

“This vibrant and well-balanced bottle”

Sailors' brew: 10 best rums



Despite the historical links with pirates and sailors, you don't have to take to the seas to enjoy this spicy spirit. In fact, Agostino Perrone, award-winning director of Mixology at the *Connaught Hotel*, says rum has never been so trendy.

With tropical flavours ranging from light and sweet to dark, rich and treacly, rum comes increasingly high on people's lists of favourite spirits, “not just for its smoothness, but also for its character,” he says.

Each country of origin has its own individual style, he says. “Cubans, for instance, have round flavours and dry fruits while Jamaican rums are rich, round and tropical, with a sweeter finish.”

There are different colours too - white rum, gold rum, dark rum and black rum.

Plantation 3 Stars White Rum

“White rum, which can be aged or unaged, is the clear and most commonly used as the base for a daiquiri or mojito,” says Agostino. He picks this “vibrant and well-balanced” bottle which comes from the “three stars” of the Caribbean – Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad.