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# CIGAR & SPIRITS MAGAZINE'S 20 SPIRITS RATED



**PAUL JOHN KANYA**  
**Retail: \$250 | ABV: 50%**  
 Only 1,500 bottles of this single malt from India were produced. Matured for 7 years in American white oak casks, its delectable aromas of citrusy spice and tropical fruit lures you to savor its creamy, butterscotch sweetness. The satisfying finish of toasted oak with warm wafts of spice has just the slightest hint of salt, making it ever more memorable. The superb mouthfeel is rich and creamy. The oak delivers a soft, sweet, delectable butterscotch. Warm spices suffuse the toasted oak, and the slightest of saltiness ensures the friendliest of finishes.



**THE REAL MCCOY  
 10 YEAR AGED RUM**  
**ABV: 46% | Retail: \$60**  
 This Virgin Oak Cask is a limited edition with 500 cases available. It's balanced, crisp and dry with hints of black pepper, spiced vanilla, honey and bourbon-aged wood.



**RUTTE GENEVER**  
**ABV: 35% | Retail: \$40**  
 The nut and herb flavors are enhanced with the addition of mace and celery. The spirit is cool on the tongue and has light notes of baking spices and green apples. This is balanced with candied orange and lemon peel hints. Overall, an incredibly smooth genever with a nice and creamy mouthfeel.



**BELVEDERE LAKE BARTÉZEK SINGLE ESTATE RYE VODKA**

**Retail: \$45 | ABV: 40%**  
Crafted from Dankowskie Diamond Rye and grown at a single farm in northern Poland's Mazury lake district, the rye vodka in this region spends over 80 winter days buried in snow, conditions that add to its character and greatly impact the liquid's flavor profile. The name Bartezek comes from Lake Bartezek, which runs along the estate's eastern edge. It's this lakeside terroir that is reflected in this unique vodka. With notes of black pepper, toasted nuts and cream, it is full, round and mellow.



**HUDSON BABY BOURBON**

**Retail: \$50 | ABV: 46%**  
Hudson Baby Bourbon is the first whiskey made in New York since Prohibition and the first bourbon made in the state. The foundation of this bourbon is 90 percent Empire State corn, sourced from local New York family farmers. The Baby Bourbon is finished in 10-53 gallon casks and then vatted together to reach a unique flavor profile. A smoky bourbon mellowed out by vanilla and caramel.



**FLOR DE CAÑA CENTENARIO 18**

**Retail: \$50 | ABV: 40%S**  
This 18-year-old brilliant amber ultra-premium rum is full-bodied, with a rich complexity of flavors and a smooth finish that lingers on the palate. Nearly two decades in the making, this rum glows amber with notes of banana, grilled pineapple, vanilla, toasted coconut, baking spices. The nose features heavy oak, baking spices, dried red fruit, fig, licorice, pineapple and coconut – all toasted or roasted. Best served neat or on the rocks with an orange twist.



**AYLESBURY DUCK**  
**ABV: 40% | Retail: \$24**  
This vodka features layered notes of root vegetables in the back such as beets, potatoes, carrots and ginger. Light citrus oils surface after 2-3 minutes. Notes of white pepper and rhubarb for a medium long finish.



**CAPTAIN MORGAN COCONUT RUM**  
**Retail: \$23 | ABV: 35%**  
Sweet, delicate and creamy taste of fresh coconut with a hint of citrus and tropical fruit balanced with notes of molasses.



**TAMDHU BATCH STRENGTH**  
**Retail: \$92 | ABV: 58.3%**  
Sherry oak at first, then dried fruit and warming spices. A drop of water reveals fresh citrus zest and rich apricot. Scents of winter berries, vanilla and freshly shelled nuts. The finish is freshly baked fruitcake with orange peel. Complex and malty, long after the first sip.



**VIDA TEQUILA ANEJO**

**Retail: \$65 | ABV: 40%**  
Aged in French oak for 24 months. The scent has notes of nut and vanilla, smoked coffee paired with sweet tones of honey, maple and raisin with lots of cooked agave and fresh herbal aromas. Soft on the palate with walnut, caramel and vanilla. It offers mixed spices of ginger, apple and pear as well.



**RAIN VODKA**

**ABV: 40% | Retail: \$15**  
Rain is carefully distilled seven times for an ultra-smooth taste. This vodka makes for an ideal shot and is versatile in mixed drinks.



**VIDA TEQUILA BLANCO**

**ABV: 40% | Retail: \$50**  
Double distilled in copper and immediately bottled for light bitter notes with lots of agave, herbal notes of mint and cinnamon. Scents of agave, citrus fruits, fresh grass and green fruits such as mango peel and pineapple.



**HOPPY POPPY**

**Retail: \$12 (six pack) | ABV: 6.5%**  
Bursting with a floral bouquet and notes of citrus and pine; bright aromas of grapefruit, orange oil, lemon zest and pine needles abound. The flavor is mellow and smooth with a very moderate lingering bitterness. A wonderful option with a great price point in the summer beer category.



**LAMBAY WHISKEY SINGLE MALT**

**Retail: \$65 | ABV: 40%**  
There is a subtle vanilla flavor due to the first fill bourbon casks used, these were previously dominant leaving a rich sweetness in the wood. The darker color is attributed to the longer finish in the Cognac cask matching other single malt competitors in this category. For taste, there are hints of coconut, malt, dried berries and fruit. The aroma is that of malt, green fruit, floral and ripe bananas. The finish is a long-lasting malt with lingering sweetness and green fruits.



**MONKEY SHOULDER BLENDED MALT SCOTCH WHISKY**

**Retail: \$33 | ABV: 43%**  
Monkey Shoulder is a 100 percent malt whisky. It's a marriage of premium select Speyside single malts that create a smoother, richer taste. It's approachable and tailor made for mixing. The malts mature together for several months where the whisky takes on its final flavors. Once given the thumbs' up by the "Malt Master" the whisky is set for bottling. It earns its label and signature metal triple monkey badge, officially declaring it Monkey Shoulder.



**CEDAR RIDGE IOWA BOURBON WHISKEY**

**Retail: \$40 | ABV: 40%**  
The mashbill is 74% corn, 14% toasted rye, and 12% malted barley. The Bourbon is particularly noted for its velvety entry, upfront corn and stone-fruit presence, then warm, cinnamon and molasses finish.



**HIGHLAND PARK VALKYRIE**

**Retail: \$80 | ABV: 45.9%**  
Creamy vanilla, sweet preserved ginger, dark chocolate with hints of licorice. Long, lingering finish delivers waves of warm aromatic smoke and richly ripened fruit. The Highland Park Valkyrie more than makes the grade in a highly competitive field.



**DOS RON SOLERA 16 AÑOS RUM**

**Retail: \$50 | ABV: 40%**  
The color is rich and gold with reddish nuances of violet, cherry red and cinnabar. The exotic scent has clear notes of precious woods, but also confectionery with a core of sugar cane molasses. The flavor is harmonious, well-balanced, full-bodied and consistent. This classic rum is best enjoyed neat or on the rocks. However, it maintains its character, scent and aroma if mixed.



**CEDAR RIDGE RYE WHISKEY**

**Retail: \$42 | ABV: 43%**  
The mashbill is 51% malted rye, 34% rye, 12% corn, and 3% malted barley. All Cedar Ridge whiskeys are fully grain-to-glass, meaning that the distillery starts with whole grains. All Cedar Ridge whiskeys are fermented "off-the-grain," creating a cleaner wash, then distilled to a higher 148-150 proof vs. 134-136 for a purer distillate. This bold rye is particularly noted for its balance of rye, savory spices, and sweet candied pecan notes.



**DOS RON SOLERA 8 AÑOS RUM**

**Retail: \$35 | ABV: 40%**  
Crafted and hand distilled from Don Colina's authentic Cuban family recipe. The nose has a pleasant solera note accentuating vanilla, coconut and dried fruit, as well as a slight hint of sugar cane juice. The taste is very delicate, soft and leaves you with a lingering note of fine precious woods and resin. It stands alone to sipping with light rocks and also blends well with cola, fruit juice, or your favorite mixer as it keeps its oak aroma and fruitful nose with great consistency.