

# 1. RON CARTAVIO (PERU)



Destilerías Unidas S.A., which has been producing this rum since 1929, is one of the largest distilleries in Peru. One reason for the excellent reviews—clear and full of praise—is certainly the expert knowledge accumulated over the years.

Ron Cartavio XO is a high-quality molasses rum crafted using the solera method. For maturation, carefully selected barrels made of French, American, and Slovenian oak are used. Only the rarest and oldest rums from the distillery are chosen for its production. This complex and characterful rum impresses with aromas of spices, nuts, vanilla, chocolate, and oak. Ron Cartavio XO was created in celebration of the brand's 80th anniversary.

## 2. RON CUBANEY (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)



Producing a good solera rum is anything but easy. Different products of various ages are blended together, and finding the right balance is a true art. However, the master distillers at Oliver & Oliver have certainly achieved this with the Ron Cubaney "Selecto" Solera Reserva 18 Years Old.

Ron Cubaney has a slightly reddish shimmer and delights the nose with aromas of vanilla, fruit, and chocolate—especially the chocolate notes continue on the palate. The finish is long and elegant.

Because of the name Ron Cubaney, one might assume that the rum comes from Cuba, but the company is actually based in the Dominican Republic. The founder of Oliver Rums, Juanillo Oliver, was Spanish but emigrated to Cuba in 1868.

### 3. MOCAMBO (MEXICO)



The Mexico-based company Licores Veracruz, located near the city of Córdoba, has been producing innovative and creative spirits for over 70 years. Throughout this time, they have never lost sight of their goal: to create authentic products of the highest quality standards. Among their premium spirits is Mocambo 15 Years.

Its long maturation in European oak barrels, combined with the warm and humid climate, creates a smooth and complex rum. The amber-colored Mocambo 15 Years delights the nose with aromas of sweet vanilla, dried fruits, and spices. On the palate, notes of caramel, nuts, tobacco, and fine chocolate stand out. Finally, the rum bids farewell with a long-lasting, fruity finish and subtle hints of wood.

## 4. YAKU WARI (ECUADOR)



The fine Yaku Wari rums are produced in Ecuador. The name of the distillery is not known, but it is known that it is located in the province of Manabí. However, the spirit is bottled in the EU. Yaku Wari means "untamed water" in the indigenous Quechua language. The rums are made from sugarcane juice that is fermented for eight to nine days. Distillation takes place twice in a pot still.

Due to its 7-year maturation in Ecuador's tropical climate, Yaku Wari Rum develops an elegant and complex character. The Yaku Wari Single Cask #73 is bottled at cask strength to bring out more intense aromas from the rum. With its fruity and exotic flavor profile, this South American premium rum appeals to a wide range of rum enthusiasts.

## 5. RYOMA (JAPAN)



In the western part of Kochi, more precisely on the island of Shikoku in Kuroshio, lies Japan's oldest sugarcane-growing region. Until the early 20th century, it was even considered the largest. Years of experience and extensive knowledge of sugarcane have contributed to the creation of a new interpretation of a traditional spirit: the Japanese rum "Ryoma."

For production, aromatic sugarcane molasses is fermented, distilled, and then aged for 7 years in oak barrels. This process creates a combination of sweet sugarcane aromas and spicy notes from the casks, along with fine vanilla, caramel, and tropical fruits. With this delightful flavor profile, the Japanese Ryoma Rum also appeals to lovers of Caribbean rum.

## 6. EQUIANO (MAURITIUS & BARBADOS)



The products of the Equiano brand are inspired by the life story of former slave and freedom fighter Olaudah Equiano. He was abducted into slavery at the age of eleven and died at 52 as a free man. The "Equiano Ominira" refers, on the one hand, to his age at death with its 52% ABV, and on the other hand, its name touches on the theme of freedom. In Yoruba, a language spoken by many people in West Africa, Ominira means "freedom."

The blend combines molasses rum from the renowned distilleries Foursquare in Barbados and Gray's in Mauritius. It is aged for at least 11 years in bourbon and cognac casks, before the premium rum is refined in carefully selected sherry casks.

## 7. NAVY ISLAND (JAMAICA)



The small island "Navy Island" is a tropical oasis off the coast of Port Antonio, Jamaica. In the 18th century, Navy Island was occupied by the British Royal Navy, from which its name derives. Legend has it that Navy Island changed ownership in the 1940s during a poker game in which the players' alcohol levels—thanks to generous rum consumption—had far exceeded normal limits.

This remarkable story inspired the young Navy Island Rum Company so much that they created a rum brand named Navy Island. The Navy Island XO is a premium blend of carefully selected Jamaican rums distilled in pot stills. It is aged in former bourbon barrels, resulting in aromas of vanilla, tropical fruits, and oak.

## 8. ZAFRA (PANAMA)



The premium distillates of the "Zafra" brand are known above all for their long maturation periods. The products are made by the Las Cabras Distillery in Panama. Its master blender, Francisco "Don Pancho" Fernandez, has more than 50 years of experience in the art of rum production. Zafra means "sugarcane harvest" in Spanish and symbolizes the brand's deep connection to its origins.

Aged in specially selected former oak barrels, the Zafra Master Series 30 Years develops its appealing mahogany color. On the nose, aromas of dark fruits, caramel, and oak come to the forefront, while the palate reveals notes of vanilla, honey, and sherry. This exclusive rum is limited to only 6,720 bottles worldwide.

## 9. TRÉS HOMBRES (SPAIN)



Behind Tres Hombres are three young men who met in the year 2000 on a sailing ship. Their nickname, "Tres Hombres", inspired them to give the same name to the company they founded in 2012. The rum products originate mostly from Caribbean islands and are then transported by ship for several months across the sea toward the mainland.

Since the barrels are exposed almost unprotected to wind and weather, this naturally has a major impact on the final product - an effect that is deliberately desired.

The "Edition 45 Ron Tradicional" comes from the Aldea distillery located on La Palma. First, the distillate matures in ex-bourbon barrels and Spanish oak casks before completing its journey in former port, moscatel, and red wine barrels during the sea voyage.

## 10. AUSTRIAN EMPIRE (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)



The young entrepreneur Albert Michler founded a spirits distillery in 1863 in the town of Buchs Dorf. The company, which at that time was located in Austrian Silesia, gained great fame thanks to its liqueurs and spirits - especially due to "Albert Michler's Buchs-dorfer Magenbitter". As an official purveyor to the imperial court, it was one of the first companies to import Jamaican rum to Europe.

The current rums from the house of Albert Michler demonstrate the company's long-standing expertise in the rum business - starting with the choice of name, the interestingly designed label, and finally the high-quality and delicious contents.

This special Austrian Empire Rum matures for 18 years using the solera method. Its robust character impresses with notes of fruit, chocolate, caramel, and oak.

## 11. FLOR DE CAÑA (NICARAGUA)



More and more distilleries today are placing great importance on producing their spirits in an environmentally friendly way. Flor de Caña is also committed to a more sustainable future. Their spirit is the world's first to be both CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral and Fair Trade-certified. More than 130 years ago, in 1890, the distillery was built at the foot of San Cristóbal, the highest volcano in Nicaragua.

This special location, along with production without artificial additives, results in rums of exceptional quality. Flor de Caña Terra 15 Years is distilled using 100% renewable energy, and its packaging is made from recycled materials. The rum is matured in bourbon barrels. Its aroma is shaped by notes of caramel and roasted nuts, while the flavor reveals intense vanilla and spices.

## 12. RON MALTECO (PANAMA)



Ron Malteco has now developed a wide variety of rums. Each one originates from the Bodegas de America S.A. distillery in Panama. This special Central American rum is produced from freshly pressed sugarcane juice and follows an old Guatemalan tradition. The result of this distilling craftsmanship is held in high esteem by rum connoisseurs around the world.

The strictly limited Ron Malteco Selección 1987 was allowed to mature for many years in former bourbon barrels until it reached perfection. The result makes every aficionado's mouth water: a long-aged rum that presents a spicy structure with pleasantly integrated woody aromas, while also offering a gentle sweetness with fruity accents.

# 13. FOURSQUARE (BARBADOS)



This excellent Single Blended Rum comes from the Caribbean, more precisely from the island of Barbados. It is produced by the locally based Foursquare Distillery, a traditional family business whose expertise dates back to 1820 and is reflected in each of its bottlings.

The rum "Redoutable" belongs to the distillery's Exceptional Cask Selection series. It is a combination of distillates produced in both pot stills and column stills. The maturation took place in former bourbon and Madeira casks.

The 14-year-old rum was bottled in September 2020 at cask strength with 61% ABV, without the addition of any colouring. On the palate, notes of vanilla, dark fruits, dark chocolate, and spices dominate.

## 14. RUM NATION (PANAMA)



"Rum Nation" was founded by Fabio Rossi. During his many travels, he collected rum casks from different parts of the world. The first bottle under the "Rum Nation" name was released in 1999. To this day, rums originating from various nations and representing different geographical styles are brought together under the Rum Nation label.

The 18-year-old Rum Nation Panama is made from sugarcane molasses and distilled in column stills. It matures in carefully selected American oak barrels. The result is a high-quality rum with aromas of orange peel, honey, raisins, and dates on the nose. The palate is rich and sweet, showing notes of orange, chocolate, coconut, and coffee. The finish is long-lasting with hints of black tea and honey.

## 15. BELLAMY'S (PANAMA)



Under the name "Bellamy's Reserve", high-quality rum rarities, fine single cask spirits and bottlings with an exceptional finish are sold. Many of them are highly limited and therefore particularly appreciated by collectors. With only 220 bottles that were filled, this Bellamy's Reserve Rum from 1997 fits perfectly into the series of sought-after collector's items.

The distillery from which the rum originates is not known. However, it is known that the country of origin is Panama and that the distillation took place in a column still. The single cask rum matured for 24 years in a bourbon cask and was then bottled in September 2021 at a cask strength of 52.3% vol. As a result, the "Bellamy's Reserve 1997" presents notes of fruits, vanilla, cocoa, nuts and coffee.

## 16. CIHUATÁN (EL SALVADOR)



For the still relatively young Cihuatán distillery, the Maya play an important role. They once ruled the land we now call El Salvador.

The founders of the distillery opened its doors in 2004 and produced the country's first premium rum. It is important to them to remain as curious as their ancestors and to give their environment the attention and respect it deserves.

That is why master distiller Gabriela Ayala and her team carefully oversee every step of the rum-making process. The rum "Xaman XO" is named after the Mayan god of the North Star and protector of the Cihuatán Valley. It spends 15 years resting in former bourbon barrels before receiving a one-year finish in casks made from Ceiba wood.

## 17. TRANSCONTINENTAL RUM LINE (JAMAICA)



Georges Bénitah, the founder of "La Maison du Whisky," first encountered whisky in Casablanca, Morocco, and was fascinated from the very beginning. Back in Paris, he wanted to share this enthusiasm with others and founded "La Maison du Whisky" in 1956.

Sixty years later, the portfolio was expanded to include several top-quality rums, and the company has since made a name for itself as an independent bottler. The "Transcontinental Rum Line" series was inspired by the historical journeys that rum casks once made across the world's oceans. This special bottling matured for three years in a bourbon cask in Jamaica's famous Trelawny region, followed by another nine years on the European continent.

## 18. DON Q (PUERTO RICO)



In 1861, Don Juan Serrallés opened a sugarcane plantation named Hacienda Mercedita in Ponce, Puerto Rico. In 1865, he distilled his first rum in a copper still produced in France. Years later, it was brought to market under the brand name Don Q. The brand was named after Don Quixote, the main character of the family's favorite novel.

A year later, under Don Juan's son Juan Eugenio Serrallés, construction began on a second, more modern distillery at the same location, and the product range was expanded. The special Don Q Añejo XO is made from 98% of a blend aged 9 to 12 years and 2% of a rum that has matured for up to 50 years using the solera method. The result is a balanced character with sweet, fruity, and dry notes, along with a bold spiciness.

## 19. PAPA ROUYO (GUADELOUPE)



Charles Albert Ruscade, known as Papa Rouyo, was born at the beginning of the 20th century as the son of farmers. He spent nearly his entire life working hard in the sugarcane fields of Guadeloupe. There, he tended and cultivated the fields to produce the finest possible sugarcane. In honor of Papa Rouyo and this exceptional sugarcane, his grandson and a community of passionate "sugarcane growers" created Papa Rouyo Rhum Agricole.

Papa Rouyo Vwayaj takes us on a sailing journey. It is an ode to the offshore race "Route du Rhum." This race stretches from Pointe-à-Pitre in Guadeloupe to Saint-Malo in Brittany. The rhum is distilled in a pot still and opens with notes of iodine and licorice, accompanied by delicate hints of citrus fruits and flowers.

## 20. DICTADOR (COLOMBIA)



The origins of the "Destilería Colombiana" date back to the late 18th century. An ancestor of the founder arrived in what is now Colombia and soon became known to everyone for his strong and remarkable character. Especially after he discovered his love for rum, his name became widely recognized. Before long, the people around him referred to him simply as "Dictador."

In 1913, 180 years after the days of the original "Dictador," one of his descendants decided to uncover the truth behind the legend and founded the "Destilería Colombiana." The spicy and sweet Dictador 20 Years is distilled partly in copper pot stills and partly in stainless steel columns. The flavor profile of this high-quality rum is defined by notes of vanilla, coffee, toffee, honey, and dark chocolate.

## 21. SANTA TERESA (VENEZUELA)



In 1796, Hacienda Santa Teresa was founded amid the rolling hills of the Aragua Valley in Venezuela. In addition to sugarcane, coffee and cocoa were cultivated there. A young German merchant named Gustav Julius Vollmer arrived in Venezuela in 1830. That same year, he married Panchita Ribas, the heir of Simón Bolívar. Santa Teresa remains in the hands of the Vollmer family's descendants to this day.

Santa Teresa 1796 was created in 1996 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Hacienda. The rum is meant to embody the craftsmanship accumulated over the past 200 years. The result is a bold and well-balanced blend made using the solera method with rums aged up to 35 years, offering notes of nuts, vanilla, and spices.

## 22. KILL DEVIL (BARBADOS)



"Kill Devil" was a term used in the 17th and 18th centuries for Caribbean spirits that were believed to have the power to drive away the devil. Today, the "Kill Devil" series takes its name from this old expression and features high-quality, strictly limited rums from various countries.

The "Kill Devil Barbados" was allowed to mature for 21 years in carefully selected casks before being bottled. This fine spirit was produced by the West Indies Rum Distillery in Barbados, though the single-cask rum was bottled in Scotland. Limited to only 229 bottles, it is a sought-after collector's item. On the nose, "Kill Devil Barbados" offers aromas of bananas, spices, and dark fruits, while the palate reveals notes of honey, vanilla, wood, and leather.

## 23. MALECON (PANAMA)



Malecon's sipping rum from Panama is well known to every rum connoisseur. This applies especially to the premium qualities produced by Caribbean Spirits Inc. With the "Malecon Selección Espléndida" range, the distillery opens its treasure chamber and makes it accessible to us enthusiasts. Only products of the highest quality are deemed worthy of being released under this name.

The "Malecon Selección Espléndida 1982" was allowed to mature for around 28 years in ex-bourbon casks before being selected and bottled by brand owner Marco Savio. In the glass, aromas of dried fruits and pralines await us, once the initial roasted coffee notes have dissipated. These reappear on the palate, where they interplay with spices and nutty nuances.

## 24. ENMORE (GUYANA)



Independent bottlers often have very special treasures hidden away. Alambic Classique from Bad Wörschhofen offers us several top-class bottlings with its "Rare Single Cask" series. The "Enmore Emperieur Vintage 1990," with its proud 28 years of age, easily outshines many other products. Only 191 bottles were released, further highlighting its exclusivity. Being able to pour it into a glass today is therefore a true honor.

Once opened, one immediately notices mineral notes, light oak, and fresh herbs. Contrary to the nose, the palate reveals vanilla, a hint of cocoa, and pronounced fruity notes. The initial aromas perceived on the nose return in the finish, accompanied by a touch of coffee.