affect the final flavor include: bottling proof, level of char and time spent in a barrel, the climate where the distillery is located, and the skill of the distiller and the master blender. Flavors range from smooth and sweet, to floral and fruity, to malty and unique, to bold and spicy.

— SMOOTH & SWEET —

These bourbons are classic examples of the form. Though still complex, they have profiles dominated by the sweeter characteristics bourbon is known for like caramel, toffee, and vanilla.

JIM BEAM	8	LEGENT	9	BUFFALO TRACE	9
<i>76% corn, 12% rye, 10% barley. Not the worst budget bourbon out there, not the best. Classic, sweet bourbon profile. Gateway to the Beam small batch series (Basil, Knob, Baker's, Booker's).</i>		<i>Collaboration between Jim Beam master distiller Fred Noe and Suntory master blender Shinji Fukuyama. 5-year bourbon finished in ex-sherry. Lemon meringue, berry compote, citrus, caramel, spice.</i>		<i>Buffalo Trace #1 mash bill (low rye). Crowd-pleasing bourbon with notes of caramel, honey, orange, mint, vanilla. Brown sugar and toffee dominate the lingering finish. Very good for the price.</i>	
• Kentucky, unsourced, 40% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 47% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 45% ABV	
MAKER'S MARK	9	HIGH WEST BOURBON	9	WOODFORD RESERVE	9
<i>70% corn, 16% wheat, 14% barley. Small batch wheated bourbon in a trademarked wax-dipped bottle. Palate offers hints of toffee, toasted nut, strawberry, cinnamon. Mouthfeel is a tad watery. Short finish.</i>		<i>Undisclosed mash bill. Blend of sourced, straight whiskeys. High West has a reputation for great blends. Rich, earthy, balanced. Honey, nougat, candy corn, cornbread, vanilla, apple pie, caramel.</i>		<i>72% corn, 18% rye, 10% barley. Both made by Brown Forman, Woodford is essentially triple distilled Old Forester. Creamy mouthfeel, honey, spice, oak, leather, cocoa, butterscotch, caramel.</i>	
• Kentucky, unsourced, 45% ABV		• Utah, sourced, 46% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 45.2% ABV	
ELIJAH CRAIG SMALL BATCH	10	ANGEL'S ENVY PORT FINISH	11	PINHOOK 2025 CASK STRENGTH	12
<i>78% corn, 12% barley, 10% rye. A great bourbon for the price, this is the pour for someone seeking value as well as quality. Classic flavors of vanilla, caramel, nut, and subtle smoke. Medium-long finish.</i>		<i>72% corn, 18% rye, 10% barley. Very light on the palate. The port finish imparts notes of dark, dried fruits, oak char, and rye spice. Medium finish. A solid introduction to bourbon for whiskey newbies.</i>		<i>65% corn, 30% barley, 5% rye. Pinhook is not a distillery but a blending company. Every release is unique and the 2025 cask strength is one of the best ever. Molasses, baked apricot, roasted peanuts, caramel.</i>	
• Kentucky, unsourced, 47% ABV		• Kentucky, sourced, 43.3% ABV		• Kentucky, sourced, 58.75% ABV	
JEFFERSON'S OCEAN AGED AT SEA	13	WOODFORD RESERVE DOUBLE OAKED	13	COLONEL EH TAYLOR SMALL BATCH BIB	16
<i>Undisclosed mash bill. Barrels sail around the world on ships where the whiskey constantly rocks in the barrels and is exposed to the sea air. Caramel, briny saltiness, citrus, a hint of smoke.</i>		<i>72% corn, 18% rye, 10% barley. After full maturation in virgin oak, this whiskey is aged for another year in a brand new charred oak barrel. Dark caramel, ripe banana, dark chocolate, cinnamon, spice.</i>		<i>Buffalo Trace #1 mash bill (low rye). A classic-tasting, balanced bourbon with notes of butterscotch, multigrain bread, licorice, dried raisins, fresh hay, brown sugar, mint. Nice mouthfeel and finish.</i>	
• Kentucky, sourced, 45% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 45.2% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 50% ABV	

— FLORAL & FRUITY —

These whiskeys retain many of the classic bourbon characteristic while building nuance with more complex fruit and floral notes.

EVAN WILLIAMS BLACK LABEL	7.5	FREY RANCH STRAIGHT	9	FOUR ROSES SINGLE BARREL	11
<i>78% corn, 12% rye, 10% barley. One of the best budget bourbons out there. Great in cocktails. Minimum four years in oak. Dark fruit, dried blueberries, strawberry, caramel, spice, leather. Medium finish.</i>		<i>66.6% corn, 11.4% rye, 10% wheat, 12% barley. 100% grown, malted, distilled, matured, and bottled at Frey Ranch. Honey, burnt orange peel, dried mint, banana chips, candy corn, hay.</i>		<i>60% corn, 35% rye, 5% barley. Flavors that are delicately fruity, spicy, and creamy. Honey, brown sugar, peaches, wildflowers, old wood, mint, and dried raisins. A very nice long, spicy finish.</i>	
• Kentucky, unsourced, 43% ABV		• Nevada, unsourced, 45% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 50% ABV	
JOSEPH MAGNUS TRIPLE CASK	12	WELLER SPECIAL RESERVE	14	BLANTON'S SINGLE BARREL	15
<i>Undisclosed mashbill. One of the most-awarded sourced bourbons out there. Finished in cognac, Oloroso, and Pedro Ximénez sherry casks. Vanilla, caramel, apricot, orange, dark fruits, roasted nuts.</i>		<i>Buffalo Trace's wheated mash bill. The entry level option for the Weller line. A good value for the price. Floral honey, vanilla, oak, peach, apple, peppercorn. Nice viscosity and a medium-long finish.</i>		<i>Buffalo Trace #2 mash bill (high rye). One of the first single barrels on the market, this edition offers a sweet blend of raisin, cherry, apricot, caramel, and vanilla with a warm, lingering finish.</i>	
• Washington D.C., sourced, 50% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 45% ABV		• Kentucky, unsourced, 46.5% ABV	

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BOURBON

As mentioned on the previous page, although bourbon must spend some time in new, charred, white oak containers, there is no legally defined minimum age period for bottles simply labeled as "bourbon". That said, there are some legally defined styles of bourbon that do have stricter requirements than those bourbons which comply only with the general definition. Below you can find explanations for some terms and legal definitions commonly used within the industry.

Straight bourbon must be made in a single state and aged for a minimum of two years. In compliance with the general regulations for bourbon, any bourbon that is labeled as straight that has been aged under four years must carry an age statement.

Bottled in Bond (BIB) bourbon conforms to the Bottled-in-Bond Act of 1897. The Act stipulates that BIB bourbon must be aged for a minimum of 4 years in a federally bonded warehouse, be the product of a single distillation season and a single distiller, and be bottled at exactly 100 proof (50% ABV).

Small Batch (SMB) bourbon doesn't have a legal definition and is a subjective label that varies from one distillery to the next. For some larger distilleries, a "small batch" may be one of several hundred barrels, for craft distillers, small batch may denote a distillation run that will only fill four barrels. The term is somewhat meaningless, except within the context of the distillery's normal output.

Single Barrel (SB) is small batch to the extreme, it is an unblended bottling of a single, exceptional barrel. Bottles labeled as single barrel within the same brand are a fun adventure for fans of the brand, as they will be different from one to the next.

Barrel proof legally indicates a whiskey bottled to within 1% of a batch's ABV when the barrels were dumped after being fully aged.

— BOLD & SPICY —

These whiskies play up the rye spice and baking spices found in bourbon and their ABVs are often on the higher side.

WILD TURKEY 101 STRAIGHT	8	BULLEIT	8	EAGLE RARE 10 YR STRAIGHT	11
<i>75% corn, 13% rye, 12% barley. One of the most popular budget bourbons ever. Very good quality for the price; a great mixing option. Orange peel, cinnamon, roasted coffee, apricot, vanilla, dried nuts, oak.</i>		<i>68% corn, 28% rye, 4% barley. A sweet caramel opening quickly transforms into a peppery oak bomb. Somewhat one-dimensional for sipping but a good mixer. Honey, licorice, baked apple, pineapple.</i>		<i>Buffalo Trace #1 (low rye) mash bill. A great dram and a great price for whiskey this old. Dark fruits, honey, orange zest, marshmallow, vanilla, white pepper, leather. Medium finish. a very nice dram.</i>	
<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, 50.5% ABV</i>		<i>• Kentucky, sourced, 45% ABV</i>		<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, 45% ABV</i>	
OLD FITZGERALD 7 YR BIB	11	OLD FORESTER 1920 PROHIBITION STYLE	12	WIDOW JANE 10 YR STRAIGHT SB	12
<i>68% corn, 20% wheat, 12% barley. New flagship expression for this Heaven Hill brand that is less allocated than the annual special release. Cinnamon, warm spice, apricot, orange, raisin, graham.</i>		<i>72% corn, 18% rye, 10% barley. Legally produced during prohibition, Old Forester is the longest continuously-distilled spirit in the US. Dark chocolate, creme brûlée, barrel char, coffee, tree nuts, black pepper.</i>		<i>Undisclosed mash bill. WJ sources its barrels from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana and blends them in five barrel batches in Brooklyn. Nutmeg, cream cinnamon, almond, cherry, orange.</i>	
<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, 50% ABV</i>		<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, 57.5% ABV</i>		<i>• New York, sourced, 45.5% ABV *</i>	
BLUE RUN REFLECTION 1	13	BOOKER'S SMALL BATCH	14	NOAH'S MILL	15
<i>Undisclosed mashbill. Blue Run is the brand of former Four Roses head distiller Jim Rutledge. Notes of rosemary, toasted nuts, spring meadow, pancake batter, butterscotch. Lingering finish.</i>		<i>77% corn, 13% rye, 10% barley. Basically small batch Baker's, this cask strength limited release has flavors of peanut, dried cherries, banana, charred oak, cocoa. Long finish. ABV varies by batch.</i>		<i>Undisclosed mash bill. From Willett, the distillery credited with bringing bourbon back from obscurity in the 80's. Warm spice, cinnamon, mint, allspice, pecan, oak, chocolate, burnt sugar. Very good.</i>	
<i>• Kentucky, sourced, 47.5% ABV</i>		<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, ABV varies (>62%) *</i>		<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, 57.15% ABV *</i>	

— MALTY & OAK-FORWARD —

These whiskies have an unusually high level of malt/barley flavor and/or a high prevalence of wood character. Many of these are great introductory bourbons for Scotch drinkers or for those that want a less traditional bourbon flavor.

WILD TURKEY LONGBRANCH	10	BASIL HAYDEN	10	KNOB CREEK SMALL BATCH	11
<i>75% corn, 13% rye, 12% barley. A collaboration between Mathew McConaughey and Wild Turkey's master distiller Eddie Russell. Finished with Mesquite charcoal. Caramel, spice, honey, orange peel, smoke.</i>		<i>63% corn, 27% rye, 10% barley. Part of the Beam small batch collection. High rye content adds spice and character but it's still light on the palate with notes of vanilla, peaches, baking spice, new oak.</i>		<i>75% corn, 13% rye, 12% barley. One of the four bourbons in Jim Beam's small batch collection. Aged in maximum-char barrels. Vanilla, oak, crème brûlée, green peppercorn, caramel. Lingering finish.</i>	
<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, 43% ABV</i>		<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, 40% ABV</i>		<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, 50% ABV</i>	
CHARLES GOODNIGHT 6 YR CASK	12	BAKER'S 7 YR SINGLE BARREL	14	GARRISON BROTHERS SINGLE BARREL	15
<i>60% corn, 36% rye, 4% barley. Made by the descendants of the legendary Texas cattleman, this cask strength offering is Texas in a glass. Intense caramel, malt, and nutty aromas and a peppery finish.</i>		<i>77% corn, 13% rye, 10% barley. Part of the Beam small batch collection. Heavy baking spices and oak up front give way to brown sugar, leather, vanilla. The 107-proof imparts a warm, lingering finish.</i>		<i>74% corn, 15% wheat, 11% barley. The first legal distillery in Texas is making Texas-sized bourbons, big, brash, and delicious. Caramel, leather, apple, pear, nutmeg, tobacco, chocolate. Long finish.</i>	
<i>• Texas, sourced, 57.5% ABV</i>		<i>• Kentucky, unsourced, 53.5% ABV</i>		<i>• Texas, unsourced, 47% ABV</i>	

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AMERICAN & CANADIAN WHISK(E)Y

The category "American whiskey" includes bourbon and rye but is more typically used as a kind of catch-all for whiskies that don't fall neatly into those two categories, such as Tennessee Whiskey, American single malt, uncategorized, unique whiskies, corn whiskey, and white whiskey.

Canadian whisky regulations are not nearly as strict as those in America and Europe. This has led to a (not necessarily undeserved) bias against Canadian whisky as a substandard product compared to whiskey produced elsewhere. However, this bias has more to do with what's available to American consumers than any intrinsic lack of quality in Canadian whisky. There are great Canadian whiskies, you just have to hunt for them.

Here's an interesting aside (at least for lovers of all-things whiskey) about the spelling of the word "whisk(e)y". Whisky (pluralized whiskies) and whiskey (pluralized whiskies) are both accepted spellings. A decent guideline for when to use each spelling is that whiskey coming from countries which have an "e" in their name tend to use the spelling that includes the "e". Therefore, distilleries in America and Ireland typically use "whiskey" while distilleries in Canada, Scotland, and Japan tend to prefer to use "whisky". Though there are exceptions, it's nonetheless a good rule of thumb.

— TENNESSEE WHISKEY —

Like bourbon, Tennessee Whiskey must be made from a grain mash bill containing at least 51% corn, and so could legally be grouped into the bourbon category. However, many Tennessee Whiskies employ a separate process that make them unique from standard bourbon—the Lincoln County Process, in which the un-aged whiskey is filtered through charcoal before it is entered into the barrel in order to mellow and smooth it out.

CHATTANOOGA BIB	9	JACK DANIELS BIB	9	GEORGE DICKEL 15 YR SB	13
<i>Complex mashbill; blend of four distillations with unique mashbills, including one with malted oats. A unique offering and incredible value from a proven craft distillery. Allspice, raisin, caramel, nutmeg, cherry, chocolate.</i> • Tennessee, unsourced, 50% ABV		<i>80% corn, 12% barley, 8% rye. 100% better than standard Jack. Aged four years instead of two, and bottled at a higher proof. Great price to value ratio. Corn, banana, vanilla, walnut, oak, cinnamon, maple, smoke.</i> • Tennessee, unsourced, 50% ABV		<i>84% corn, 8% rye, 8% barley. No other distillery releases single barrel expressions with this much age, at this proof, at this price point; Apple, crème brûlée, spice, grass, peach, fruit punch. Dry, spicy finish.</i> • Tennessee, unsourced, ABV varies (>48.1%)	

— AMERICAN SINGLE MALT —

As of December 2024, the U.S. finally has a codified, legal standard for single malt whiskey: ASM is whiskey made in the US at a single distillery, with a 100% malted barley, as other whiskies, like Scotch, require), aged in oak casks, distilled to a maximum of 160 proof from either pot or column distillation, and bottled at 80 proof or higher. See the Colorado Whiskey page (page 2) for additional American single malt options.

In contrast to the regulations surrounding the production of other American whiskies such as bourbon and American rye, it does not appear that the use of new or "virgin" oak casks will be part of the American single malt definition. This is similar to single malt regulations in other countries, such as Scotland, where the use of ex-bourbon, ex-port, and ex-sherry casks is common. In addition, maximum barrel entry proof is undefined as well. Unlike bourbon and rye that can readily take on the compounds imparted by the virgin oak at a relatively low barrel entry proof of 120, used barrels require a higher ABV in order for the depleted compounds in the oak to affect the booze.

MINDEN MILL	10	CLERMONT STEEP	10	WESTLAND	10
<i>100% malted barley. True grain-to-glass offering with all grain grown and malted by the distillery. Aged in ex-bourbon and ex-sherry casks. Malt-forward; fresh straw dried fruit, leather, red wine, butterscotch.</i> • Nevada, unsourced, 47% ABV		<i>100% malted barley. Eighth generation Jim Beam master distiller Freddie Noe's first release for the brand. A great introduction to American single malts. Earthy, sweet notes of roasted nuts, dried tobacco, cotton candy.</i> • Kentucky, unsourced, 47% ABV		<i>100% malted barley. A signature blend of five different barley strains (Chocolate, ES, Washington Pale, Munich, Brown). Aged in new American oak. Orchard fruit, caramel, nuts, banana malted shake, baking spice.</i> • Washington State, unsourced, 46% ABV	

— CORN WHISKEY & WHITE WHISKEY —

Corn whiskey and white whiskey are similar in that many aficionados consider them to be less refined styles when compared to other American whiskey offerings. And though they can exude a certain rustic charm, there is nothing inherently lower quality in a corn-heavy mashbill or a lack of barrel aging. White whiskey is simply unaged whiskey, regardless of style. It fosters an appreciation for the true nature of the grains and their terroir, as well as the distiller's talent. Corn whiskey production has rules similar to those governing bourbon and rye, with the exception that at least 80% of the mashbill is corn (compared to bourbon's 51% corn requirement) and corn whiskey can be aged in used barrels.

MELLOW CORN BIB	8	BUFFALO TRACE WHITE DOG MASH #1	10	BALCONES BABY BLUE	12
<i>90% corn, 10% barley and rye. Quality that exceeds its price from Heaven Hill distillery. The only extra-aged bonded corn whiskey on the market. Corn, vanilla, plantain, oak, mixed nuts. Light and bright, medium finish.</i> • Kentucky, unsourced, 50% ABV		<i>75% corn, 15% barley, 10% rye. This is the unaged base spirit that, after aging, becomes Buffalo Trace, E.H. Taylor, and George T. Stagg. Sweet, buttery popcorn, grass, black pepper. Hot but manageable.</i> • Kentucky, unsourced, 62.5% ABV		<i>100% corn. A simple mashbill of 100% blue corn belies an incredibly complex whiskey from one of the most-awarded craft distillers in the country. Tropical fruit, coconut oil, caramel, corn meal, corn chips, corn bread.</i> • Texas, unsourced, 46% ABV	

— CANADIAN WHISKY —

Two of the three Canadian whiskies we carry were chosen because our guests have requested that we carry them, not because we necessarily feel that they are of high quality. Give Alberta Premium a try if you want to taste an excellent Canadian whisky.

CROWN ROYAL	8	PENDLETON	9	ALBERTA PREMIUM	10
<i>Undisclosed mashbill. First created in 1939 to celebrate King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's visit to Canada. Cloying caramel, citrus, vanilla, fruit, watery sweetness, maple syrup, raw grain. Short, uninteresting finish.</i> • Canada, 40% ABV		<i>Undisclosed mashbill. Canadian whisky blended in Oregon. A poor choice for whisky lovers but an approachable intro to whisky for a newbie. Tastes like vodka cut with fake, waxy caramel. Short, uninteresting finish.</i> • Oregon/Canada, 40% ABV		<i>100% rye. Likely the best Canadian whisky there is. Has won multiple international awards. High proof and lots of character. Vanilla custard, candied apple, maple, rye spice, nuts. Opens up with a drop of water.</i> • Canada, 65.1% ABV	

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IRISH & JAPANESE WHISK(E)Y

This page contains our selection of Irish whiskeys and Japanese whiskies. See the Reserve List for our rare, allocated, and extinct (i.e. no longer produced) bottles of Irish and Japanese whisky.

— IRISH WHISKEY —

Irish whiskey can be made throughout the island of Ireland, including both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. It must be distilled to no more than 94.8% ABV, matured in wooden casks for a minimum of three years, and bottled at no less than 40% ABV. It must include malted barley and may include other malted and unmalted cereal grains, resulting in four legally defined styles of whiskey. If an Irish whiskey carries an age statement, it must represent the youngest whiskey in the blend.

Malt whiskey is made using 100% malted barley and distilled in pot stills. Pot Still whiskey is made from a mash of a minimum 30% malted and a minimum 30% unmalted barley, with up to 5% of other cereals added, and is distilled in pot stills. Grain whiskey is made using no more than 30% malted barley in combination with other whole unmalted cereals—usually corn, wheat, or barley—and is distilled in column stills. Blended Irish whiskey is a mixture of any two or more of the styles of malt, pot still, and grain whiskey. The word "single" on a label (as in single malt, single grain, or single pot still) denotes a whiskey from a single distillery.

JAMESON BLENDED	8	TEELING SINGLE GRAIN	9	BUSHMILLS 10 YR SINGLE MALT	9
<i>Undisclosed mash bill. The best-selling Irish whiskey in the world. Distilled at Middleton. Undisclosed casks. Light and clean. Grass, malt, vanilla, cocoa, under-ripe citrus. Short, thin finish.</i>		<i>95% corn, 5% barley. Distilled by Cooley, aged 5 years in ex-California Cabernet barrels. Sweet but balanced. Salt water taffy, toffee, banana, nuts, apricot, spice, cocoa, and earthy herbs.</i>		<i>Made at the eponymous distillery and aged in ex-sherry and ex-bourbon casks. Light on the palate and full of flavor. Orchard fruit, malt, vanilla, dried strawberries, honey, and copper.</i>	
• County Cork, Ireland, 40% ABV		• County Louth, Ireland, 46% ABV		• County Antrim, N. Ireland, 40% ABV	
RED BREAST 12 YR SINGLE POT STILL	13	WATERFORD ORGANIC 2016 SINGLE MALT	16	YELLOW SPOT 12 YR SINGLE POT STILL	23
<i>100% barley (50% malted). Distilled at Midleton and aged in ex-Oloroso sherry casks. More heat than expected for 80 proof. White grape, cinnamon, raisin, honey, caraway, and marzipan.</i>		<i>A unique vintage offering that celebrates both the Irish farmers using organic and biodynamic processes and the rich terroir of Ireland. Golden peach, cocoa powder, dry spice, grapefruit, licorice, peanuts.</i>		<i>100% barley. Distilled at Midleton and aged in ex-bourbon, ex-sherry, and ex-Spanish Malaga wine casks. Robust body, velvety texture. Copper, spice, orchard fruit, bananas, citrus.</i>	
• County Cork, Ireland, 40% ABV		• County Kildare, Ireland, 50% ABV		• County Cork, Ireland, 46% ABV	

— JAPANESE WHISKY —

There is some confusion about the rules surrounding Japanese whisky production, even among informed imbibers and reputable industry publications. This is due to a dramatic shift in the legal landscape that occurred in 2021. Prior to the change in regulations, production standards were more loosely defined than in other major whisk(e)y-producing countries, and whisky labeled "Japanese" needed merely to be blended and bottled in Japan, not made in Japan. The use of imported raw and malted barley and other cereal grains was an accepted and common practice, as was the import of unaged and aged whisky; additives were essentially unregulated. This is not to say that the whisky being produced in Japan at the time was subpar. To the contrary, reputable distillers such as Nikka, Suntory, Chichibu, and Mars Shinshu were producing some of the best whisky in the world with production standards in line with those for scotch and bourbon. But they were doing so voluntarily (which is very Japanese, I must say) and their products were competing with brands from international importers that were buying subpar juice and labeling it as "Japanese". This diluted the value of those brands that were doing things correctly and undermined the regard for Japanese whisky worldwide.

After a three-year grace period to allow producers to adapt, the new production regulations went into effect in April 2024. Now, Japanese whisky must be produced from malted grain, other cereal grains, and water sourced from Japan. All production steps must take place within Japan. The product must be distilled to an ABV of less than 95%, aged for at least three years, and bottled at 40% or higher. Natural caramel color is allowed. The new rules level the playing field and ensure these products are of the highest quality.

In the last few years, imbibers worldwide have discovered how great Japanese whiskies can be. As demand skyrocketed, Japan's stocks of aged whisky were rapidly depleted. In response, brands like Suntory and Nikka have greatly reduced the amount of age-statement whiskies available. This is why affordable age-statement-carrying Japanese whiskies are so hard to find.

SUNTORY TOKI BLENDED	9	NIKKA COFFEY GRAIN	12	NIKKA TAKETSURU BLENDED MALT	12
<i>Undisclosed mash bill. A unique blend from three distilleries: Yamazaki, Chita, and Hakushu. Orchard fruit, soft floral notes, peppermint, thyme, bright citrus, honey, ginger, toasted almond, vanilla.</i>		<i>95% corn, 5% barley. Distilled in Nikka's Miyagikyo distillery using Coffey stills imported from Scotland in 1963. Dark sweets, grains, green hay, nuts, spice, light smoke. Unique and wonderful.</i>		<i>100% barley. Blend of malts from Yoichi and Miyagikyo distilleries. Named for Masataka Taketsuru, who mastered whisky-making in Scotland and brought his expertise back to Japan. Incredible.</i>	
• Japan, 43% ABV		• Miyagi Prefecture, 45% ABV		• Japan, 46% ABV	
ICHIRO'S MALT & GRAIN WORLD WHISKY	13	HIBIKI JAPANESE HARMONY BLENDED	15	THE YAMAZAKI 12 YR SINGLE MALT	19
<i>A nod to the classic Japanese practice of sourcing excellent whiskies from around the world and blending them: bourbon, rye, scotch, and Japanese. Delicate floral, kiwi, toffee, banana. An excellent dram.</i>		<i>Undisclosed mash bill. A blend of ten whiskies from three distilleries and aged in five cask types. A unique and well-balanced blend. Red berries, green apple, yuzu, honey, butter, dates, cedar wood.</i>		<i>100% barley. Somewhat allocated and rare in many regions, this is one of the most sought-after Japanese single malts in the world. Sherry-cask finished. Prune, cherry, dark honey, orange, apricot, cocoa.</i>	
• Saitama Prefecture, 46% ABV		• Japan, 43% ABV		• Osaka Prefecture, 43% ABV	

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SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

For many people, single malt scotches are the ultimate expression of the form because they showcase the true nature of a distillery's product. As discussed on the previous page of blended scotches, the word "single" in single malt does not indicate that the scotch is from a single barrel or single batch (in fact nearly all single malts are the product of blending different barrels of different ages to achieve a consistent product) but instead, that the scotch is from a single distillery. The "malt" part of single malt is barley. In fact, all single malt scotches are distilled from a fermented mash of 100% malted barley.

Malting is the process of adding water to grain to germinate it, then heating the grain to stop germination. This process converts the starches in the grain into simple sugars that are more readily fermentable by yeast. In the case of scotch production, germination is often halted by heating the grain over a fire of peat. Peat is partially decomposed plant matter that forms in wet, cold regions. Not all scotches are peated, but for those that are, this is what gives them their characteristic smoky, iodine-like flavor.

A scotch's peat character, or "peatiness", is measured in PPPM (Phenol Parts Per Million). Phenols are the flavoring compounds imparted by the peat and PPPM levels can range from zero for unpeated scotches to 150 or more for heavily peated versions. But peat is just one characteristic flavor found in single malt scotch. Other common flavors include honey, floral notes, and fruit notes. This page contains our lighter, more floral and fruity scotches. The next page lists our scotches with more peat character.

— FRESH FRUIT & FLORAL —

Some of the lightest malts in Scotland. Peat presence is minimal or non-existent. A great introduction to scotch for bourbon or rye drinkers, Japanese whiskey drinkers, and Irish whiskey drinkers. Honey, sweet fruit, and floral notes dominate.

THE GLENLIVET 12 YEAR DOUBLE OAK	10	BLADNOCH VINAYA	11	AUCHENTOSHAN THREE WOOD	14
Will turn any potential scotch lover into a bourbon lover instead. Boring and, also, the most popular single malt in America. Honey, soggy pie crust, fruit compote, cardboard, green pepper.		Pronounced BLAD-nawlkuh. NAS. One of only six remaining lowland distilleries; founded in 1817, reopened in 2000. Classic lowland dram; grassy and floral. Notes of chocolate, coconut, fresh apple, lactose.		Pronounced awk-en-TOE-shun. Aged in ex-bourbon, ex-olorosso, and ex-Pedro Ximénez sherry casks. A well-rounded, flavorful dram. Caramel, peach, plums, candied orange, smoked oak, anise.	
• Scotland, Speyside, 40% ABV		• Scotland, Lowlands, 46.7% ABV		• Scotland, Lowlands, 43% ABV	
GLENMORANGIE 16 YR "THE NECTAR"	15	DALWHINNIE 15 YEAR	16	THE BALVENIE 14 YEAR CARIBBEAN CASK	16
Pronounced glen-MORE-an-jee. Ex-bourbon and sweet wine casks. Great intro for scotch newbies. Dense orchard/stone fruits—apricot, peach, nectarine. Lovely floral notes as well. Great value.		Pronounced dahl-WHEN-ee. Lightly-peated malt and 15 years in ex-bourbon casks gives a light peat presence. Dry wood, unsweet honey, lemon, green apple, apricot, cinnamon, ginger.		Pronounced BALL-ven-ee. The distillery does everything in-house, from growing the barley, to floor malting, to distilling. Finished in rum casks. Grassy, tropical, fruit, peat, banana, toffee, caramel.	
• Scotland, Highlands, 46% ABV *		• Scotland, Highlands, 43% ABV		• Scotland, Speyside, 43% ABV *	

— DRIED FRUIT & NUT —

Many of the fruit and honey notes from the previous category are here but these offerings are a bit more complex with the additional presence of dried fruit and nuttiness (a flavor often imparted by the widespread use of ex-sherry casks within the scotch industry).

BENRIACH THE SMOKY TWELVE	10	THE MACALLAN 12 YEAR SHERRY CASK	15	SPRINGBANK 15 YEAR	26
Pronounced BEN-ree-ack. Aged for 12 years in a combination of bourbon, sherry and marsala casks. Heavy peat is complimented by dried fruit, vanilla, toasted hazelnut, butter, strawberry.		Approachable, classic single malt. Unpeated. Sherry cask aged. Sweet and full, somewhat basic but well balanced. Prune, almond, toasted oak, nutmeg, powdered sugar, cinnamon roll icing.		One of only three distilleries in the Campbelltown region. A unique dram for sure. Oily, with fresh hay, orange peel, graham crackers, cocoa, spice, ash, nuts and dried fruit, medium peat.	
• Scotland, Speyside, 46% ABV		• Scotland, Speyside, 43% ABV		• Scotland, Campbelltown, 46% ABV *	

— RICH FRUIT & SPICE —

Think rich fruit cake. These are the quintessential after-dinner drams. These whiskies are brimming with dried fruits, nutty flavors, wood spice, and baking spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, and clove. Sherried whiskies will often fall into this group as well.

BRUICHLADDICH THE CLASSIC LADDIE	11	GLENMORANGIE QUINTA RUBAN 14 YR	13	KILKERRAN 12 YEAR	16
From a distillery known for its intense peat bombs, comes one of the greatest unpeated expressions in all of Scotland. Baking spice, malty graham, orchard and tropical fruit, honey, oak. Superb.		Pronounced glen-MORE-an-jee. A new release from the storied Tain producer. The ex-port casks impart flavors of dark chocolate, mint, sandalwood, marzipan, baking spice, spicy pepper, walnut, leather.		Produced by one of the three remaining Campbeltown distilleries, Glengyle, as small batch releases since its re-emergence in 2004. Toasted marshmallow, cherries, marzipan, hint of peat.	
• Scotland, Islay, 50% ABV		• Scotland, Highlands, 46% ABV		• Scotland, Campbeltown, 46% ABV	
ABERLOUR 16 YEAR DOUBLE CASK	23	GLENFIDDICH 18 YEAR	25	GLENFARCLAS 17 YEAR	26
Pronounced ab-er-LAOH-er. Located in the wilds of northeast Scotland near the rivers Lour and Spey. Aged in ex-bourbon and ex-sherry casks. Velvety texture, cloves, pepper, malt, honey.		Pronounced GLEN-fid-ick. World's best-selling single malt line. Aged in ex-oloroso sherry and ex-bourbon casks. Complex fruit, toffee, caramel, butterscotch, melon, citrus peel, spice.		Eight generations of distilling expertise underpin one of the few, family-owned distilleries of scale left in Scotland. Sherry cask aged. Fruitcake, orchard fruits, caramel, wet moss, cigar ash.	
• Scotland, Speyside, 43% ABV		• Scotland, Speyside, 40% ABV		• Scotland, Speyside, 43% *	

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SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

Many scotch whiskey references will attempt to group single malts by the region of Scotland in which they were produced. And while region is still a legitimate way of grouping single malts for historical purposes, in recent years, scotch distilleries have become less rigidly defined by a single flagship product, with many producing excellent peated and unpeated single malts irrespective of traditional regional flavor profiles. For instance, Islay (pronounced EYE-luh), traditionally known for creating some of the most heavily peated scotches, has also got a fair number of non-peated options; Bunnahabhain, Bruichladdich, and an annual release of non-peated Caol Ila, to name just a few. And the Highlands region has products ranging from the salty smokiness of Talisker to the delicate floral notes of Glenmorangie. There's really no point in grouping these into a flavor "region" as vast and diverse as the Highlands. So, while Scotland's whiskey-producing regions aren't a perfect guide to how a specific single malt may taste today, it's still interesting to examine them for their historical profiles.

The Speyside whisky region is truly abundant in rivers, glens, history, and whisky. Speyside hosts about 60 percent of the country's distilleries. Although each distillery's products are unique, the region is best known for well-rounded, lighter, accessible, lower-peat scotches. The regional use of sherry casks is common.

The Highlands is the largest region by land mass and the diversity of options within it reflect its size. For purposes of flavor profile, it's often useful to break it down into sub-regions. The Northern Highlands is best known for sweet and full-bodied single malts. The Southeastern Highlands offerings tend lighter and delicate, and the Western Highlands retain the peaty/briny influence from the coast.

The Lowlands is a large region with relatively few distilleries. The single malts from here are generally synonymous with lighter and grassier whisky, most of which eschews peat.

The Campbeltown region was once known as the "whiskey capital of the world" with more than 30 distilleries operating in this tiny region at its height. Today only three remain, and they produce some of the most interesting single malts in the country that balance notes of dried fruit, vanilla, toffee, and brine within a dry and pungent body.

The Islands region, technically part of the Highlands, produces a wide range of flavorful malts that are usually characterized by a strong presence of peat and brine.

Islay is an island and region unto itself. It famously produces some of the most peat-forward scotches in the world. The drams from Islay are where many a scotch lover will settle after working their way through those of the other regions.



— PEAT & FRUIT —

These whiskies are a gateway from some of the softer, fruity and floral scotches on the previous page to some of the peat bombs below.

LEDAIG 10 YEAR

Pronounced *luh-CHAYK*. Made by the Tobermory Distillery on the Island of Mull. Malt is lightly peated to 37 PPPM. Notes of iodine, butterscotch, fresh cut grass, and wildflower honey. Really good.

• Scotland, Island of Mull, 46.3% ABV

11

GLENGLASSAUGH PORTSOY

Pronounced *glen-GLASS-uh*. This NAS single malt has a rich, unique, intense maritime flavor tempered by spice and fruit. Sea salt and peat pair perfectly with blackberry, tropical fruit, caca, seaweed.

• Scotland, Highlands, 49.1% ABV

13

OBAN 14 YEAR

Pronounced *OH-bun*. A flavor with aspects of the dry smoke of the islands and the sweeter malts of the highlands. A good intro to peaty scotches. Citrus peel, honeycomb, light peat and oak, vanilla.

• Scotland, Highlands, 43% ABV

18

LAPHROAIG 10 YEAR

Pronounced *la-FROYG*. A true love it or leave it peat bomb from a legendary distillery making incredible scotch. Wet limestone, seaweed, tarred rope, iodine, brine, charcoal, honey, light citrus.

• Scotland, Islay, 40% ABV

11

TALISKER 10 YEAR

The distillery's location next to the wild Loch Harport contributes much of the briny sea-salt character Talisker is known for. Rich, robust, oily. Iodine, sweet smoke, dried melon, black pepper.

• Scotland, Islands (Skye), 45.8% ABV

13

BRUICHLADDICH PORT CHARLOTTE 10 YR

Pronounced *BROO-klah-dee*. Aged in ex-bourbon and ex-French wine casks. Delicate smoke, mesquite, mushrooms, charcoal, bright honey, flowers, vanilla, and grapefruit. An amazing scotch!

• Scotland, Islay, 50% ABV

14

CAOL ILA 12 YEAR

Pronounced *CULL EE-la*. Most of Caol Ila's production (around 95%) goes toward making Johnny Walker, but they reserve the best for their single malt. Peat, peach, tropical fruit, limestone.

• Scotland, Islay, 43% ABV *

17

ARDBEG UIGEADAIL

Pronounced *ARD-beg OOG-ah-dahl*. One of the more interesting peat bombs on the list. Salted peanut butter, oiled leather, peacan pie, citrus rind, burnt marshmallow, tobacco, dark coffee.

• Scotland, Islay, 54.2% ABV *

19

LAGAVULIN 16 YEAR

Pronounced *lah-ga-VOOL-in*. The most balanced peat bomb on the list and a canonical Islay malt. Baked apples, soot, caramel, diesel, sea salt, oiled leather, old wool. The world's best whisky.

• Scotland, Islay, 43% ABV *

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BLENDED SCOTCH & INTERNATIONAL WHISK(E)Y

This page contains our blended Scotches, as well as our whiskeys that do not originate in the United States, Canada, Ireland, or Japan.

— BLENDED SCOTCH —

Although some of the most sought-after bottles of Scotch are single malts (which can be found on the previous two pages), there is nothing inherently better about single malts vs. blended Scotches. And, the vast majority of the Scotch sold in the world (about 94%) is of the blended variety. But what's the difference? In fact, there are five legal categories of Scotch: single malt, single grain, blended malt, blended grain, and blended Scotch. The similarities in naming and the awkward terminology used make Scotch categories confusing to nearly everyone. Let's sort it out.

The "single" in single malt (or single grain) refers to the fact that the juice in the bottle is from a single distillery in Scotland. The term blended means that the Scotch in your bottle is sourced from multiple distilleries. Malt whiskey is derived from 100% malted barley, while grain whiskey uses other cereal grains like corn, rye, and wheat, in addition to malted barley, similar to US bourbon production.

The beauty of these blends is that you can often find great ones (especially within the blended malt category) that are every bit as good as a single malt for half the price. We've tried hundreds of blends over the years and these are some of our favorites.

DEWAR'S WHITE LABEL BLENDED

The number one selling scotch in The United States. Not our favorite. Decent for mixing. Harsh alcohol that's also somehow watery. Hops, honey, peat, lemon peel, tangerine. Uninteresting.

• Scotland, 40% ABV

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JOHNNY WALKER BLACK BLENDED

A crowd pleaser and great option for people just getting into Scotch. A solid example of the form. Light smoke, ripe apricot and peaches, malted grain, dry oak, honey, caramel, vanilla, smoke.

• Scotland, 40% ABV

9

DIMPLE PINCH 15 YEAR BLENDED MALT

One of the most popular blended malts worldwide. Light and understated floral nose. Medium bodied, caramel and dry wood, butterscotch, a note of pepper. Medium finish. Great value.

• Scotland, 40% ABV

10

MONKEY SHOULDER BLENDED MALT

One of the best Scotches for the price point. A blend of Single malts from Glenfiddich, Balvenie, and Kininvie. Crisp, malty grains, lemon peel, hay, vanilla frosting, nougat, and quinine.

• Scotland, 43% ABV

10

SHEEP DIP BLENDED MALT

A blend of single malts between 8 and 20 years old. Similar to Ledaig or Ardbeg for half the price! Complex fruit and floral notes underscored by lots of peat smoke. Really quite good.

• Scotland, 40% ABV

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COMPASS BOX HEDONISM BLENDED GRAIN

The only blended grain whiskey we carry and also one of our favorites. Proof that grain whiskey can be every bit as complex and delicious as malt. Almond butter, baking spice, vanilla custard.

• Scotland, 43% ABV *

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— INTERNATIONAL WHISK(E)Y —

Although most of the whiskey we drink in America comes from within our borders or the major, well-known, whiskey-producing countries of Ireland, Scotland, and Japan, there are some incredible whiskeys being produced in many other locals across the globe. These whiskeys are excellent examples of the terroir in which they are made and are often interesting and worthwhile departures from what you may have come to expect from whiskey. We have a few of the best in our collection. Most of these have won major awards at blind-tasted international competitions, so don't let their unique origins prevent you from taking a chance on a dram.

ABASOLO CORN WHISKEY

100% ancestral Mexican Cacahuazintle corn. The most distinctive whiskey on our wall. Heirloom corn plus a unique production process results in a complex set of unusual whiskey flavors. Well worth a try.

• Mexico, 43% ABV

8

KYRÖ MALT OLOROSO

Maturation in sweet Oloroso sherry casks and an unusual mashbill of 100% malted, whole grain, Finish rye make for a unique and incredibly delicious dram. Red currant, vanilla, rye bread, dried fig.

• Finland, 47.2% ABV *

9

ROZELIEURES RARE SINGLE MALT

It's no surprise that a country that takes their alcohol as seriously as France—and consumes the most scotch per capita—makes great whiskey. Dark fruit, dried cranberries, honey, caramel, light smoke.

• France, 40% ABV

10

KAVALAN CLASSIC SINGLE MALT

Kavalan has won hundreds of awards and is the most highly-awarded distillery in the world outside of Scotland. Clean but rich, fresh, tropical fruit, especially mango, coconut, spice. Nearly perfect.

• Taiwan, 40% ABV

11

EIFEL PEATED SINGLE MALT

Though better known for their eau de vie many German distilleries have been in operation for centuries. Completely unique, with notes of prunes, barbecue brisket, venison, peppermint cream.

• Germany, 46% ABV *

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SULLIVAN COVE DOUBLE OAK

2014 World Whiskey of the Year. Light in appearance, feel, and finish with a unique, dramatic depth of flavor that is almost surprising. Pumpkin, roasted nuts, cognac/port grapes, caramel, honey, malt.

• Tasmania, 40% ABV

12

AMRUT FUSION SINGLE MALT

2009 World Whisky of the Year. 25% peated malt and 75% unpeated malt are aged separately for eight years, then combined for six months in Indian oak. Candied fruit, orange peel, peat, honey.

• India, 50% ABV *

12

MORRIS SINGLE MALT MUSCAT BARREL

All barrels used in the production of Morris whiskies are sourced from the award-winning Morris winery. Muscat barrels impart notes of dark fruit, cocoa, baklava. Finishes dry, earthy. Superb.

• Australia, 48% ABV

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BOURBON RESERVES

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— BOURBON —

W. L. WELLER 12 YR Kentucky, 45% ABV	14	OLD FITZGERALD 9 YR BOTTLED IN BOND (SPRING 2025) * Kentucky, 50% ABV	20
W.L. WELLER FULL PROOF Kentucky, 57% ABV	33	OLD FITZGERALD 10 YR BOTTLED IN BOND (SPRING 2023) * Kentucky, 50% ABV	22
W.L. WELLER ANTIQUE Kentucky, 53.5% ABV	34	OLD FITZGERALD 11 YR BOTTLED IN BOND (FALL 2024) * Kentucky, 50% ABV	24
W.L. WELLER C.Y.P.B. Kentucky, 47.5% ABV	48	OLD FITZGERALD 17 YR BOTTLED IN BOND (SPRING 2022) * Kentucky, 50% ABV	26
W.L. WELLER SINGLE BARREL Kentucky, 48.5% ABV	57	OLD FITZGERALD 19 YR BOTTLED IN BOND (FALL 2022) * Kentucky, 50% ABV	38
WILLIAM LARUE WELLER Kentucky, ABV Varies (>62.9%)	121	PARKER'S HERITAGE DOUBLE BARREL CASK * Kentucky, 66.1% ABV	42
EAGLE RARE 12 YR Kentucky, 47.5% ABV	25	PARKER'S HERITAGE 11 YR SINGLE BARREL * Kentucky, 61% ABV	46
EAGLE RARE 17 YR 2022 * Kentucky, 50.5% ABV	112	PARKER'S HERITAGE 24 YR * Kentucky, 50% ABV	62
OLD RIP VAN WINKLE 10 YR Kentucky, 53.5% ABV	41	2019 ANGEL'S ENVY CASK STRENGTH * Kentucky, 61.2% ABV	54
VAN WINKLE 12 YR SPECIAL RESERVE "LOT B" Kentucky, 45.2% ABV	61	2020 ANGEL'S ENVY CASK STRENGTH * Kentucky, 60.2% ABV	54
PAPPY VAN WINKLE'S FAMILY RESERVE 15 YR Kentucky, 53.5% ABV	101	2023 ANGEL'S ENVY CASK STRENGTH * Kentucky, 59.9% ABV	54
PAPPY VAN WINKLE'S FAMILY RESERVE 20 YR Kentucky, 45.2% ABV	156	MAKER'S MARK 2019 LIMITED RELEASE: STAVE PROFILE RC6 * Kentucky, 54.1% ABV	28
COLONEL E.H. TAYLOR, JR., SINGLE BARREL Kentucky, 50% ABV	32	KNOB CREEK 12 YR Kentucky, 50% ABV	14
COLONEL E.H. TAYLOR, JR., BARREL PROOF BATCH 13 Kentucky, 63.65% ABV	51	KNOB CREEK 15 YR 2020 LIMITED EDITION * Kentucky, 50% ABV	32
COLONEL E.H. TAYLOR, JR., FOUR GRAIN Kentucky, 50% ABV	176	KNOB CREEK 18 YR Kentucky, 50% ABV	41
COLONEL E.H. TAYLOR, JR., SEASONED WOOD Kentucky, 50% ABV	215	KNOB CREEK 2001 LIMITED EDITION * ‡ Kentucky, 50% ABV	51
STAGG (FORMERLY KNOWN AS STAGG JR.) ‡ Kentucky, ABV Varies (>62.95%)	31	LITTLE BOOK CHAPTER 8 "PATH NOT TAKEN" ‡ Kentucky, 59.1% ABV	32
GEORGE T. STAGG STRAIGHT BARREL PROOF Kentucky, ABV Varies (>65.2%)	56	BOOKER'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY BOTTLING * Kentucky, 62.9% ABV	66
ELMER T. LEE SINGLE BARREL Kentucky, 45% ABV	24	JEFFERSON CHEF'S COLLABORATION * Kentucky, 45% ABV	21
BLANTON'S GOLD SINGLE BARREL Kentucky, 51.5% ABV	32	HIGH WEST CAMPFIRE 2023 * Utah, 46% ABV	18
BLANTON'S TAKARA RED SINGLE BARREL Kentucky, (Japanese export market exclusive), 46.5% ABV	35	OLD ELK 2023 CIGAR CUT ISLAND BLEND ‡ Colorado, 55.85% ABV	24
BLANTON'S STRAIGHT FROM THE BARREL, BARREL 1082 Kentucky, 65.15% ABV	38	BLOOD OATH PACT 8 * Indiana, 49.3% ABV	32
OLD FORESTER BIRTHDAY BOURBON, 2019 * Kentucky, 52.5% ABV	58	MICHTER'S 10 YR Kentucky, 47.2% ABV	36
GARRISON BROTHERS COWBOY 2017 * Texas, 67.5% ABV	32	WILLET 8 YR BLACK BOTTLE PURPLE TOP * Kentucky, 54% ABV	52

NON-BOURBON AMERICAN WHISKEY, INTERNATIONAL WHISKY, & NON-WHISKEY RESERVES



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— AMERICAN RYE, WHEAT, MALT, & SMALL BATCH —

THOMAS H. HANDY SAZERAC RYE ‡	30	MICHTER'S 10 YR RYE	40
Kentucky (63.45%)		Kentucky (46.4%)	
COLONEL E.H. TAYLOR, JR., STRAIGHT RYE, BONDED	52	MICHTER'S 2021 BARREL STRENGTH RYE *	32
Kentucky (50%)		Kentucky (56.5%)	
VAN WINKLE 13 YR FAMILY RESERVE RYE	90	PARKER'S HERITAGE 10 YR RYE CASK STRENGTH *	26
Kentucky (47.8%)		Kentucky (64.4%)	
WHISTLE PIG FARMSTOCK RYE, CROP NO. 001 *	20	PARKER'S HERITAGE 11 YR HEAVY CHAR WHEAT *	32
Vermont, 43% ABV		Kentucky (61%)	
WHISTLE PIG BOSS HOG V, SPIRIT OF MAUVE *	56	PARKER'S HERITAGE 8 YR SINGLE MALT * ‡	22
Vermont (58.8%)		Kentucky (54%)	
WHISTLE PIG BOSS HOG X, THE COMMANDMENTS *	76	STRANAHAN'S DIAMOND PEAK SINGLE MALT	18
Vermont, 53.2% ABV		Colorado (47%)	
OLD ELK DOUBLE WHEAT	24	INFINITE BARREL PROJECT, JANUARY 15, 2019 BOTTLING *	21
Colorado (107.1%)		Kentucky (58.75%)	

— SCOTCH —

2019 LAGAVULIN 11 YEAR OFFERRMAN EDITION *	20	GLENFIDDICH PROJECT XX ‡	20
Islay (46%)		Speyside (47%)	
CADENHEAD SMALL BATCH GLEN GRANT-GLENLIVET 16 YR * ‡	22	JOHNNY WALKER BLUE LABEL	27
Speyside (54.1%)		Blended (40%)	
GLENGLASSAUGH SANDED	27	THE BALVENIE TUN 1509 BATCH 4 * ‡	49
Scotland, Highlands, 50.5% ABV		Speyside (51.7%)	
ANCNOC 24 YR ‡	33	MACALLAN RARE CASK 2023 *	41
Highland (46%)		Scotland, Highlands, 43% ABV	
GLENFIDDICH 30 YR	66	MACALLAN REFLEXION	129
Speyside (43%)		Highland (43%)	

— JAPANESE —

HIBIKI 17 YR	66	YAMAZAKI 18 YR	70
Japan (43%)		Japan (43%)	
HIBIKI 21 YR	122	HAKUSHU 12 YR	28
Japan (43%)		Japan, 43% ABV	

— COGNAC —

HENNESSY PARADIS	102	LOUIS XIII DE RÉMY MARTIN	1/2 oz	85
France, Cognac, (40%)		France, Cognac, (40%)	1 oz	170
			1 1/2 oz	255

— OTHER SPIRITS & LIQUEURS —

FLOR DE CAÑA 20 YEAR 130TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION RUM *	18	BACARDI FACUNDO PARAÍSO XA RUM	24
Nicaragua, (45%)		Bermuda, Rum, 40% ABV	
CHARTREUSE GREEN V.E.P.	23	CHARTREUSE YELLOW V.E.P.	23
France (54%)		France (42%)	

VODKA

In the US, vodka is legally defined as an alcoholic beverage of no less than 40% ABV (80 proof) that is distilled—or treated after distillation with charcoal or other filter materials—as to be without distinctive character, aroma, taste, or color. Bah-lo-ney. As any vodka drinker who favors a specific brand will tell you, any given vodka's "neutral" character, is in the taste buds of the imbiber. In fact vodkas have a wide range of flavors from light and truly neutral, to oily and unctuous. Different vodkas can have characters that range from an earthy minerality to a citrusy sweetness. The texture, or mouthfeel, of vodka can vary greatly as well.

Vodka can be made with any base material that contains fermentable sugars. Wheat and potatoes are traditional favorites but vodka can—and is—made from everything from sugarcane to cow's milk. Here we break down our vodka selection by base fermentation material.

— WHEAT —

VERITÀ ITALIANA

8
Awarded "Best-In-Class" at the 2024 SFWSC, this premium vodka is one of the best values on our wall. Exceptionally smooth with hints of minerality, vanilla, and citrus. Creamy texture, clean finish.

• Italy, 40% ABV

KETEL ONE

9
Another international favorite. Clean, mineral nose with hints of heather honey, black pepper, and citrus. Light and crisp with an even texture and silky smooth finish. Almost no burn.

• Netherlands, 40% ABV

BELUGA NOBLE

8
A fairly new brand to the US market but quickly becoming a worldwide favorite. Produced in Siberia. Light and balanced. A bit of citrus sweetness, honey, grapefruit, and hints of spice.

• Russia, 40% ABV

GREY GOOSE

10
One of the most popular vodkas in the world. A delicate and floral nose gives way to a rounded palate with a silky, oily mouthfeel. Alcohol is present. Notes of vanilla and toffee on the finish.

• France, 40% ABV

RUSSIAN STANDARD GOLD

8
A whiskey drinkers vodka. Smooth and light with a nice minerality. Cereal grains, ginger, ginseng, caramel, vanilla, a hint of pineapple. Works great in a Moscow Mule.

• Russia, 40% ABV

ABSOLUT ELYX SINGLE ESTATE

12
The nose is rich, with notes of fresh bread, white chocolate, and subtle spice. Silky mouthfeel with hints of spice, white chocolate, macadamia and cereal grain. Finishes mellow, warm, balanced.

• Sweden, 42.3% ABV

— RYE, CORN, AND MULTIGRAIN —

SPRING 44

7
Wheat, corn, and rye. Pungent nose of earthy grains and a hint of plum. Rich and luxurious palate. Raspberry pastry, sweet grains and a hint of minerality build to a dry, spicy finish. Great value.

• Colorado, 40% ABV

ZUBROWKA

8
100% rye. Infused with Bison Grass, a substance previously banned in the US. Smooth and oily, it's one of the most delicious vodkas in the world. Notes of lavender, vanilla, coconut, cut grass.

• Poland, 40% ABV

WYBOROWA

8
100% rye. One of the most popular vodkas worldwide from the true home of vodka (or wodka as the Polish spell it). Neutral and pristine with a faint sweetness and a modest peppery bite.

• Poland, 40% ABV

REYKA SMALL BATCH

9
Barley and wheat. Made in one of the few Carter-Head stills in the world and filtered through volcanic lava rock. A unique nose of rose, fresh hay. Palate is silky and floral, notes of citrus, pepper.

• Iceland, 40% ABV

TITO'S

8
100% corn. One of the lightest and most neutral vodkas on the market. A good choice if you want to drink alcohol that tastes nothing like anything. Subtle sweet corn on the palate. Mineral nose.

• Texas, 40% ABV

BELVEDERE

9
100% rye. Smooth and balanced, med. bodied with a rich texture. Hints of vanilla, white pepper, spice, freshly cut grass. Warming finish with notes of almond and cream. Pretty darn great.

• Poland, 40% ABV

— POTATO —

WOODY CREEK

8
Woody Creek won best in show with this exquisite vodka at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. Distilled once in a custom column still. Vanilla, red pepper, mandarin orange, marzipan.

• Colorado, 40% ABV

BOYD & BLAIR ORGANIC

8
Relatively obscure but highly awarded US vodka. Luscious, semisweet, and smooth. A flavorful vodka that stands out from its peers. Hints of cocoa bean, maple, honey. Finish is solid, delicious.

• Pennsylvania, 40% ABV

CHOPIN

9
World's most-awarded vodka. Creamy and full-bodied. Subtle green apple and vanilla with some nice minerality. Long, clean finish without any burn. Slightly bitter aftertaste. Decent for the price.

• Poland, 40% ABV

— OTHER —

HAKU

8
100% Japanese rice. Distilled in Japan by Beam Suntory and then filtered through bamboo charcoal. Light and crisp. Floral notes, melon, yuzu, citrus, licorice, rice pudding. Excellent choice for a martini.

• Japan, 40% ABV

CIROC

9
100% mauzac blanc grapes. Cold maceration and fermentation results in a refined, smooth, lightly sweet vodka with subtle hints of fresh fruit and citrus. Extremely clean finish. A perfect vodka.

• France, 40% ABV

OCEAN ORGANIC

9
100% certified organic sugarcane and Hawaiian spring water with a high mineral content make this vodka unique and delicious. Hints of vanilla, coconut but otherwise neutral. Nice viscosity.

• Hawaii, 40% ABV

CLASSIC GIN

In the US, gin is legally defined as an alcoholic beverage of no less than 40% ABV (80 proof) that possesses the characteristic flavor of juniper berries. Besides the required presence of juniper, pretty much any other botanicals can be added to the distillate, which makes gin one of the most varied spirit families. Flavors can range from extremely juniper- and pine-forward styles to more herbaceous, floral, and citrusy styles. Modern gin reviewers break unaged gin into several categories, of which classic and contemporary are the most prevalent. Classic gins are those in which juniper dominates the profile (most London dry gins fall into this category). Gins with a specific legal definition fall into the classic category as well. Contemporary gins are those in which the flavor of juniper is heavily tempered by the presence of other botanicals. Contemporary gins are found on the next page.

— LONDON DRY —

The legal definition "London Dry" is not a geographical designation—London Gin can technically be made in any country. Nor is it really a definition of flavor profile. Instead, London Dry is a strict production standard that the gin must adhere to. London Gin must be made from neutral spirit of agricultural origin which is redistilled in the presence of all flavoring components which must be natural plant materials. The gin must come out of the still at no less than 70% ABV and be bottled at no less than 40%.

BROKER'S

Flavorful and bright, this spicy, juniper-forward classic gin has a recipe that dates from the 18th century. A masterful, classic gin with notes of cinnamon, orris root, citrus, coriander. Bright, assertive.

• United Kingdom, 47% ABV

BOMBAY SAPPHIRE

The second most popular gin in the world. The profile will be familiar to most gin drinkers. Stronger citrus than most classic gins, a gateway to classic gin notes. Makes a damn near ideal martini.

• United Kingdom, 47% ABV

9

BOODLES

A gin with a true cult following and a conspicuous absence of citrus notes. Juniper, caraway, pine, and angelica dominate the clean, earthy character, subtle notes of sage. Crisp and clean.

• United Kingdom, 45.2% ABV

9

AVIATION

A juniper-forward, but complex flavor profile. A good choice for floral cocktails like an Aviation. Notes of birch, lavender, caraway, cardamom, coriander, orange, and sarsaparilla. Easy, moderate finish.

• Oregon, 42% ABV

8 SPRING 44 MOUNTAIN

Potent heat on the nose which opens up showing some herbal and spice notes, ginger, lemon, verbena, coniferous forest, herbal greenery, makrut lime, soft notes of vetiver, ginger. Unique, complex, great.

• Colorado, 44% ABV

8

TELLURIDE DISTILLING

Very much in the London dry style with hints of seven other rocky mountain botanicals, this light but flavorful spirit is juniper-forward with notes of white pepper, cedar, aniseed, and bergamot.

• Colorado, 40% ABV

8

HARDSHORE ORIGINAL

A unique blend of only five botanicals: juniper, coriander, orris root, rosemary, mint. No fruit in the distillation but strong notes of melon, pineapple, fresh hay, bright herbal freshness. Unique.

• Maine, 46% ABV

9 CITADELLE

From cognac distiller Maison Ferrand, this gin's blend of 19 unique botanicals work harmoniously in gin-dominant cocktails like a Vesper or Martini. Spicy, floral. Bright, aromatic finish. Very good.

• France, 44% ABV

9

BEEFEATER 24

Great in herbal cocktails, the 24 refers to the maceration time for the twelve botanicals which include Japanese green tea, almond, licorice, grapefruit. Lengthy, dry, grassy finish with some astringency.

• United Kingdom, 45% ABV

9

ELENA GIN

World renowned Vietti winery makes this classic London dry gin with a hint of citrus and notes of Piedmont terroir. Coriander, elderflower, angelica root, mint, chamomile, subtle cinnamon.

• Italy, 42% ABV

10 TANQUERAY NO. 10

The most-awarded gin in the world. A citrus-forward take on classic style gins. Clean juniper is complemented by red and white grapefruit, jasmine, angelica, vanilla, chamomile, licorice. A perfect gin.

• United Kingdom, 47% ABV

10

OXLEY

Cold distilled below the freezing point of water to avoid cooking the botanicals results in a clean, nuanced, and classic profile with hints of grains of paradise, vanilla, citrus, and nutmeg. Immaculate.

• United Kingdom, 47% ABV

10

— LEGALLY-DEFINED STYLES —

These gins are unique enough to have a legal definition separate from other gins, called a Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) (or at least they once did). While Mahón still retains its PGI, Plymouth voluntarily gave up its PGI in 2015. Most gin references still list Plymouth as its own, legally defined style so we've broken it out here as well.

PLYMOUTH

One of the oldest gins still in production today and the go-to gin of the British Royal Navy, it was a legally defined style for hundreds of years and its profile is distinctly different than that of a typical London Dry. Earthy with notes of cardamom, angelica, and lemon zest. Works great in classic gin cocktails.

• United Kingdom, 43% ABV

9

XORIGUER MAHÓN

Grape-based gin with a legal PGI within the EU. The only botanical present is juniper which is dry aged in open rooms exposed to the sea air for 2 years. The terroir of the grapes contributes nuances in flavor. Produced in copper stills set over a wood burning fire. A quality gin with a classic profile.

• Spain, 38% ABV

9

CONTEMPORARY GIN

Contemporary gins are those gins which—starting haltingly with a few early examples in the late 90s and gradually becoming a cascade of new gins in the last ten years—redefined the centuries-old characterization of what gin should taste like, namely, like juniper and pretty much nothing else. These gins still have the juniper flavor present but they push the boundaries of what gin can be by letting other botanicals take center stage. This is a stylistic category, not a legal one, and styles can be predominantly citrusy, floral, spice-forward, and botanical or herbaceous.

— CITRUSY & FRUIT-FORWARD GINS —

These gins amplify the citrus notes present in most gins. They work great in gin sours like a Tom Collins, Gimlet, or Last Word.

KYRÖ PINK GIN

8
Rye-based gin infused with lingonberries, wild foraged strawberries, and rhubarb. The sweetness of the fruit balances well with herbaceous, spicy notes of the rye base and other botanicals. Great G&T.

• Finland, 40% ABV

GRAY WHALE GIN

9
An expression of California terroir, with known botanicals including sea kelp and redwood. Herbaceous but balanced; mint, earthy nuttiness, evergreen, Persian lime, juniper. 1% profits donated to eco causes.

• California, 43% ABV

ROKU

Made by famed Japanese whisky maker Suntory, this complex spirit sips almost more like an amaro than a gin. Green tea, cherry blossom, yuzu / Asian citrus, Japanese pepper, bergamot, wormwood.

• Japan, 47% ABV

UNCLE VAL'S BOTANICAL

9
Exceptional compound gin inspired by flavors of the Italian countryside. Unique filtration through lava rock. Works great in citrusy cocktails. Lavender, cucumber, citrus, sage. Bright, vivid aroma / palate.

• California, 45% ABV

ST. GEORGE VALLEY

8
An ode to the beautiful and bountiful citrus groves of California's central valley. Orange blossom, citrus peel, bergamot, grapefruit, balanced with bright juniper, pepper, and cucumber.

• California, 45% ABV

LIGHTHOUSE GIN

9
A unique, inspired gin by New Zealand's first female head distiller. Made with nine botanicals including Yen Ben lemons. Low-juniper profile dominated by bright, clean citrus, coriander, licorice, cassia.

• New Zealand, 40% ABV

— FLORAL GINS —

These gins can really make the floral character pop in cocktails that already call for a floral component, like the Aviation, and they also give a floral kick to classics without a flowery profile.

WOODY CREEK MARY'S SELECT

9
Seventeen botanicals including angelica, lavender, elderflower, lemongrass, lime, orange, and yuzu. Tastes like drinking in a warm mountain meadow. The perfect gin for a summer gimlet or G&T. Delish.

• Colorado, 42% ABV

EMPEROR 1908

9
A study in terroir of British Columbia and one of the first "blue gins" on the market. Black tea, butterfly pea flower, cinnamon, coriander, ginger, grapefruit, rose. Color changes when acid is added.

• Canada, 42.5% ABV

HENDRICK'S

9
Though often thought of as a classic London dry, a post-distillation infusion of cucumber and rose makes Hendrick's unique. Sweet orange, elderflower, lime zest, angelica. A contemporary classic.

• Scotland, 47% ABV

— HERBACEOUS & SPICE-FORWARD GINS —

Herbal gins—also called alpine gins or botanical gins—probably make up the largest subsection of this category. Piggybacking off the herbaceous notes provided by juniper, they take things a step further with verdant botanicals like herbs, grasses, barks, roots, tea, etc. These gins are often trying to embody the local terroir, a sense of place with a more specific story than that of other gins.

When we talk about "spiciness" with gins, we're typically not talking about the type of spice one associates with hot peppers. Instead, we are referring to actual spices that may dominate the profile, things like coriander, curry, cinnamon, anise, and cardamom.

CASTLE & KEY ROOTS OF RUIN

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When whiskey distillers produce gin, the result is often unique. A high-proof neural base of corn, barley, and rye gives structure for flavors of chamomile, ginger, linalool, rosemary, baking spice.

• Kentucky, 53% ABV

SPRIT HOUND

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A Colorado gin developing a cult following around the nation, Spirit Hound was one of the first spice-forward gins on the market. Earthy with fennel, anise, cassia, clove.

• Colorado, 42% ABV

OPIHR LONDON DRY

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Although technically a London Dry, this gin has little of the classic flavor profile that name usually suggests. Heavy coriander, cardamom, cubeb pepper, ginger. A truly unique gin.

• United Kingdom, 42.5% ABV

AMASS DRY

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29 different botanicals including reishi and lion's mane mushrooms give this botanical gin a rich umami character while maintaining a vibrant freshness. Bay leaf, cardamom, citrus, pepper.

• California, 45% ABV

AQVA DI GIN SPICED

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A unique process involving separate water and alcohol distillations—similar to perfume production—gives this gin arresting spicy intensity. Pink peppercorn, galangal, tonka bean, cloves, cardamom.

• Italy, 40% ABV

THE BOTANIST

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Made by Bruichladdich, makers of Octomore, the world's peatiest Scotch. An exploration of Hebridean flora. Birch, bog myrtle, gorse flowers, heather, mugwort, tansy, thistle.

• Scotland, 46% ABV

APPLEWOOD

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Native Outback botanicals found nowhere else on earth give this gin a phenomenal one-of-a-kind flavor. Notes of finger lime, eucalyptus, nutty wattle seed, camphor, lavender. Subtle juniper.

• Australia, 43% ABV

ST. GEORGE BOTANIVORE

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Like all St. George spirits, this gin is incredible. Lightly oily and rich character. Cinnamon, spicy ginger, pepper, Aquavit-like caraway; the finish is cool, spicy, mentholic, licorice.

• California, 45% ABV

MONKEY 47

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Famous for its almost excessive use of 47 unique botanicals, with a molasses base, this gin is unlike any other. Dog rose, acacia, almond, marshmallow, hawthorn, honeysuckle, lingonberry.

• Germany, 47% ABV

GENEVER, OLD TOM GIN, BARREL AGED GIN, & AQUAVIT

For the majority of people, the idea of what "gin" is brings up thoughts of a spirit that is clear, extremely dry, and flavored like pine tree extract. They are thinking of the London Dry style of gin, and people either love it or hate it. Though this style dominates popular culture and global sales, it is not the first or last word on what gin can be. The world of spirits distilled with juniper is an expansive one; here are a few styles worth trying, even if you don't love London Dry. Our aquavit selection is found here as well.

— GENEVER —

Genever (or Jenever or Holland's Gin) is the juniper-flavored national and traditional liquor of the Netherlands and Belgium, from which gin evolved. Unlike gin, which is made from a neutral spirit base, genever uses a malted grain base, and therefore resembles whiskey more than gin in its production—with the notable exception of a strong dose of juniper.

There are three kinds of genever, jonge (young), oude (old), and corenwijn (corn wine). The terms have nothing to do with the age of the spirit or the grain used, but rather the level of malt wine contained in the final product. Malt wine is the name the genever industry gives to distilled spirit made from malted grain. Jonge contains up to 15% malt wine, with the remaining volume made up of neutral alcohol. This is the closest relative of modern London Dry gin. Oude genever contains between 15% to 50% malt wine. This is the more classic version of the spirit. Corenwijn is the richest and maltiest of the three, with between 50% and 100% malt wine.

BOLS ORIGINAL (JONGE)

Modern Bols is based on the original recipe from 1820. It has a malty and full bodied flavor akin to a whiskey but with a strong note of juniper. 21 other botanicals offer richness and add complexity.

• Netherlands, 44% ABV

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BARREL-AGED BOLS (JONGE)

Aged for 18 months in French Limousin oak casks, this genever has a rich and rounded malty flavor with obvious tones of oak. It has a fruity, complex finish, a mild, pleasing burn with a bit of juniper.

• Netherlands, 42% ABV

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BOLS 100% MALT SPIRIT (CORENWIJN)

No longer distributed, one of the last bottles still available in the USA. A mash of corn, rye, wheat, and juniper berries. The truest expression of genever as it was first produced nearly 4 centuries ago.

• Netherlands, 47% ABV

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— OLD TOM GIN —

Old Tom Gin is something like the gastronomical "bridge" between Genever and modern gin. Like genever it can be (but doesn't have to be) barrel aged. And it can be (but doesn't have to be) sweetened post distillation, which gives it a similar character to the malty-sweet flavor of genever in some respects. They are usually sweetened with sugar, but other agents, like honey, are commonly used as well. Old Tom Gin was the most popular style of gin in 18th century England, the addition of sugar was originally aimed at covering up flaws in the gin due to sub-par distillation techniques but modern Old Tom gins are of the same quality as their drier cousins.

HAYMAN'S OLD TOM

A classic, un-aged Old Tom. In 2007, it was reintroduced using the original recipe from 1837. Botanically intensive, lightly sweetened with notes of almond, coriander, candied citrus. Soft, complex.

• England, 40% ABV

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SPRING 44 OLD TOM

Subtly sweetened and aged in new American Oak. A complex array of botanicals present on the nose and palate, including lemongrass, coriander, oak, galangal, baking spices, and vanilla.

• Colorado, 44% ABV

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BARR HILL

A unique gin that uses only juniper in the distillation and relies on the addition of local raw honey to add floral notes and other complexity. As expected, wild flowers, juniper, candied honey dominate.

• Vermont, 45% ABV

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— BARREL AGED GIN —

There is quite a bit of confusion regarding the difference between barrel-aged gin and Old Tom gin. Although many Old Tom gins are barrel aged, they also usually have added sugar. The gins in this category have no sugar added after distillation. The time in oak lends a subtle softness and nuttiness not found in unaged gins.

ABSAROKA DOUBLE CASK

Distilled from Wyoming-grown grain by Jackson Hole Still Works. The gin spends time in both new and used oak casks. Botanical bomb. Burnt orange peel, cinnamon, nutmeg, toffee, vanilla.

• Wyoming, 49% ABV

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THE BOTANIST ISLAY CASK RESTED

Made by Bruichladdich, the iconic Islay distillery best known for distilling the peatiest scotches in the world. This lightly-aged gin with 22 botanicals is an excellent example of the form.

• Scotland, 46% ABV

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FEW BARREL AGED

Subtle notes of fennel & peppery spices, while a smoky smoothness from the charred barrel permeates the juniper, it tastes like gin, but has the maturity of a bourbon. Interesting malt character.

• Illinois, 46.5% ABV

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— AQUAVIT & BOTANICAL SPIRITS —

Sometimes called the "gin" of Scandinavia, this traditional spirit is made primarily from the botanicals dill, caraway, and fennel. The word "aquavit" is derived from the Latin aqua vitae, meaning "water of life", and its crisp, rejuvenating profile is well worth a try.

LINIE MATURED AT SEA

Potato-based aquavit that is a journey into Norwegian flora. Spends sixteen months in ex-sherry casks, four of them at sea. Dill dominates, licorice, caraway, rye bread, nuttiness from the sherry.

• Norway, 41.5% ABV

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BRENNIVIN

Unlike most aquavit that use a range of different botanicals, Brennivin (Iceland's official spirit) is distilled with just one, caraway. Despite this, it has a wonderful complexity—and a cult-like following.

• Iceland, 40% ABV

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EMPIRICAL CILANTRO

If you are without the genetic mutation that prevents cilantro from tasting like soap, steer clear, for the rest of us freaks, this is great stuff. Cilantro (duh), lime, tomatillo. Great in Margs or Bloodyds.

• New York, 38% ABV

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* bar staff member favorite.

ABSINTHE

One of the most misunderstood spirits, true absinthe, with wormwood, has been legal in the United States since 2007. Although there is no official definition for what makes absinthe, absinthe, some historical norms do exist. Generally, absinthe is a high-proof distilled spirit that has three primary botanicals present in the distillation: green anise or aniseed, fennel, and grand wormwood. Besides these three, most absinthes typically have 12-20 other botanicals present as well, so flavors between brands can vary greatly.

During distillation, the grand wormwood releases a chemical called thujone. This natural chemical is also found (in much lower concentrations) in common plants such as rosemary, juniper, oregano, and sage. Though not a hallucinogenic like many believe, thujone is a different type of neurotoxin than ethanol, so absinthe can give you a different buzz than other types of alcohol. And it likely will give you a buzz, distillations range from 110 Proof (55% ABV) to 160 Proof (80% ABV), so a single shot of absinthe can have the equivalent alcoholic potency of two, 80 Proof shots of bourbon.

The dominant notes in nearly all absinthes will be anise (licorice), fennel (sweet, earthy), and wormwood (bitter, herbaceous) with the other botanicals present contributing to the flavor in subtle ways. We serve absinthe traditionally, with water and sugar.

Other spirits with a strong-anise-based character are listed here as well. Sweeter, anise-based liqueurs are listed on page 30.

— VERT (GREEN) ABSINTHE —

All absinthe is distilled at least twice. Verte absinthe has an added infusion step after the distillations. This steeping of botanicals without a subsequent distillation is what gives verte absinthe its characteristic yellowish-green hue.

PERNOD	11	GOLDEN MOON REDUX	12	LEOPOLD BROS.	12
<i>The "original" absinthe, H. Louis Pernod founded the first absinthe distillery in 1797. Until its ban, it represented the de facto standard of quality absinthe. Sweet licorice, hint of citrus. Finishes medium with a distinct note of wild nettles.</i>		<i>Another incredible absinthe with worldwide renown distilled in Colorado. Fairly traditional example of the form. The sweetness of the star anise is balanced with bitter mint from the wormwood. A nice finish with palate cleansing citrus.</i>		<i>This absinthe is macerated in a base of Chilean Pisco. Naturally colored with an infusion of lemon balm and hyssop. A favorite of absinthe newbies and considered by experts to be one of the best in the world. Floral, citrus, spice.</i>	
• France, 68% ABV		• Colorado, 65% ABV		• Colorado, 68% ABV	
ST. GEORGE	13	JADE 1901	21	JADE NOUVELLE ORLEANS	21
<i>The first absinthe to be distilled legally in the US after the ban was lifted. Unique yellow color more than green. It opens with spicy black licorice and then slowly evolves into citrus and grass profiles with a dose of sarsaparilla and gentian.</i>		<i>Reverse engineered using spectral analysis from an unopened bottle of pre-ban absinthe. Considered the gold standard in the world today for authentic pre-ban flavor. Balanced, crisp, herbal aroma. Smooth, lingering finish.</i>		<i>Dominant anise and fennel notes, accompanied by rounded flavors of spice and a fine wormwood aroma sitting discreetly in the background give this a vintage yet slightly avant garde palate. Floral palate and a lingering finish.</i>	
• California, 60% ABV		• France, 68% ABV		• France, 68% ABV	

— BLANCHE (WHITE) ABSINTHE —

Blanche absinthe is balanced and delicious. It is a favorite of both those trying absinthe for the first time and of the most experienced absintheurs: where absinthe drinkers tend to settle in the end, after having explored green absinthe. Blanche absinthe lacks the final infusion step of green absinthe, leaving it clear, colorless, and generally less herbaceous.

COMBIER BLANCHETTE	11	CORSAIR RED SUPERIEURE	13	LA CLANDESTINE	14
<i>This Swiss-style, grape-based absinthe has been produced since 1899. Though there is no added sugar, it is quite sweet, consider forgoing the added sugar cube. Anise and wormwood give way to hyssop, fennel, and citrus. Really incredible pour.</i>		<i>This spirit starts as an intricate white absinthe with a post distillation infusion of hibiscus for complexity and color. Lighter anise and louche than most. Floral and citrus notes, with hyssop, tarragon, wormwood. Non-traditional.</i>		<i>Awarded gold medals several times in international competitions, Clandestine is distilled according to a recipe from 1935. A favorite with first time imbibers. Anise dominates but still balanced. Clean mint, lemon balm. Complex and smooth.</i>	
• France, 60% ABV		• Tennessee, 56% ABV		• Switzerland, 53% ABV	

— OTHER ANISE-BASED SPIRITS —

Green anise is one of the oldest known spices in the world. And most cultures, especially those located around the Mediterranean, have an anise-based spirit or liqueur that they are known for. This section has anise spirits that are very lightly post-sweetened. Sweeter anise liqueurs can be found on page 30.

HERBSAINT LIQUEUR D'ANIS	8	RICARD PASTIS DE MARSEILLE	9	ARAK LE BRUN RESERVE	10
<i>Anise-flavored, wormwood-free, very dry liqueur created as an absinthe substitute in New Orleans in 1934. "Herbsaint" is a near-anagram of "absinthe". Bright and floral, licorice, raw grain. Smooth finish.</i>		<i>Created in 1932, 17 years after the French ban on absinthe, as a lower proof alternative option that substitutes licorice root for once-banned wormwood. Anise, herbs de Provence, fennel, licorice. Smooth.</i>		<i>Arak is a mid-eastern spirit typically composed of just two ingredients: grape spirit and aniseed. This one is aged for five years in clay jars to mellow it out. Bright, herbaceous, licorice/anise flavor.</i>	
• Louisiana, 45% ABV		• France, 45% ABV		• Lebanon, 53% ABV	

Note: absinthe is a high-proof spirit intended to be sipped, not slammed.

At Social, we only sell 1.5 oz pours of absinthe. We will not sell double pours (3 oz) of this spirit.

Most items listed in this spirit guide are priced as "shot" pours (1.5 fluid oz). See page 1 for full pricing info.

TEQUILA

Tequila may not be the answer, but it's worth a shot! This nectar of the Gods, this perfect expression of terroir, this beautiful, shining jewel comes to us courtesy of the humble blue agave plant. Once stripped of its spines, the piña—or heart—of the agave is roasted, crushed, fermented, and then distilled into the world's best spirit. Social only carries tequila made from 100% agave. On this page and the next, we break out our tequila selection by the time it spends in oak: silver, reposado, añejo, and extra añejo.

For the silver and reposado tequilas from Jalisco, we've indicated whether the juice is sourced from highland agaves or lowland agaves. Highland tequilas tend to be fruitier while those from the lowlands tend to be earthier and more vegetal. For tequilas aged longer than reposados, these subtle distinctions are typically covered up by the flavors imparted by the oak.

Just as a whiskey distillery can produce multiple brands under one roof, tequila distilleries often produce more than one brand as well. However, unlike whiskey distilleries where all the brands are owned in-house, tequila distilleries will often produce juice for multiple brands that have no common ownership. Tequila distilleries track their products with the Norma Oficial Mexicana number, or NOM. The NOM tells you what distillery produced your tequila. We have indicated each brand's NOM after the ABV.

Mexico's tequila regulator, the CRT, allows tequila producers to legally "mellow" tequila with limited amounts (up to 1% of volume) of specific ingredients, without disclosing them on labels. These ingredients can include caramel color, vanilla extract, oak extract (to mimic barrel aging) glycerin (to increase viscosity and mouthfeel), and sugar syrup. They are highly concentrated—three drops of each is enough for a mediocre blanco to mimic the profile of a dram that has spent 5 years in oak. As Americans, we are used to an enormous amount of transparency and quality when it comes to the spirits we consume. As a result, "additive-free" tequila has become the new ideal; "100% agave" is no longer sufficient for discerning tequila imbibers who prefer the naturally occurring flavors of roasted agave, citrus, pepper, and cinnamon, to the vanilla sugar and birthday cake flavors of additive-laden tequilas.

The past five years have seen a surge in consumer interest for "additive-free" tequilas, with independent verifiers and media projects attempting to document brands made without these mellowing agents. Everything was going great until several large tequila brands that rely heavily on additives to make their low-quality tequila taste better (Don Julio, Casamigos, Clase Azul, Espolón, Jose Cuervo) started to see the movement affect their bottom line and pressured the CRT to take action. In late 2024, the CRT sent letters warning brands to stop using "additive-free" language on labels and marketing, even extending responsibility to claims made on third-party websites, in some cases halting exports for brands they deemed in violation. As a result, independent verifiers have removed the "additive-free" language from their websites to prevent retaliation by the CRT against the very brands they were trying to promote.

At Social, we have been interested in additive-free tequilas for some time, and we've gradually expanded our selection. Due to the corrupt actions of the Mexican CRT, there are no longer published records of additive-free brands, but we are confident nonetheless in our assertions below about which brands are additive-free (AF) and those that contain additives (CA).

— BLANCO —

Blanco (or silver) tequila is not aged in oak, and is the truest expression of the form. Flavors of roasted agave generally dominate the palate but the local terroir dramatically affects the flavor as well—contributing citric, herbaceous, and/or mineral notes.

ESPOLÓN <i>A great value for the money. Decent quality highland mixing or shooting tequila. Sweet agave, vegetal/herbal notes, white pepper, light citrus, earthy minerality, hint of lactose.</i> • Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1440, (CA)	8	SUERTE STILL STRENGTH <i>Owned by a Boulder duo, Suerte is as local as you can get for a product that has to be made in Mexico. The highland, high-proof blanco is full of citrus, minerality, sea salt, roasted agave.</i> • Jalisco, 52% ABV, NOM 1530, (AF)	9	G4 <i>Highland tequila from 4th generation (G4) distiller Felipe Camarena. Our bar manager's favorite tequila. Full of freshly roasted agave flavor and nice minerality. Complex and rich. Perfect.</i> • Jalisco, 54% ABV, NOM 1579, (AF)	9
LALO <i>Named for Edward Lalo Gonzales, son of Don Julio as the first commercial release of the family's private selection. Additive free, minimalist, super clean and bright. Lots of freshly roasted agave.</i> • Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1468, (AF)	9	ALMA DEL JAGUAR <i>A great tequila with a mission. Profits are donated to Jaguar conservation in the USA and Mexico. Notes of roasted agave, bell pepper, ripe tropical fruit, with subtle grass and minerality.</i> • Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1414, (AF)	10	LOST EXPLORER <i>Lowland brand started by the former head distiller of Don Julio, who departed after becoming disillusioned with their heavy reliance on additives. Cinnamon, citrus, roasted agave, subtle minerality.</i> • Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1258, (AF)	10
ARTENOM SELECCIÓN DE 1123 <i>Lowland tequila produced by the Rosales family. Barrel conditioned for less than a month in ex-brandy casks that previously aged Oaxacan mezcal. Earthy aromas & flavor. Pineapple, butter, sweet potato.</i> • Jalisco, 43% ABV, NOM 1123, (AF)	11	WILD COMMON SILVER STILL STRENGTH <i>The "Pappy" of tequila. This sought-after dram is getting harder and harder to find. Many experts consider it the best in the world. Wet slate, ripe fruit, floral notes, roasted agave. Lowland. Rich, creamy.</i> • Jalisco, 50% ABV, NOM 1123, (AF)	12	VOLANS STILL STRENGTH <i>Highland, tahona wheel crushed, copper-pot distilled, and full of fantastic flavor thanks to the higher proof. Star anise, bell pepper, roasted agave, peaches, soft cheese. Incredible, unique pour.</i> • Jalisco, 53% ABV, NOM 1579, (AF)	12
DON FULANO FUERTE <i>Highland, additive-free tequila with a super clean character. Unusual higher-proof offering. Cinnamon, black pepper, baking spices, lemon grass, and black licorice. Warm, lasting finish. Excellent.</i> • Jalisco, 50% ABV, NOM 1146, (AF)	13	FORTALEZA <i>Lowland tequila made using a 100% traditional processes: tahona wheel, open air wild yeast fermentation, etc. Earthy, vegetal. Olive oil, cooked agave, unctuous, thick, lovely. One of the best.</i> • Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1493, (AF)	14	2018 FUENTESECA COSECHA <i>One of the most highly-rated blancos in the world and the only one on our list not from Jalisco. Bursting with freshly-roasted agave, cinnamon, olives and a funky, earthy minerality. Sublime.</i> • Michoacán, 44.8% ABV, NOM 1146, (AF)	19

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AGED TEQUILA

Interestingly, the practice of aging tequila didn't really start until the 1970s, when tequila manufacturers started to mimic the success of whiskey distillers in the US who were experimenting with longer resting times in oak for their white dog spirit, and then releasing the rested juice with an age statement and at a premium price. Although many tequila connoisseurs prefer the vibrant roasted agave, vegetal, black pepper, and cinnamon notes imparted by younger tequilas, there is no denying that more time in barrels gives tequila a fascinating and delicious profile all its own.

— REPOSADO —

Reposado tequila conforms to all the standards required of blanco tequila but is also aged for a short time (between 2 months and 1 year) in oak barrels. These can be virgin oak, charred oak, and/or ex-bourbon, wine, or brandy barrels.

ALIDA REPOSADO 8

Traditional process including lowland estate-grown agave, brick oven roasting, and open-air fermentation makes for a great value bursting with sweet, freshly roasted agave, orange zest, and vanilla.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1438, (AF)

TRES GENERACIONES REPOSADO 9

Spicy and complex lowland tequila made in a unique way by not cooking the agave and instead directly fermenting freshly pressed agave nectar. White and black pepper, oak, fresh agave. Herbaceous.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1102, (AF)

DON FULANO REPOSADO

13

Highland, family owned, including the agave used (a rare feat, these days), aged for 11 months in French Limousin oak. Unusually sweet for being additive-free. Vanilla, banana, slate, oak, white pepper.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1146, (AF)

SUERTE REPOSADO

9

Colorado-owned highland brand aged seven months in ex-Jack Daniels barrels. Nose of caramel, vanilla, and subtle oak. Palate of roasted agave, honey, red fruit, butterscotch, some vegetal notes, citrus.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1530, (AF)

ANNIE UP REPOSADO

9

Owned by a Fort Collins' native and distilled in the lowlands of Jalisco. Full of sweet roasted agave, white pepper, vanilla, oak. A valid option as a sweet sipper or vanilla-forward cocktail base.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1438, (CA)

FORTALEZA REPOSADO

18

Lowland tequila made using a tahona wheel, open-air fermentation, and copper pot stills. Flavors of cooked agave, clove, butter, sage, allspice, some minerality, a hint of oak. One of the best in the world.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1493, (AF)

LA GRITONA REPOSADO

9

Highland, only released as a reposado, by female distiller Melly Barajas. It's blown up on social media in the past two years and has become harder to find. Citrus, melon, vegetal, briny minerality.

• Highland, 40% ABV, NOM 1533, (AF)

CASAMIGOS REPOSADO

10

This formerly George Clooney-owned highland brand has bright notes of tropical fruit, agave, clean oak, with a heavy dose of vanilla. Some will find it overly sweet but it's a favorite of many.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1609, (CA)

CLASE AZUL REPOSADO

22

Highland tequila with a sweet, cotton candy character. Caramel/vanilla bomb; very little agave presence. A great option for people who want to waste money on tequila but don't like the flavor of tequila.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1595, (CA)

— AÑEJO & EXTRA AÑEJO —

Añejo tequilas are aged for more than one year but less than three years in oak casks. The longer period in contact with oak imparts many of the same flavors you would expect to find in whiskey production, including vanilla, caramel, and toffee, but the best añejo tequilas still maintain dramatic notes of terroir and freshly roasted agave.

Extra añejo tequilas are aged for more than three years, with some age statements even moving into the double digits. With this much time in contact with wood, much of the terroir and agave character is lost, but the spirit that results is no less incredible. These very old tequilas transform into something completely new, and completely delicious.

CASA NOBLE AÑEJO

11

Lowland tequila uniquely aged two years in new French Limousin oak barrels. Organic. Herbal agave notes still present despite its age. Oak, vanilla, nutmeg, flan butterscotch. Medium finish. Great value.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1437, (AF)

DULCE VIDA LONE STAR AÑEJO

21

At 100 proof, this highland tequila is 20% more potent than most, making it drier and spicier than most. Aged in Garrison Bros. bourbon barrels. Dried fruit, roasted nuts, black pepper.

• Jalisco, 50% ABV, NOM 1443, (AF)

EL TESORO EXTRA AÑEJO

29

A special blend that honors master distiller Carlos Camarena's father, Don Felipe. Although it spends over five years in oak it's remarkably agave-forward. Caramel, brown sugar, mint cinnamon.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1139, (AF)

PATRÓN CRISTALINO AÑEJO

11

Aged in four different cask types for up to 15 months and then filtered through charcoal to remove all color. A complex dram that retains both the brightness of a silver and smooth complexity of an añejo.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1492, (AF)

DON JULIO 1942 AÑEJO

23

This highland tequila with two and a half years in oak is probably the most popular one we carry. Rich, caramelly with strong notes of vanilla and roasted agave. A lovely after-dinner sipper.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1449, (CA)

123 DIABLITO EXTRA AÑEJO

38

Limited release of only 2,500 bottles per year. One of the most highly-rated extra añejos in the world. Organic. Vanilla, caramel, oak, cooked agave, cinnamon, fruit. Long finish. Lovely.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1480, (AF)

ARTENOM SELECCIÓN DE 1146 AÑEJO

15

Aged for nearly three years in American rye whiskey barrels and Cab Franc barrels, this one is truly unique. Baking spice, vanilla, butterscotch, caramelized plum, dark chocolate, spearmint, pepper.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1146, (AF)

DULCE VIDA EXTRA AÑEJO

24

Aged 5 years in ex-cabernet sauvignon and merlot barrels gives a lovely amber-saffron color. Organic. Dark chocolate, chili, cinnamon, cedar, caramel. Long, smooth, lingering finish. A superb dram.

• Jalisco, 50% ABV, NOM 1443, (AF)

GRAN PATRÓN BURDEOS AÑEJO

62

Aged in American oak and then finished in Bordeaux wine barrels, this is a whiskey- or cognac-drinker's tequila. Vanilla, almond, raisins, baking spices, some almond and peach. Rich. Awesome.

• Jalisco, 40% ABV, NOM 1492, (AF)

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MEZCAL

Mezcal is both a broad category of spirits and a narrow, legally defined product. Broadly, mezcal is classified as any spirit distilled in Mexico from the heart (piña) of any species of agave. Therefore, all tequila is mezcal. But in addition to being an all-encompassing agave distillation category, it is also a legally defined sub-category of itself. To label a bottle "mezcal" the agave distillate must be from either Oaxaca or one of seven other Mexican states. It must be 100% agave, but unlike tequila, it can be produced from any agave, not just Blue Weber. Because of the range of agave plants used, mezcal is the truest expression of Mexican terroir the country makes.

— ESPADÍN —

Espadín is the most commonly used agave in mezcal production with about 74% of mezcal using it. It's dominance is based on three main factors: its relatively short time to maturity (generally 8-12 years), its high sugar content, and its ability to grow in a cultivated environment. Espadín tends to produce mezcal with less earthy/minerality character and more citrus/herbal notes than other agave.

VERÁS JOVEN **8**
Made in Santiago Matatlán, the "World Capital Of Mezcal" using a river rock oven, it has a lighter, more tequila-like profile than most. Fruit-forward and buttery. Honey, pollen, cashews, melon.
• Oaxaca, 40% ABV

LOS NAHUALES REPOSADO **11**
An unusual barrel-aged offering. Aged in a combination of virgin French and American oak barrels. Incredible palate of light vanilla, black pepper, tropical citrus, smoke, maple syrup. Elegant.
• Oaxaca, NOM-O14X, 41.6% ABV

— WILD AGAVE —

Wild agave refers to uncultivated plants that grow haphazardly, usually in rocky hillsides, as opposed to "cultivated" agave that is planted in rows on tilled soil. Many of the agave species represented in this section cannot be farmed because they take too long to reach maturity, sometimes as many as 35 years. These varietals are often smaller than Espadín and cannot be harvested in any sort of industrial process, but must instead be hunted after like the elusive truffle. For these reasons, mezcals derived from wild agave tend to be more expensive, but, for connoisseurs, vastly more interesting than Espadín, and an inimitable expression of terroir. These are rare spirits; as the Mezcaleros say, "Para consumo sacro, todo exceso es profane." (For sacred consumption, all excess is profane.)

DERRUMBES SAN LUIS POTOSÍ **13**
Made from low-yield, wild Salmiana agave. One of the most terroir-intense mezcals we carry. Not smoky. Green pepper, jalapeño, slate and a heavy dose of minerality, milk, queso fresco. Superb.
• San Luis Potosí, NOM-F283D, 44.1% ABV

CONVITE TOBALÁ **17**
One of the most revered of all agave species due to its scarcity and small size, Tobalá has a growing period of up to 30 years. Green mango, leather, fresh green herbs. Oily and flavorful.
• Oaxaca, NOM-O231X, 46% ABV

BANHEZ TOBALÁ **19**
Banhez is a fair-trade co-operative made up of 35+ families in the tiny village of San Miguel Ejutla. The tobala varietal takes 30 years to mature. Green mango, overripe fruit, leather, green herbs, lilac.
• Oaxaca, NOM-O96X, 47% ABV

5 SENTIDOS SIERRA NEGRA **19**
With only two brands using it, Sierra Negra is one of the rarest agave used in Mezcal production. Most batches yield fewer than 200 bottles. Honey, tropical fruits, heavy minerality, crisp and clean.
• Oaxaca, 48.5% ABV

VAGO TEPEZTATE, JOEL BARRIGA **17**
Tepeztate is one of the rarest and most interesting agaves, growing primarily on cliff outcroppings and taking up to 35 years to mature. Notes of sweet and spicy pepper, vegetal, earthy, incredible.
• Oaxaca, NOM-O188X, 51.6% ABV

CLASE AZUL JOVEN **54**
From a brand world-renowned for its tequila, this premium offering is made with wild agave Cenizo that is uniquely milled by hand. A unique flavor profile, bright minerality and light smokiness.
• Durango, NOM-D291G, 40% ABV

— UNIQUE MEZCALS —

These mezcals add something unique to their distillations or simply don't fit neatly into one of our other categories. Worth a try!

VAGO ELOTE, HIJOS DE AQUILINO GARCIA **11**
Classic tahona wheel Espadín distilled with roasted corn. One of our favorite all-time mezcals. High ABV but drinks very smooth. Toasted corn, dry river stones, honeycomb, tropical fruit, smoke.
• Oaxaca, 50.7% ABV, NOM-O188X

GEM & BOLT **13**
This all female-owned brand infuses damiana into the mezcal post-distillation giving this a completely unique profile. Herbaceous, anise, vanilla, lime custard, clove, white pepper. Sweeter finish.
• Oaxaca, NOM-O380X, 44% ABV

HACIENDA DE BAÑUELOS **16**
A great intro mezcal for tequila lovers. Blue agave base and roller mill/auto-clave production offers a strong tequila character with a lovely earthy minerality and smokiness. Ricotta, pepper, pear.
• Zacatecas, NOM-Z73C, 40.4% ABV

BOZAL PECHUGA SACRIFICIO **16**
Unlike most pechuga which use Espadín, Bozal chose the rare Cupreta agave for this expression. No heat, lots of brine and minerality. Clay, pepper, scallions, sweet lemon zest, tropical fruit, and spices.
• Oaxaca, NOM-O472X, 47% ABV

FIDENCIO PECHUGA **17**
Fidencio's flagship Espadín expression is redistilled a third time to make this very approachable pechuga. Sweet, mild smoke taste. Carrot, roasted agave, very subtle chicken flavor, lots of fruit.
• Oaxaca, NOM-O15X, 47.8% ABV

VAGO PECHUGA, JOEL BARRIGA **30**
Extremely limited edition, one of only 500 bottles produced. Organic apples, pineapples, bananas, tejocotes, corn, and chicken breast are added during the second distillation. Complex. Perfect.
• Oaxaca, NOM-O188X, 52.6% ABV

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RHUM AGRICOLE, SILVER & SPICED RUM

Sugarcane distillations are often split into two categories, rhum agricole, which is produced directly from fermented sugarcane juice, and rum, which is produced from the fermented byproduct of the sugar refining process (molasses). Because rum is made in so many countries worldwide, the rules regarding its production vary widely, as does the profile of the final product.

For every class of spirit, from vodka to brandy to whiskey, there is a rum that is comparable. From funky, earthy distillations to bright and citrusy flavors, to rich and caramelly, there is a rum for every palate. Because there aren't as many regulations for rum as other spirits, rum distillers can play around with the spirit all they want, which makes every bottle a unique adventure. Below you'll find our available selection of rhum agricole, cachaça, silver rum, and spiced rum. Aged rums are on the following two pages.

— RHUM AGRICOLE —

Rhum agricole is distilled directly from fermented sugarcane juice—rather than fermented molasses—which imparts more funky, vegetal, and grassy characteristics than a typical rum. It can be made anywhere in the world but the majority originates in the French speaking islands of the Caribbean, especially Martinique, Haiti, and Guadalupe. It is highly terroir driven, and distillations from different islands have very different profiles. Substitute rhum agricole for a unique twist on classic rum drinks.

BARBANCOURT RÉSERVE 8 YR 8

One of the most highly-regarded rums in the world. 8 years in oak offers an oily palate with notes of vanilla bean, coconut, cocoa, and cut grass. Finishes warm, sweet. Somewhat rum-like, rhum.

• Haiti, 43% ABV

CHAUFFE-COEUR BLANC 9

A rich, oily texture complements layers of vanilla bean, unsweetened coconut milk, cocoa bean, honeysuckle, cream soda, and raw sugarcane in this flavorful, award-winning rhum. Funky, interesting.

• Martinique, 54% ABV

CLÉMENT 10 YR GRAND RESERVE 14

A total of 10 years in both virgin and ex-bourbon oak imparts this outstanding rhum with unique flavors of cinnamon, vanilla, dried fruits, almond, toffee, and burnt citrus. Pinnacle of quality.

• Martinique, 44% ABV

— CACHAÇA —

Cachaça (pronounced caw-SHAW-zaw) is rhum agricole from Brazil. Unlike most spirits that opt for various species of oak for aging, cachaça is often aged in exotic woods from Brazil's rainforests which can impart unique and interesting flavors. Cachaça is the oldest distilled product to be made in the Americas, preceding the emergence of spirits such as pisco, tequila, and rum.

LEBLON 9

A premium cachaça with notes of fresh sugar cane, citrus peel, nutmeg, vanilla, pineapple. The finish lingers, warm, with more grass, dried fruit, spice, white pepper. Excellent choice neat or in a caipirinha.

• Brazil, 40% ABV

NOVO FOGO COLIBRI 9

Organic cachaça aged in Amburana (a type of Brazilian teak) from a respected and sustainable producer in Brazil. Intense flavors of vanilla tapioca, tropical fruit, cinnamon, nutmeg, orchid, brioche.

• Brazil, 42% ABV

LEBLON RESERVA ESPECIAL 12

Aging in a combination of new Limousin oak and ex-XO cognac casks softens this incredible spirit, giving notes of crème brûlée, honey, toffee, pine nuts, marzipan, and oak. Lovely.

• Brazil, 40% ABV

— SILVER RUM —

Silver rum, also called light rum or white rum, can be unaged, or aged and then filtered to remove any residual color. Flavor profiles tend to be more neutral, brighter, and crisper than aged rums. This is the style most classic cocktails call for.

CANE RUN 7

A classic Puerto Rican-style rum. Complex aromas/flavors of zucchini blossom, ripe plantain, allspice, lime cordial, cashew, apricot, copper pot. Medium body and medium-long finish.

• Puerto Rico, 40% ABV

BRUGAL ESPECIAL EXTRA DRY 7

Aged two years and filtered to make it clear. Works great in classic cocktails. Crisp and clean with a nice body, hints of vanilla, brown sugar, and a light citrus character. Fairly dry.

• Dominican Republic, 40% ABV

BACARDI SUPERIOR 7

Light, aromatic rum with floral notes of orange blossom, lavender, rose. Subtle hints of apricot, lime, coconut, ripe banana, and almond. Finishes dry and clean. A solid, somewhat basic option.

• Puerto Rico, 40% ABV

PLANTATION 3 STARS 8

A blend of rums from three countries. Features unaged rums from Barbados and Jamaica, and aged rums from Trinidad and Jamaica. Ripe banana, tropical fruit, vanilla, orange zest.

• West Indies, 41.2% ABV

BANKS 5 ISLAND BLEND 9

21 rums from five islands are combined in this double-gold awarded offering from Banks. Dry and complex, notes of papaya, banana, molasses. Finishes long, warm. A great choice for cocktails.

• West Indies, 43% ABV

WRAY & NEPHEW OVERPROOF 9

A renowned overproof rum with lots of Jamaican funk. Notes of caramelized bananas, molasses, clove, grilled pineapple, hogo, and candied walnuts. Warm and lingering finish. Powerful.

• Jamaica, 63% ABV

— SPICED RUM —

Spiced rum is both the pariah of rum enthusiasts and the joy of casual rum drinkers. This is understandable; the big, spice-enhanced flavors can overpower the natural characteristics of good rum. But, at the same time, those bold notes enliven simple highballs.

CHAIRMAN'S RESERVE 7

This is the real thing, nothing artificial: good rum, great spice recipe, and a fine aging protocol results in a delicious mélange. Great in cocktails and sipping neat. Apricot, cloves, cinnamon, orange.

• Saint Lucia, 40% ABV

CAPTAIN MORGAN 7

Not recommended as a sipping rum but a go-to for many in mixed drinks. Cinnamon, clove, allspice. Very sweet. Rich in imitation vanilla, and other artificial additives. Thin mouthfeel.

• Puerto Rico, 35% ABV

ORIGINAL KRAKEN BLACK 8

A dark, rich, navy-style rum. Palate is thick with molasses and offers notes of vanilla, toffee, lime, charred oak, nutmeg and cinnamon. Finishes long and spicy. Great spiced rum and Coke.

• West Indies, 47% ABV

AGED RUM

In the early days of our country's history, rum was one of the most commonly distilled spirits with nearly 200 different distilleries operating along the Atlantic seaboard. Following the revolutionary war, British-controlled molasses shipments declined and as a result, so did the prominence and quality of rum available in the US. This decline continued until it's absolute low point, the bathtub distillations of prohibition. After prohibition ended, the funky, rich flavors of aged rums weren't as popular and the spirit Americans knew as "rum" became a nearly tasteless, vodka-like beverage. Only in the past ten to fifteen years have we seen a real resurgence of bold rums, fueled by the availability of incredible imports and by consumers eager for more flavorful options.

Here we break down our aged rum selection by general flavor profile. The rums on this page are lightly aged and unfiltered and/or exhibit a classic caramelly, aged rum profile. Our spicier, funkier aged rum options are on the following page.

— LIGHT & BRIGHT —

These rums are lightly aged to showcase both the flavor of fresh cane and the subtle notes of vanilla, caramel, and brown sugar that develop with time in wood. Although they are all high quality rums and can certainly be enjoyed neat, subbing them in for silver rums in classic cocktails will add complexity to those drinks.

FLOR DE CAÑA 7 YR

An excellent aged rum for cola mixing. Punches way above it's 80 proof. Notes of oak and fruit dominate but balance well with charred oak, vanilla, dark caramel, and toffee. Medium finish.

• Nicaragua, 40% ABV

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BANKS 7 GOLDEN AGE

A blend of 23 different rums from 7 countries, each aged between 1 and 7 years in ex-bourbon casks, this rum is as complex as they get. Apricot, red apple, leather, banana, fresh ginger.

• West Indies, 40% ABV

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PLANTATION PINEAPPLE

This complex blend of white rum infused with pineapple rinds and dark rum infused with pineapple fruit offers a complex smoky character of roasted pineapple, tropical fruit, and clove.

• Trinidad & Tobago, 40% ABV

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THE SCARLET IBIS GOLD

The perfect young rum, full of flavors of black pepper, briny sea water, caramel, allspice, tobacco, dark honey, and a nice does of alcohol to make this one of the best cocktail rums around.

• Trinidad & Tobago, 49% ABV

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— RICH & CARAMELY —

If you want to drink rum similar to the rum a pirate would drink, this is the category for you. These well-aged rums will all exhibit a strong presence of caramel and brown sugar but they are each unique spirits in their own right, exhibiting distinct, complex flavor profiles that are perfect for sipping. Or add them to a cocktail for a rich, full-bodied profile.

AMRUT OLD PORT DELUXE

Awarded 91 points and the "Excellent, Highly Recommended" designation at the 2014 Ultimate Spirits Challenge. Dry, slightly fruity, dominant notes of tobacco, butterscotch, nutmeg, ginger.

• India, 40% ABV

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RON MATUSALEM ANEJO 15 YR

A classic Cuban profile, complex and dry. Aged in used French oak casks and uses the Solera system to achieve consistency. Nutmeg, allspice, dried flowers, buttery nuts, and tobacco.

• Dominican Republic, 40% ABV

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HAMILTON 86 DEMERARA

One of only 6 rums that a Tiki enthusiast will ever need." burned chocolate, smoky caramel, and dried fruit. allspice, tobacco, dark honey. Complex. No added sugar or any other sweeteners. Finishes light, dry.

• Trinidad & Tobago, 49% ABV

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MOUNT GAY XO EXTRA OLD

From one of the most well-respected distilleries in the Caribbean. A barrel-selected blend of barrels from 8-15 years old. Banana, toasted breakfast pastry, vanilla, warm spice, and oak.

• Barbados, 40% ABV

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KIRK & SWEENEY 18 YR

A classic example of the Dominican style of rum. Sweet without being saccharine, brown sugar and fresh sugarcane dominate. Caramel, oak, nutmeg, raisins, just a hint of sherry.

• Dominican Republic, 40% ABV

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FLOR DE CAÑA 12 YR

Unlike most rums, the age statement here means that all the rum in the bottle is at least 12 years old. Flavors of raisins, mahogany, marzipan, honey, oranges, and a nice alcoholic burn.

• Nicaragua, 40% ABV

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RON ZACAPA 23 CENTENARIO

Won first place in the premium rums category four years in a row at the International Rum Festival. Oak, vanilla, dried fruits, liquorice, vanilla, coffee, smoke and honey.

• Guatemala, 40% ABV

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VIZCAYA VXOP CASK 21

Rich and sweet, a straightforward, rum sipper's delight. Flavors of vanilla, chocolate, apricot, crème brûlée, and toasted oak. Unctuous mouthfeel and medium-long finish.

• Dominican Republic, 40% ABV

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PLANTATION GUATEMALA XO ICE WINE

Extinct rum finished in ice wine casks offers something very different from any other rum. Classic flavors of vanilla and caramel take a back seat to grassy notes and flavors of cognac.

• Guatemala, 41.2% ABV

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EL DORADO 15 YR

Rated the best rum in the world at the International Wine and Spirit Competition four years in a row. Flavors of dark brown sugar, toffee, stewed stone fruits, prunes. Finishes long and thick.

• Guyana, 43% ABV

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PLANTATION XO 20TH ANNIVERSARY

A blend of rums aged 12-20 years. Dry and clean with a definitive oak presence and a touch of coconut to complement classic flavors of cacao nibs, leather, and caramel.

• Barbados, 40% ABV

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PARCE 12 YR

Another rum where the 12 year age statement is 100% accurate. Lush and complex, with a mild sweetness. Faint almond and cherry notes complement flavors of leather and vanilla.

• Columbia, 40% ABV

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AGED RUM

When it comes to regulations concerning its production, rum is like the Wild West, pretty much anything goes. Rules vary from country to country which makes most standards (especially labeling requirements) essentially meaningless and hard to enforce. Most countries do not require any proof of age statements, and if proof is required, the age statement is often misleading. For example, in most countries it is not required (as it is with whiskey production in the US, Canada, Japan, Scotland, and most other whiskey-producing nations) that the age statement reflect the youngest rum in the bottle, instead, a bottle of rum need only contain a small percentage of rum that meets the statement (even a few drops is often enough). In addition, many labels are intentionally misleading, with the number highlighted on the front not reflecting the age but instead showing the number of rums in the blend, or showing an anniversary date, or just being completely arbitrary.

Although these practices may seem deceptive to American's accustomed to accuracy in labeling, it's just part of rum-producing culture. Once you accept that, you can ignore the label and judge the rum for its inherent quality (or lack of it). The reality is that age statements are less useful as an appraisal of a rum's quality than they are in whiskey production. So, at Social, we tend to ignore the age of the rum and instead carefully curate our rum selection with well-known, reputable producers that make outstanding products with incredible flavor. On this page you will find our most interesting and flavorful aged rums.

— COMPLEX & SPICY —

We could have called this category simply, "Foursquare", but we have high hopes that other brands will eventually follow in Foursquare's steps to make this style of spicy, zesty, very complex rum. Often called the Pappy Van Winkle of rum, all of Foursquare's rums are exceptional and most are limited release, single offerings, never to be reproduced. As a result they are hard to find and highly sought after by rum enthusiasts. Each of these bottles is already extinct; once gone, they can never be experienced again.

FOURSQUARE MARK XI SAGACITY

The 11th release in the Exceptional Cask Selections series. A blend of two single blended rums. Zesty palate, ripe with ripe banana, vanilla, grapefruit rind, stewed berries, ginger, and oak.

• Barbados, 48% ABV

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FOURSQUARE CRITERION 10 YR

Maturation in ex-bourbon and ex-madeira casks give this extinct rum a bold, spicy flavor profile with notes of cigar leaf, tanned leather, toffee, dark stone fruit, and dark chocolate.

• Barbados, 56% ABV

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FOURSQUARE 2007 SINGLE BLENDED

This is the 13th installment in Foursquare's Exceptional Cask Selections series. Aged for 12 years in ex-bourbon barrels. Buttery, with dark berries, praline, vanilla, spice, black pepper.

• Barbados, 60% ABV

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— BOLD & FUNKY —

Jamaican rum is considered by many rum drinkers to be the highest-quality rum in the world. The four distilleries on the island all operate within the strict standards established by the Jamaican government. Sugar and caramel coloring are usually not added to the final product, only wild yeast is used in the fermentation process, and only pot stills are used in the distillation. All these factors result in full bodied, extremely flavorful, dry, and "funky" rums. This characteristic funkiness is called "hogo" and is found in rums from many places, but nearly always in those from Jamaica. It is a taste not everyone loves but one that everyone should try.

PLANTATION XAYMACA SPECIAL DRY

A nod to the native Arawak name for the island, this is a subtle introduction to the Jamaican style. Finished in ex-cognac barrels. Pineapple, banana, spicy oak, lemon zest, minor hogo.

• Jamaica, 43% ABV

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SMITH & CROSS

One of the most famous Jamaican rums and a paragon of the style which has been in continuous production since 1788. Massive hogo character, banana, exotic fruit, spice, earth.

• Jamaica, 57% ABV

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APPLETON ESTATE 12 YR

A blend of rums aged 12 to 30 years. A nice introduction to Jamaican rum. Zero added sugar gives it a classic taste. Banana, mango, coffee, toffee, smoke. Finishes long and dry.

• Jamaica, 43% ABV

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WORTHY PARK SINGLE ESTATE RESERVE

This blend of rums aged 6-10 years from the 1670 distillery is a nicely balanced example of the form. Chocolate, toffee, black tea, coconut, and an almost malt whiskey-like character.

• Jamaica, 45% ABV

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HAMPDEN ESTATE OVERPROOF

One of the first aged releases from this historic distillery to bear its name, this is truly a rum drinker's rum. In-your-face hogo, alcohol, and flavor. Tons of tobacco, oak, fruit esters, and ginger.

• Jamaica, 60% ABV

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BARBANCOURT 15 YR

This rhum agricole adds to the already funky flavors of rhum agricole with an additional dose of hogo. Vegetal, dry, punchy. Notes of sandalwood and saltwater taffy, leather, burnt sugar.

• Haiti, 43% ABV

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— DARK & OVERPROOF —

The distinction between "aged rum," "dark rum," and "black rum" are essentially meaningless as there are no standards or regulations for any of these terms within the industry. They are in a separate category here because many of our guests ask for them specifically.

"Navy Strength" and "Overproof" usually designates a rum that has an ABV of at least 57% (114 proof) which is the minimum alcohol content required to ignite gunpowder doused in alcohol. There are several overproof rums in the previous sections of this rum list because other factors besides the proof were more dominant in determining classification.

MYERS'S ORIGINAL DARK

Dark, funky, blackstrap-based Jamaican rum with plenty of hogo and character. Makes a great cocktail. Rich coffee, pineapple, overripe mango, banana, nutmeg, cinnamon, toffee, vanilla.

• Jamaica, 40% ABV

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GOSLING'S BLACK SEAL

The quintessential rum for a Dark & Stormy. One of the darkest rums on the market full of heavy molasses flavor and brown sugar as expected but also some nice notes of vanilla, lime, and citrus.

• Bermuda, 40% ABV

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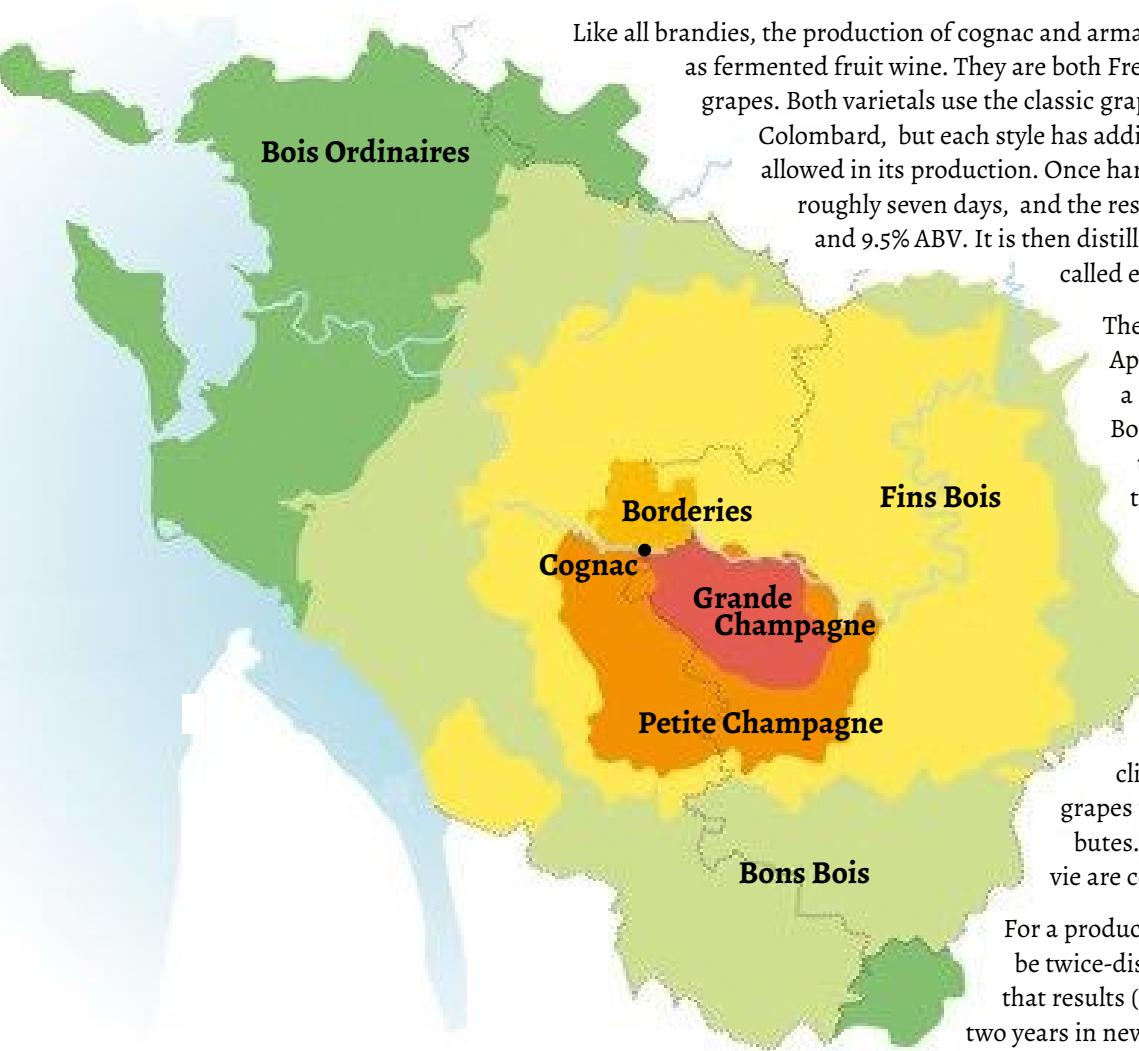
LEMON HART & SON 151 OVERPROOF

A classic high-proof demerara rum called for by name in many of Trader Vic's and Don the Beachcomber's tiki recipes. Raw brown sugar, burnt caramel, tiki spices, baked apples.

• Guyana, 75.5% ABV

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COGNAC



Like all brandies, the production of cognac and armagnac (found on the next page) starts as fermented fruit wine. They are both French brandies made from white wine grapes. Both varietals use the classic grapes of Ugni Blanc, Folle Blanche, and Colombard, but each style has additional, less common grape varietals allowed in its production. Once harvested, the grapes are fermented for roughly seven days, and the resulting wine is typically between 8.5% and 9.5% ABV. It is then distilled twice, producing a colorless spirit called eau-de-vie (French for "water of life").

The spirit must originate in the Cognac Appellation d'origine Contrôlée (AOC), a geographically-defined area north of Bordeaux in western France encircling the town of Cognac. The grapes used to make cognac must come from one of six designated growing areas, or 'cru' located in the region. The six crus of Cognac are: Borderies, Bois Ordinaires, Fins Bois, Bons Bois, Petite Champagne, Grande Champagne. Each of these areas has a specific terroir—soil and climactic conditions—which allow the grapes that grow there to take on unique attributes. By extension, the resulting eaux-de-vie are completely unique to each cru as well.

For a producer to call its brandy "cognac", it must be twice-distilled in copper pot stills, the brandy that results (eau-de-vie) must be aged for at least two years in new, uncharred barrels made of French Limousin or Tronçais oak. Cognac is generally classified

by the time it spends in oak. VS (Very Special) designates eau-de-vie aged two years, VSOP (Very Special Old Pale) is aged four years, Napoleon is aged at least six years, and XO (eXtra Old) is aged at least ten years. Another designation, Hors D'Age is legally the same as XO but in practice usually indicates cognac aged for at least 20 years. Like bourbon and scotch, the age specifies the youngest juice in the bottle. Generally, the average age of a given bottle is much older than what the label indicates. Below is our selection of cognac.

H BY HINE VSOP

Prior to her death, Hine was the sole official cognac supplier to Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II. H is expressive yet discreet, with notes of iris, fresh apricot, acacia and white pepper.
• Grande/Petite Champagne, 42% ABV

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PARK VSOP

Simultaneously one of the most innovative and most traditional cognac houses, Park has over 200,000 barrels aging. Medium bodied, tart cherry, vanilla, baking spices, toasted wood, citrus zest.
• Fins Bois/Grande/Petite, 40% ABV

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TESSERON COMPOSITION VSOP

Tesseron is the smallest cognac producer in France and this VSOP is its first ever release aged less than an XO. One of the best VSOP on the market. White flowers, plum, orchard fruit, chocolate, oak spice.
• Petite Champagne, 40% ABV

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PIERRE FERRAND AMBRE

At a minimum of 10 years in Tronçais oak, this could easily be considered an XO. Lighter than a typical XO and more refined than a typical VSOP. Orange blossom, rose, violet, bright fruit, spice.
• Grande Champagne, 40% ABV

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COURVOISIER VSOP

Napoleon's favorite cognac perfectly bridges the gap between the bright fruitiness of a VS and the darker wood notes of an XO. Peach, apricot, honey, dry oak, almonds, cinnamon, some heat.
• Multi-cru, 40% ABV

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HENNESSY VSOP PRIVILEGE

Hennessy produces 40% of cognac consumed in the world. The VSOP is a blend of over 60 different Ugni Blanc eau-de-vie aged 4-15 years. Notes of apple, apricot, clove, vanilla, honey.
• Borderies/Fins/Petite/Grande, 40% ABV

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RÉMY MARTIN TERCE

The "Tercet" are Remy's wine master, master distiller, and cellar master, to whom the release is an homage. Drinks like a refined XO. Fruity freshness and oak in balance. A bit spicy. Long finish.
• Grande/Petite Champagne, 42% ABV

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MARTEL CORDON BLEU XO

Founded in 1715 and poured at the armistice that ended World War 1. Aged in fine-grained Tronçais oak. Marzipan, cinnamon, prune, candied fruit, chocolate, leather, spice.
• Borderies/Grande/Petite, 40% ABV

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RÉMY MARTIN XO EXCELLENCE

Over 400 eaux-de-vie aged between ten and thirty-seven years blend into a dark mahogany color. Aromas of orange and jasmine, palate of candied orange, cinnamon, hazelnut. Nearly perfect.
• Grande/Petite Champagne, 40% ABV

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HENNESSY PARADIS

Hennessey's most high-end standard expression, made from over 100 eaux-de-vie aged up to 130 years, master blended to perfection. Candied fruit, dried rose, cinnamon, sweet briar, vanilla, honey.
• Multi-cru, 40% ABV

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RÉMY MARTIN LOUIS XIII

Up to 1,200 premier cru eau-de-vie are aged anywhere from 40-100 years and then expertly blended into this fantastic spirit. Violet, honey, jasmine, leather, dates, butterscotch, spice. The ultimate.
• Grande Champagne, 40% ABV

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ARMAGNAC, GRAPE BRANDY, PISCO, & GRAPPA

This page contains our list of armagnac (cognac is on the previous page), pisco, grappa, and otherwise uncategorized grape brandy. All of these styles of brandy start with a base of grape wine (or in the case of grappa, fermented grape must) which is then distilled; brandy made from the wine of fruit besides grapes, called eaux-de-vie and/or fruit brandy, is found on the next page.

— ARMAGNAC —

Like Cognac, the Armagnac region of France is subdivided into three geographically-defined terroirs: Bas, Ténarèze, and Haut. In addition to the grape varietals shared with its cousin, armagnac is commonly made from Baco 22A grapes. Unlike cognac, armagnac is distilled once in a column still, can be aged in French Gascon oak, and doesn't require any aging. It uses the same age classification system as cognac with the exception that VS indicates brandy aged at least one year, and VSOP indicates brandy aged at least six.

DE MONTAL VSOP

Made by a co-op of grape growers surrounding the town of Nogaro, this is the oldest French brandy still in production. A cognac-like armagnac. Floral, citrus, plum, ginger, honey, earth.

• Bas, 40% ABV

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CHÂTEAU DE LAUBADE VSOP

From a distillery best known for its vintage releases of at least 15 years old comes an incredible V.S.O.P., rich with ripe fruits, plum, pastry, vanilla, honey, cocoa, wildflowers, and citrus.

• Bas, 40% ABV

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CHÂTEAU DU TARIQUET VSOP

The only producer using the rare Plante de Graisse grape. A minimum of seven years in wood gives this 100% estate-grown VSOP an incredible amber hue. Prune, baked bread, ginger, vanilla.

• Bas, 40% ABV

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MARIE DUFFAU NAPOLEON

A blend of all four major grapes and aged in Limousin and Gascon oak. Low temp, slow distillation gives a rich, oily texture and flavorful spirit. Brown sugar, baking spice, vanilla, cocoa powder.

• Bas, 40% ABV

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DELORD XO

This 15-year old expression is distilled from all four grape varietals and aged in Limousin and Gascon oak. Bold, brash flavors but light on the palate. Floral, candied orange, beeswax. Rich, lovely.

• Bas, 40% ABV

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MAISON GELAS 50 YR BACO

Weird and wonderful. 100% Baco and minimum of 50 years in Gascon oak. Average age of the bottle is 98 years. Dry oak, marshmallow, dried red fruit, minerals, slate, mushrooms, mocha.

• Bas/Ténarèze, 40% ABV

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— GRAPE BRANDY & PISCO —

We carry only one aged grape brandy that doesn't fit neatly into the categories of cognac, armagnac, or pisco, so we're lumping it in here with a specialty brandy from South America called pisco. Pisco is brandy made in Peru or Chile by distillation of grape wine. The most common grapes used are Quebranta, Moscatel, and Torontel, with several other less common varietals allowed as well.

Peruvian pisco is distilled once in alembic copper pot stills. The use of wood aging is not allowed. In addition, Peruvian pisco must be bottled at distillation strength, dilution with water is not allowed. These regulations result in a rich, terroir-driven, full-flavored profile that is unique to each distiller. Chilean pisco, by contrast, has more variation in flavor profile because the regulations there allow distillers more flexibility in how the pisco is produced. Piscos from Chile can be produced in pot stills or column stills, can be diluted to proof, and can be aged in wood. This results in interesting piscos with quite a bit of flavor variation between producers.

COPPER & KINGS GRAPE BRANDY

This quintessential American brandy is aged in ex-bourbon and virgin oak for up to 15 years. Non-chill filtered and unsweetened. Caramel, vanilla, stone fruit, cotton candy, black pepper.

• Kentucky, 47% ABV

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BAR SOL PURO QUEBRANTA

From one of the most popular distillers in Peru, this expression is distilled from 100% quebranta grapes grown in the Ica Valley. Pear, red apple, fresh grass, puff pastry, almond, cacao, light citrus.

• Peru, 40% ABV

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CARAVEDO ACHOLADO

The acholado style of pisco is where multiple grape varietals are blended into the final product, in this case Quebranta and Torontel. Clean, bright, apple, lemon grass, golden raisin, pepper, banana.

• Peru, ABV Varies (around 43%)

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MISTRAL NOBEL

Produced from a blend of Muscatel and Pedro Jimenez grapes. Aged in virgin American oak for up to 3 years, the only aged pisco we carry. Harmonious notes of citrus, vanilla, chocolate, and wood.

• Chile, 40% ABV

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GOBERNADOR

Made in Chile by Spanish brandy-distilling powerhouse Juan Torres Master Distillers, this pot-distilled pisco has won many international awards. Light, floral, and citrus forward. Pisco Sour perfection.

• Chile, 40% ABV

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— GRAPPA —

Grappa is made by distilling the skins, pulp, seeds, and stems (called "must") left over from wine making after pressing the grapes. Simultaneously earthy, bright, and light, it is an unusual, aromatic, flavorful, yet fairly neutral spirit with great digestif qualities.

NONINO IL DI MERLOT GRAPPA

Single vintage grappa from one of the titans of Italian distilling. An elegant after-meal sipper. Notes of fresh cut alfalfa and clover, rose petals, cherry stones. Dry, complex, full-bodied.

• Italy, 41% ABV

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PEACH STREET VIognier

Distillers in the US can also legally distill grappa and Peach Street's ranks among the best in the world. Earthy, fresh-cut grass, citrus, subtle cacao nibs. Clean, bright finish.

• Colorado, 40% ABV

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JACOPO POLI TORCOLATO

A single-vintage grappa made from grape pomace from the volcanic soils of Veneto. Considered the worldwide gold standard. Flavors of fresh, hot raisin rolls, yeast, honey, sweet spices.

• Italy, 40% ABV

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EAUX-DE-VIE, FRUIT BRANDY, BERRY LIQUEURS, & ANISE LIQUEURS

Traditionally, the terms eau-de-vie (pluralized eaux-de-vie) and fruit brandy can be used interchangeably, however modern usage tends to reserve the term "fruit brandy" for those brandies which have been aged in wood (usually oak) and eau-de-vie as unaged fruit brandy. That is how we have broken them out here. This page contains a list of our fruit (non-grape) brandies and eaux-de-vie. This page also starts Social's list of liqueurs and amari. Up to this point in the Spirit Guide, everything has been a spirit, meaning that it is a distillation to which sugar has not been added. Starting with the list of berry liqueurs here, the offerings do contain added sugar. ABVs are typically lower than spirituous options. Liqueurs can be sipped neat, with ice, or used as a cocktail modifier.

— EAUX-DE-VIE —

Unaged brandy from fruit (or vegetables) other than grapes. Characterized by bright, assertive terroir of the ripe fruit represented.

SCHLADERER BLACK FOREST KIRSCH	9	PURKHART BLUME MARILLEN APRICOT	9	DISTILLERIE METTÉ POIRE WILLIAMS	12
<i>This is no cough-syrup-tasting cherry grossness but a premium distillation bursting with fresh cherry flavor, light aromas of dark chocolate, rich finish.</i>		<i>The Purkhart family has been making this brandy for 90 years, using over 9 pounds of apricots per bottle. Ripe fruit, delicate florals, and an elegant finish.</i>		<i>Uses only Williams pears to provide a creamy, ripe fruit fragrance. Lively and stimulating on the palate, with a great depth of pear flavor. Long, dry finish.</i>	
• Germany, 42% ABV		• Austria, 40% ABV		• France, 42% ABV	
DISTILLERIE METTÉ FRAMBOISE SAUVAGE	13	CAP ROCK PEAR	13	HANS REISETBAUER CARROT	19
<i>Made from wild raspberries which are smaller and more flavorful than cultivated varietals. Rested 8 years in stainless tanks to concentrate flavors.</i>		<i>Certified organic, made with Bartlett pears grown in Colorado. Intense fresh pear taste. One of the finest Eau-de-Vie we've ever tasted, and made right here.</i>		<i>Carrots contain just enough sugar content to create brandy, although it takes over 90 pounds to make each 375 mL btl. Fresh, bittersweet carrot earthiness.</i>	
• France, 45% ABV		• Colorado, 40% ABV		• Austria, 41.5% ABV	

— FRUIT BRANDY —

These aged brandies are dominated by the fruit represented but also have notes of caramel, vanilla, and spice added by their time in oak.

CHAPMAN'S APPLE BRANDY	8	LAIRD'S 10TH GENERATION BONDED	10	ROGER GROULT CALVADOS PAYS D'AGE	11
<i>Distilled on the lees from Virginia apples and double casked in American and Limousin oak. Honeydew, white chocolate, bright citrus, crème brûlée, butter, pear.</i>		<i>Aged 5 years in new American Oak commemorating the 10th generation of family ownership for a storied US brand. Baked apple pie, citrus and floral notes.</i>		<i>Calvados is the Cognac of apple brandy and this won "World's Best Calvados" in 2016. Aged three years in Limousin Oak. Crisp fruits, lush tannins, vanilla, mint.</i>	
• Washington D.C., 46% ABV		• Virginia, 50% ABV		• France, 40% ABV	

— BERRY LIQUEURS —

Poor quality berry liqueurs can often veer off into sickly sweet, cough-syrup artificiality. We've scoured the earth to find only the best berry liqueurs that offer bright, intense notes of the berry represented, so order with confidence.

GIFFARD FRAISE DES BOISE	7	BRIOTTET CRÈME DE CASSIS	7	PAMA	7
<i>Wild strawberries macerated in neutral spirit elicits a bright true flavor of unripe fruit and strawberry jam. Lovely. Sweet.</i>		<i>A classic, dark red liqueur made from blackcurrants. The traditional liqueur used in a Kir Royale. Medium-sweet.</i>		<i>Pomegranate juice and vodka form the base of this excellent liqueur. Intense pomegranate flavor. Medium-tart.</i>	
• France, 16% ABV		• France, 18% ABV		• Kentucky, 17% ABV	
MATHILDE FRAMBOISE	7	LEOPOLD BROS. BLACKBERRY	7	CHAMBORD	7
<i>This raspberry liqueur has some undertones of strawberry happening too. Fruity but also floral. Medium-sweet.</i>		<i>Thick and rich with a vibrant, fruity, and deeply concentrated, sweet-tangy full body of blackberry. Medium-tart.</i>		<i>Classic red and black raspberry, cognac-based liqueur with notes of vanilla, orange peel, honey. Good mixer. Sweet.</i>	
• XXX, XXX% ABV		• Colorado, 20% ABV		• France, 16.5% ABV	
CRÈME YVETTE	8	SIPSMITH SLOE GIN	8		
<i>This berry and floral liqueur is made of blackberries, strawberries, currants, red raspberries, and violets. Medium-sweet.</i>		<i>Sloe berries (plum-like fruit from the blackthorn bush) are infused into Sipsmith's gin. Legit. Medium-tart.</i>			
• France, 55.4% ABV		• United Kingdom, 29% ABV			

— ANISE LIQUEURS —

Nearly every European civilization, especially those with proximity to the Mediterranean, has turned the flavor of anise into a spirit or liqueur. These are our anise-dominant liqueurs; anise-forward spirits can be found on page 17 with the absinthe.

KOUTSIKOS OUZO 12	7	LUXARDO SAMBUCA DEI CESARI	7	GALLIANO L'AUTENTICO	8
<i>The first commercially-bottled Ouzo, from 1880. Strong notes of licorice, peppery fennel, nutmeg, cinnamon. Semi-sweet.</i>		<i>Star anise oils are steam extracted and then infused into neutral spirit and aged in Finnish ashwood. Anise, pine. Sweet.</i>		<i>A classic herbal elixir with notes of anise and vanilla dominating. Undertones of mint, lavender, citrus. Medium-sweet.</i>	
• Greece, 40% ABV		• Italy, 38% ABV		• Netherlands, 40% ABV	

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FRUIT LIQUEURS

A liqueur is an alcoholic beverage (spirit) that has been bottled with added sugar and typically has flavors derived from fruit, flowers, herbs, nuts, or other natural flavors. Liqueurs are distinct from eaux-de-vie, fruit brandy, and flavored spirits such as gin and aquavit, which contain no added sugar. This page contains our list of fruit liqueurs. Other liqueur types can be found on subsequent pages.

— CITRUS LIQUEURS —

Citrus fruits are those that contain high quantities of citric acid and other organic acids. Offsetting the high acidic levels of these fruits with sweetness often results in some of the most balanced liqueurs.

BOLS BLUE CURAÇAO <i>The original and world's best-selling blue curaçao. Clean, subdued orange flavor, floral daffodil. Sweet.</i> • Netherlands, 21% ABV	7	PIERRE FERRAND DRY CURAÇAO <i>A drier, high-quality, orange-liqueur substitute for Grand Marnier. Vanilla, almonds, plum, spice. Medium dry.</i> • France, 40% ABV	8	COMBIER PAMPLEMOUSSE ROSE <i>An infusion of ripe red grapefruit into neutral brandy. Light, refreshing, intense ripe grapefruit flavor. Sweet.</i> • France, 18% ABV	8
COINTREAU <i>Premium orange triple sec with twice the proof of most. Neutral spirit base. Complex flavor, floral notes. Sweet.</i> • France, 40% ABV	8	LAZZARONI LIMONCELLO <i>All natural maceration of bitter lemon into neutral spirit. Bright, balanced flavor. Notes of honey and gelato. Sweet.</i> • Italy, 26% ABV	8	GOLDEN MOON AMER DI PICON <i>An exacting recreation of Gaétan Picon's classic Amer from the 1830s. A unique herb/bitter-orange flavor. Medium dry.</i> • Colorado, 39% ABV	9
GREY GOOSE LE CITRON VODKA <i>An infusion of bright, natural lemon essential oil into vodka. Very subtly sweetened for balance. Dry.</i> • France, 40% ABV	9	GRAN MARNIER <i>Gold standard cognac-based orange curaçao. Notes of citrus zest, basil, burnt sugar, vanilla bean. Medium sweet.</i> • France, 40% ABV	9		

— POME/STONE FRUIT LIQUEURS —

Pome fruits are those that have a core of seeds surrounded by fleshy, edible outer shell. Stone fruits are those where this fleshy outer part surrounds a single seed (pit/stone). Both are delicious when turned into liqueurs.

ROTHMAN & WINTER ORCHARD APRICOT <i>Apricot brandy blended with fresh Klosterneuburger apricot juice. Floral and fresh. Elegant. Medium sweet.</i> • Austria, 24% ABV	7	BOLS APPLE <i>Made with fresh green apple juice. Tangy green apples, citrus, and subtle cinnamon. Medium sweet.</i> • Netherlands, 17% ABV	7	ROTHMAN & WINTER ORCHARD PEACH <i>Peach brandy blended with fresh peach juice. Balanced between sweet, tart and bitter. Excellent. Medium sweet.</i> • Austria, 24% ABV	7
UME PLUM <i>Made from California plums, black cherries, and grapes. Hints of green apple and lemon. Medium sweet.</i> • California, 17% ABV	7	LUXARDO MARASCHINO ORIGINALE <i>Made from distilled marasca cherries, their pits, and secret ingredients, aged in ash for two years. Staple ingredient.</i> • Italy, 32% ABV	8	BERENTZEN APPLE <i>Like drinking an apple orchard in a glass. Stewed red-apples, toffee, citrus, caramel. Rich finish. Medium sweet.</i> • Germany, 20% ABV	8
BERENTZEN PEAR <i>Fresh, crisp, green pear flavor. Lighter than the Belle de Brillet. Like taking a bite out of a pear. Medium sweet.</i> • Germany, 15% ABV	8	LEOPOLD BROS. MICHIGAN TART CHERRY <i>Made from unique Montmorency sweet-tart cherries. Bursting with fresh cherry flavor; no cough syrup notes. Med. dry.</i> • Colorado, 20% ABV	9	BELLE DE BRILLET PEAR <i>20 pounds of Williams pears infused into cognac go into every bottle. Incredible, rich pear flavor. Sweet.</i> • France, 30% ABV	11

— TROPICAL FRUIT LIQUEURS —

Fruit liqueurs with tropical qualities, whether or not they would technically fall into another category, are found in this section.

GIFFARD FRUIT DE LA PASSION <i>Tastes like eating a ripe passionfruit. Lively and bright with fresh citrus notes complementing. Medium-sweet.</i> • France, 16% ABV	7	GIFFARD LICHI-LI <i>Delicate flavors of lychee from Asia along with subtle notes of rose and vanilla. Medium-sweet.</i> • France, 18% ABV	7	MALIBU COCONUT <i>Barbados rum-base, rich in sugar and artificial coconut and vanilla flavor. Extremely sweet.</i> • Barbados, 21% ABV	7
GIFFARD BANANE DU BRÉSIL <i>Cognac-based liqueur made by infusing overripe Brazilian bananas in premium spirit. 100% natural. Medium sweet.</i> • France, 25% ABV	8	GIFFARD CARIBBEAN PINEAPPLE <i>Bright tropical pineapple complements subtle notes of honey, caramel, coconut cream, and chocolate. Medium-sweet.</i> • France, 20% ABV	8		

— OTHER FRUITY LIQUEURS —

Fruit (and fruity) liqueurs that don't obviously fall into another category can be found here.

GIFFARD RHUBARBE <i>Infusion of red and green rhubarb into neutral spirit to achieve a perfect balance of sweet and tart. Medium sweet.</i> • France, 20% ABV	7	MIDORI <i>The "original melon liqueur" which tastes only vaguely like melon. Somewhat floral, mildly chemical. Sweet.</i> • Japan, 21% ABV	7	DON CICCIO & FIGLI PRICKLY PEAR <i>Made from fresh cactus from New Mexico. Light, earthy, yet crisp flavor, notes of kiwi, melon. Medium sweet.</i> • Washington DC, 25% ABV	8
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MISCELLANEOUS LIQUEURS

This page contains our liqueurs that belong to smaller categories like floral, spice, nut, cream, coffee, and chocolate liqueurs.

— FLORAL LIQUEURS —

Many liqueurs offer floral notes as support to other, more prominent flavors, but the liqueurs in this section bring their floral expressions to the fore. A taste of springtime in a glass, these are great way of harnessing the season's bounty throughout the year.

GREENBAR FRUITLAB HIBISCUS

Vivid organic hibiscus, rose, lemon, and blackberry. Complex flavor profile and lush juiciness. Medium-tart.

• California, 20% ABV

LEE SPIRITS CRÈME DE ROSE

Organic red and pink rose petals infused into neutral spirit form the base. Great addition to cocktails. Medium-sweet.

• Colorado, 30% ABV

GREENBAR FRUITLAB POPPY

Complex. Botanicals include California poppy, bearberry, bay, pink peppercorn, dandelion, thistle, burdock. Semi-bitter.

• California, 20% ABV

ST-GERMAIN ELDERFLOWER

The gold standard elderflower liqueur in the world today. Each bottle is made with over 1,000 flower blossoms. Sweet.

• France, 20% ABV

CRÈME YVETTE

This berry and floral liqueur is made of blackberries, strawberries, currants, red raspberries, and violets. Medium-sweet.

• France, 55.4% ABV

HEIRLOOM CREME DE FLORA

Complex blend of floral notes including elderflower, marigold, and orris root. Nicely balanced with slight citrus notes.

• Minnesota, 30% ABV

— SPICE-FORWARD LIQUEURS —

This is a broad and inexact category. Where does one draw the line between herbs, seasonings, spices, and spiciness. Here is the line.

FIREBALL CINNAMON WHISKEY

Starts life off as a mediocre Canadian whiskey, goes downhill from there. Now with no antifreeze! Cinnamon-y, sweet.

• Canada, 33% ABV

JOHN D. TAYLOR'S VELVET FALENUM

A syrupy liqueur and classic ingredient in tiki cocktails. Lime, almond, vanilla, ginger, and clove. Medium-sweet.

• Barbados, XXX% ABV

GROVE STREET CHAI

This is a chai flavored liqueur. Yep, that's pretty much it. We mostly use it to make chai flavored cocktails.

• Colorado, 16.9% ABV

ST. ELIZABETH ALLSPICE DRAM

Staple of tiki drinks and winter cocktails. Jamaican rum base infused w/ allspice. Clove, cinnamon, nutmeg. Semi-sweet.

• Austria, 22.5% ABV

DOMAINE DE CANTON

Baby ginger steeped in cognac, a liqueur that is more than the sum of its parts. Ginger, ginseng, orange, vanilla. Sweet.

• France, 28% ABV

LICOR 43

Delightfully complex array of botanicals give this citrus and vanilla quite a bit of nuance. Orange, lemon, saffron. Sweet.

• Spain, 31% ABV

GOLDSCHLÄGER

The classic cinnamon schnapps w/ flecks of 24-carat gold floating in the liquid. Cinnamon spice, chili-like heat. Sweet.

• Italy, 40% ABV

ANCHO REYES ANCHO CHILE

Anchos are vine-ripened and dried chile pepper. Here, anchos and other spices make for a complex liqueur. Semi-sweet.

• Mexico, 40% ABV

ANCHO REYES VERDE POBLANO CHILE

A green, poblano version of Ancho Reyes with slightly less heat and a more vegetal character than the original. Semi-sweet.

• Mexico, 40% ABV

— NUT & CREAM LIQUEURS —

Yes, we did that intentionally. If you've read this far into the book, you deserve a bit of levity, no matter how juvenile. This section contains liqueurs with flavors derived from various types of nuts. Cream liqueurs are served and priced as double (3-oz) pours.

LAZZARONI AMARETTO

A high quality amaretto with flavors of apricot, almond, marzipan, and honeycomb. Less sweet than most amarettos.

• Italy, 24% ABV

PB&W

Unlike some other brands, this one tastes as much like whiskey as it does peanut butter. Balanced and actually pretty good.

• Colorado, 35% ABV

FRANGELICO

Toasted hazelnuts and diabetes-inducing sweetness dominate the flavor profile. Has a monk-shaped bottle, so that's cool.

• Italy, 24% ABV

TOSCHI NOCELLO DE NOIX

Produced by Italian monks since the Middle Ages, this black walnut liqueur has subtle notes of vanilla and chocolate.

• Italy, 24% ABV

AMARULA

A nutty, citrus-driven cream liqueur made and flavored with Africa's marula fruit. Vanilla, orange creamsicle, nougat.

• South Africa, 17% ABV, double (3-oz) pour

BAILEY'S IRISH CREAM

Irish whiskey base with notes of vanilla, chocolate, and rich, fresh Irish cream. Silky and sweet, a decadent indulgence.

• Ireland, 17% ABV, double (3-oz) pour

— COFFEE & CHOCOLATE LIQUEURS —

These category blurbs are getting redundant. As you probably suspected, this section includes coffee and chocolate flavored liqueurs.

KAHLÚA ESPECIAL

Rum-based coffee liqueur with significant flavors of chocolate, butter, and coffee.

Classic ingredient. Fairly sweet.

• Mexico, 20% ABV

VAPOR DISTILLERY ARROSTA COFFEE

A nicely balanced coffee liqueur with a touch of vanilla and less sweetness than most. Robust and elegant.

• Colorado, 30% ABV

J. RIEGER CO. CAFFÈ AMARO

A unique take on the coffee liqueur that works. Juniper, anise, cardamom, vanilla, and orange compliment rich coffee flavor.

• Kansas, 31% ABV

BOLS CRÈME DE CACAO WHITE

An excellent, milk-chocolate flavored, clear liqueur from the oldest operating distillery in the world. Great in cocktails.

• Netherlands, 24% ABV

NEW DEAL BITTER CHOCOLATE

A high-quality, semi-bitter chocolate liqueur with no added sugar other than the dark chocolate used in its production.

• Oregon, 42% ABV

AMARI & HERBAL LIQUEURS

Amari (the pluralized form of the word, "amaro", Italian for "bitter") are herbal liqueurs, traditionally made by infusing grape brandy (or sometimes, neutral grain spirit) with a proprietary blend of botanicals including flowers, citrus juice and peels, herbs, aromatic plant roots and bark, and spices. Although the process varies from one amaro brand to another, this blend of macerated botanicals is usually redistilled then (often) aged and sweetened with sugar. There are hundreds of different amari with varying profiles and degrees of sweetness and bitterness; flavors are complex, aromatic, sometimes wild, often intense, but always interesting.

Many amari were originally distilled for their medicinal qualities and quite a few people still swear by the ability of certain amari to aid in digestion or cure a hangover. The Italians have known the benefits of an after-dinner amaro for centuries and Americans are now starting to understand the value of learning about the wide world of amari, either as an after-dinner sipper or a pre-meal apertivo to whet the appetite, or as an ingredient to increase the complexity and nuance of their cocktails.

However you want to drink it, this page and the next will help you explore Social's curated selection of amari from Italy, and beyond. This page contains our lighter and more herbaceous liqueur selection. Richer, darker, and more bitter amari and herbal liqueurs can be found on the next page.

— LIGHT & BRIGHT —

As the category title suggests, the liqueurs here have a bright profile and land lighter on the palate than other options. Often citrus dominant. Drink them neat, on ice, or they are great options for mixing with clear spirits.

MONTENEGRO

The most popular amaro in the world. Floral notes of lavender, rose, coriander, bitter orange, licorice, pepper, saffron.

• Italy, 23% ABV

ERCOLE

Fortified wine-based amaro made by a co-op of farmers in Piedmont. Bright & sharp. Notes of citrus, lowland herbs.

• Italy, 20% ABV

TRÄKÁL

The spirit of Patagonia; no added sugar. Crabapple and pear base spirit. Unique notes of wool, forest floor. Bright, earthy.

• Chile, 42% ABV

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DELL'ALPE KAPRIOL CLASSICO

Juniper berry-based liqueur infused with aromatic alpine herbs. Fresh mint, pine forest, and juniper notes dominate.

• Italy, 38% ABV

7

HEIRLOOM PINEAPPLE

Rich and fruity, sophisticated and bitter, this is a full-bodied, unique amaro. Notes of cassia bark and pineapple. Med.-sweet.

• Minnesota, 30% ABV

7

NONINO QUINTESSENTIA

This mellow, essential Paper Plane ingredient offers notes of caramel, pine, allspice, hay, bitter orange. Med.-sweet.

• Italy, 35% ABV

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CHAREAU ALOE

A spring day, bottled. Aloe liqueur base notes with flavors of melon, cucumber, lemon peel, and mint. Unique, delicious.

• California, 25 ABV

7

BECHEROVKA

Herbal digestif made from over 20 herbs and spices. Ginger, cinnamon dominate, anise. Try it in a Beeton. Medium-sweet.

• Czech Republic, 38% ABV

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SANTA MARIA AL MONTE

Higher proof than most amari. Bright, citrusy, and herbal. Bitter orange zest, ginseng, menthol, gentian. Drier finish.

• Italy, 40% ABV

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— HERBALLY INTENSE —

Most amari and botanical liqueurs can be classified as "herbal", but the liqueurs in this section kick their herbaceous notes up a notch.

UNDERBERG

The go-to digestif for people worldwide; served in a tiny bottle. Notes of yarrow, cinnamon, gentian, clove, anise. Perfect.

• Germany, 44% ABV, 20 mL bottle

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SUZE

Gentian-based liqueur with an intensely bitter, herbaceous, earthy, green character. Essential ingredient in a White Negroni.

• France, 20% ABV

7

BRECKENRIDGE BITTER

Remarkable balance of bittersweet flavors & alluring aromatics. Alpine herbs, roots, dried fruits. Colorado autumn in a glass.

• Colorado, 36% ABV

7

LEE SPIRITS ALPINE

A unique blend of Colorado herbs, roots, and flowers combine into a spirit that is reminiscent of a warm, alpine meadow.

• Colorado, 34% ABV

7

JEPPSON'S MALÖRT

Wormwood-based, bitter, herbal, weird liqueur. You'll hate it until you love it. Flavors of weird and gross and great.

• Chicago, 35% ABV

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JÄGERMEISTER

Medicinal, herbal, and woodsy. Strong licorice and anise, notes of dried orange peel, menthol, cola, toffee, and allspice.

• Germany, 35% ABV

7

BRANCA MENTA

A slightly sweeter and more peppermint-forward take on Fernet Branca's flavors of saffron, iris, chamomile, gentian, aloe.

• Italy, 30% ABV

7

DOLIN GENEPY DES ALPES

Botanical liqueur with dozens of alpine ingredients including mountain sage, wormwood. Great digestif. Med. sweet.

• France, 45% ABV

7

CASCADIA D'AMORE

An exploration of the flora of the northwestern US. Sophisticated, layered, and aromatic. Gentian, angelica, very good.

• Oregon, 35% ABV

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COMBIER KÜMMEL

Classic European herbaceous liqueur with a base of cumin, caraway, and fennel. Clean, complex. Medium sweet.

• France, 38% ABV

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LIQUORE STREGA

Italian for "the witch". Bewitching elixir of over 70 herbs and spices. Complex and intense. A decent Chartreuse substitute.

• Italy, 40% ABV

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HEIRLOOM GENEPY

A modern take on a traditional herbal liqueur. Lots of bitter complexity nicely balanced with honey and sunflower.

• Minnesota, 51% ABV

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VARNELLI DELL'ERBORISTA

Unique blend of botanicals prepared over a wood fire. Dry, bitter, and earthy notes. Gentian, rhubarb, spice, & sandalwood.

• Italy, 21% ABV

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YELLOW CHARTREUSE

Made with 130 unique alpine botanicals. Slightly sweeter and more floral than the green version. Turmeric, citrus, saffron.

• France, 40% ABV

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GREEN CHARTREUSE

Made with 132 unique alpine botanicals. One of the world's most fascinating and complex spirits. Herbal flavor explosion.

• France, 55% ABV

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AMARI & HERBAL LIQUEURS

This page continues our selection of amari and herbal liqueurs from the previous page, focusing on the richer, darker, and more bitter aspects of the amari category, as well as those amari that have an orange or red hue. Miscellaneous herbal liqueurs are found here too.

— FERNET —

Although most people are only familiar with Fernet Branca, fernet is actually an amari subcategory characterized by offerings that are higher proof, less sweet, and more bitter than other amari styles. The use of myrrh, chamomile, rhubarb, and saffron is common.

LAZZARONI FERNET

Classically-styled amaro, aromatic and palate-strippingly dry. Mint, coriander, hazelnut, coffee, tobacco, wormwood.

• Italy, 40% ABV

VALLET-FERNET

Devised over a century ago by an Italian immigrant to Mexico. Intensely herbal & woodsy. Cinnamon, clove, quassia bark.

• Mexico, 35% ABV

FERNET BRANCA

Far and away the world's most popular fernet. Intense, bracing bitterness. Notes of saffron, chamomile, myrrh, chocolate.

• Italy, 39% ABV

— DARK & RICH —

These assertively flavored bitters have a unique blend of botanicals that make a statement. Interesting to explore solo or in a cocktail.

CYNAR

Artichoke-based. Intense, bittersweet, dark, and superb. Notes of blood orange, espresso, toasted walnuts, burnt caramel.

• Italy, 16.5% ABV

ZUCCA RABARBARO

Chinese rhubarb-based amaro made in Milan. Earthy, tart, lightly smoky. Molasses, bacon, licorice, burnt toffee.

• Italy, 30% ABV

BÉNÉDICTINE D.O.M.

Made since 1863 from a secret recipe known to only three people at a time. 27 roots, herbs, and spices. Complex, sweet.

• France, 40% ABV

CARDAMARO

Wine-based amaro not flavored with cardamom, as many assume. Botanicals include cardoon, blessed thistle. Unique.

• Italy, 17% ABV

BRÀULIO

Great example of regional alpine terroir. Foraged botanicals give notes of cooling menthol, cola, spice, bitter bark, and pine.

• Italy, 21% ABV

ANTICA TORINO DELLA SACRA

Medium-weight amaro inspired by traditional monastic recipes. Bold gentian, quinine, green cardamom, vanilla, citrus.

• Italy, 35% ABV

ANGOSTURA

Essentially the classic aromatic bitters, sweetened into an amaro. Notes of dark cherry, root beer, clove, licorice, spice.

• Trinidad, 35% ABV

LUCANO

Made in the tiny hamlet of Pisticci from 30 herbs, essential oils, it's more floral and fruity than most amari. Complex.

• Italy, 28% ABV

LUXARDO ABANO

Made by the famed cocktail cherry company since 1952, a unique blend of flavors. Grapefruit, tobacco, juniper, spice, smoke.

• Italy, 30% ABV

NARDINI

Made at Italy's oldest distillery. Dark & refreshing with flavors of mint, citrus, dark chocolate, anise, gentian bitterness.

• Italy, 31% ABV

AVERNA

Complex yet approachable, bittersweet, Sicilian amaro. Sippable and great in cocktails. Cola, cocoa, bitter citrus, mint.

• Italy, 29% ABV

RAMAZOTTI

Proprietary blend of 33 different herbs including gentian and orange peel. Berry, citrus, sarsaparilla, licorice, chocolate.

• Italy, 30% ABV

PAOLUCCI CIOCIARO

Named after the town it's been produced in since 1873. Bold, complex, herbaceous flavors of bitter citrus, licorice, cinnamon.

• Italy, 30% ABV

CYNAR 70

The exact same recipe as Cynar but at over twice the proof of the original. One of the most perfect amari ever created.

• Italy, 35% ABV

VARNELLI SIBILLA

One of the earthiest amari in our lineup. Earth/soil notes, hazelnuts, cinchona, wild berries, honey, caramel, black tea.

• Italy, 34% ABV

— ORANGE & RED AMARI —

Red and orange amari nearly always use bitter oranges as their base and add complexity with a blend of botanicals unique to each brand.

CAMPARI

The world's best-known amaro; essential for a Negroni. Bitter orange with 68 other botanicals. Complex. Quinine & orange.

• Italy, 25% ABV

CONTRATTO BITTER

Italian brandy base, perfect balance of bitter and sweet. Bitter orange, ginger, aloe, wormwood, clove, cardamom, nettle.

• Italy, 22% ABV

CONTRATTO APÉRITIF

Strikes a nice balance in bitterness between Aperol & Campari. 28 botanicals, more complex than Aperol. Worth a try.

• Italy, 13.5% ABV

BRUTO AMERICANO

More bitter than Campari with a distinct piney character unique to red amari. Blood orange, dark chocolate, menthol.

• California, 24% ABV

APEROL

Definitely on the sweeter side for orange bitters. Orange, strawberry, grapefruit at the fore. Some woodiness, salinity, herbs.

• Italy, 11% ABV

GUALCO AMARO SOLDATINI

Unique amari with a burnt orange hue. Base of grappa with basil and Chinotto di Savona oranges. Cinchona, baking spice.

• Italy, 15% ABV

— MISCELLANEOUS HERBAL LIQUEURS —

DRAMBUIE

A blend of aged Scotch whisky, infused with heather honey, aromatic herbs and spices. Sweet, complex, clove, saffron.

• Scotland, 40% ABV

PIMM'S NO. 1 CUP

A liqueur that defies easy categorization. Complex fruity/herbaceous profile. Dark chocolate, coffee, orange, chamomile.

• United Kingdom, 25% ABV

HEIRLOOM ALCHERMES

Like nothing else on our wall. Cinnamon and clove pair uniquely with rose, vanilla, and earthy flavors. Unique, wonderful.

• Minnesota, 40% ABV

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