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## 10 WOOD-AGED SPIRITS FOR HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING.

The holidays offer many gifts for the refined palate. There are tons of occasion delights (lobster, caviar, champagne).

But what of wood? The elegance of wood-aged spirits is very much about the flavors of cask-aged hooch, here are some new and novel ways to

**1 Wild Turkey Forgiven:** Wild Turkey trots out an unusual (and collected) aged bourbon. Instead of throwing it out, they discovered something that is the result of a mistake. The backstory is simple: The distillery aged bourbon. Instead of throwing it out, they discovered something

**2 Johnnie Walker Platinum:** Described as the most perfectly crafted sons have ever produced, Platinum offers a deep, complex layering of (single malt and grain whiskeys) each matured for a minimum of 18

**3 Avion Reserva 44:** Released this month, this is Avion's finest extra temperature-controlled cave, then an additional month in selected p released for the holiday gift-giving season. Tequila fans, rejoice; \$15

**4 Herradura Coleccion de la Casa, Reserva 2013 - Cognac Cask Finish Reposado:** A mouthful of a title and a delicious mouthful of small-batch tequila from the house of Herradura. The tequila starts with an 11-month rest in medium-char American Oak and then three additional months in French oak. Double barrel, double pleasure; \$89.99.

**5 Knob Creek Smoked Maple Bourbon:** For its first flavored bourbon, Knob Creek went for a hint of smoke and maple. Created in honor of Knob Creek founder Booker Noe, this new expression is best enjoyed neat or with an ice cube or two. Perfect for long, cold winter nights; \$35.

**6 Laphroaig Triple Wood:** You get three times the wood in this super-premium whisky that has gone through a triple-maturation process in ex-bourbon barrels, 19th-century-style quarter casks and European Oak olorosso sherry casks. Look for notes of creamy vanilla and sweet fruit in this smoky, peaty charmer; \$59.99.

**7 Dewar's Signature:** Each of the limited-edition bottles is numbered and marked. Fitting for this super-luxurious offering of the rarest whiskies. More than 160 years of blending traditions are poured into this rare whisky from each of Scotland's whisky regions that has been double barrel aged to incomparable smoothness; \$199.99.

**8 Treaty Oak Barrel Reserve Rum:** Austin's Treaty Oak Distilling has launched a new, aged version of its flagship rum. Treaty Oak Barrel Reserve is rested "under the scorching Texas sun" in first-use American White Oak barrels with a medium char for two to three years. Best enjoyed straight or on the rocks; \$25.99.

**9 Citadelle Reserve Solera 2013:** Citadelle's newest innovation reaches back in time when gin spent time in wooden barrels. This modern aged gin is a blend of gins aged in different types of casks (including Cognac and American Oak), anywhere from two to five months. Your martini will never be the same; \$34.99.

**10 Peat Monster Tenth Anniversary Limited Release:** To mark 10 years of unapologetically peaty whisky, Peat Monster is unleashing a limited-release version (only 5,700 bottles worldwide). It's a richer, smokier, peatier and higher-strength version of its original. This is for those who like a rich, intense, smoky blend of single malts; \$100.

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