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The 17 Best Rums That Make the Case for Sipping

Daiquiris are great, but these rums are so good they deserve to be enjoyed on their own.

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When you think of sipping a nightcap, your mind probably strays to a bottle of **whiskey**, **brandy**, or **cognac**, but the world of liquors made for slow savoring is far wider than that. One long-overlooked bottle that's been garnering spirit-lovers' attention in recent years. Smooth, decadent aged rums and rum agricoles.

According to the **Distilled Spirits Council**, rum accounted for \$2.3 billion in sales in 2019, with the ultra-premium rum category growing more than 6% year over year. "[Rum is] going to be the next big spirit, following along the train of whiskey," says Kenneth McCoy of the **Rum House** in Manhattan (If you need evidence of whiskey's dominance, look no further than the **release of a 25-year-old Pappy Van Winkle** bourbon.)

So grab a few of these bottles, and see for yourself why rum is poised to become the next liquor to appeal to sippers worldwide.

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The latest bottling of this top-selling Puerto Rican rum is an elegant entry into the world of rums for dedicated whiskey drinkers. That's because the blended spirit is aged for a minimum of 7 years in American white oak barrels—the same type that gives bourbon its distinctive flavor. Expect similar notes of vanilla, deep caramel, and spice along with the grilled stonefruit and tropical fruit notes that keep rum fans coming back for more.



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