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# Delectable COLLECTIBLES

Inspired gift ideas for the connoisseur that blur the lines between  
*spirits and fine art*

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rt and fine wines have blurred the lines between luxury goods and commodities for generations. However, premium spirits producers and master distillers have caught up in recent years and upped their game with exclusive offerings that are truly tasteful. And if you have somebody in your life who covets the finest spirits for his or her home bar as well as statement-making design, you're in luck this year.

In 2019, Jeremy Kasler traded his cache in the global fine art market for the creation and launch of CaskX (caskx.com), a company converging his passion for whiskey with his extensive expertise in pioneering innovative new investment platforms... and not only for the most elite connoisseurs. This year, the Australian-born and Los Angeles-based businessman hopes to bring the art of investing in fine whiskeys and bourbons to a larger audience and teaching them how spirits can be investments beyond one's personal bar and desire to make a good impression when entertaining at home and at work.

Kasler explains that Scotch and bourbon casks are an ideal gift for anybody curious about top-tier spirits or alternative forms of investing. Furthermore, by working directly with distillers, CaskX is able to secure more lucrative and secure opportunities for investors. Barreled bourbon, for example, has shown exceptional stability and consistency in performance over the long term, making casks an important holding for strategic investors set on diversifying their portfolio with an asset with unparalleled resilience across economic cycles. Since 2010, bourbon cask prices have appreciated on average 13.85 percent per year on average, depending on the distillery and age. In comparison to other asset classes, bourbon has outpaced nearly every other category and is statistically been uncorrelated to the stock and bond markets. >



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"By offering unparalleled transparency and advanced technology, we're ushering in a new era of investment into the whiskey industry through our unique business model," continues Kasler. "I launched CaskX with the goal of bridging the gap between distilleries and investors to bring the financial benefits of whiskey investment to the global stage," continues Kasler. "At the same time, we aim to help our top market distilleries withstand the cash flow pressures that are inherent in whiskey production. Things have moved fast since we launched, as we're now serving investors and distilleries through offices in Sydney, Los Angeles, and Hong Kong."

While The Glenfiddich scotch portfolio appeals to whiskey fans with its reliable go-to libations, the distillery sometimes rolls out exclusive offerings with its Glenfiddich Single Malt Scotch Whiskey core range. The newest limited production expression is The Glenfiddich 12-Year-Old Sherry Cask Finish (\$54.99), a lively single malt available in both the Florida and California markets.

The spirit is matured in traditional American and European Oak casks, and finished in rare Amontillado Sherry casks for a distinctively rich and refined taste. Amontillado is a distinctive sherry crafted in the Spanish sherry region of Jerez and considered to be one of the four major dry sherries that still displays sweet flavor. This lends to a beautifully sweet, fruity notes intensified with rich oak, cinnamon, nutmeg and a hint of baked apple, apparent in the new liquid. It joins the Core Range alongside Glenfiddich's 12 Year-Old Original, 14 Year-Old Bourbon Barrel Reserve, 15 Year-Old Solera, and 18 Year-Old Small Batch.

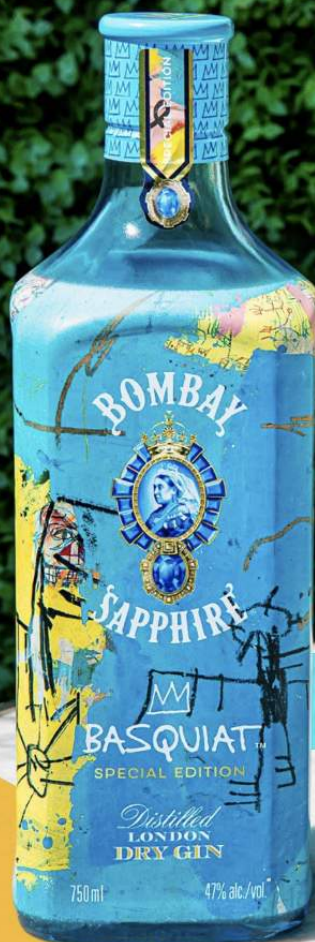
For those who are as caught up in NFL football action as they are with quality whiskey, a new offering sired and inspired by NFL legend, broadcaster, and entertainer Terry Bradshaw could prove to be a winning holiday gift choice. Bradshaw Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (\$40), created in the heart of Kentucky's bourbon country, is already a strong contender in competitions, earning a phenomenal 91-point rating from Wine Enthusiast and a gold medal at the 2022 San Francisco World Spirits Competition. It was also chosen second in a blind taste test of top bourbon brands by world-renowned whiskey authority Fred Minnick. Anybody well-versed in football trivia will recognize that its proof (51.9% ABV) is a nod to the NFL Hall of Fame quarterback's career passing record.

Hedonistas de la Fe, a new bespoke small-batch range of artisanal mezcals, brings something new, unexpected, and luxurious to the agave spirits category. The collection of four rich, sophisticated, and complex mezcals introduced to the U.S. this fall range in price between \$55.00 to \$300/bottle as they are crafted from proprietary recipes and 500 year-old traditions handed down through the Santiago family of Matatlan, Oaxaca. Adding to the range's value is the fact that the process—from the harvest of the agave to the distillation—is non-mechanized and created in one distillery. Each expression makes a specific flavor statement, from the cultivated ESPADIN (Agave Angustifolia) to the wild agave plants used in the bold TOBALA (Agave Potatorum), the elegant CUISHE (Agave Karwinskii), and the complex TEPEZTATE (Agave Marmorata).

Returning to the art world, gin producer Bombay Sapphire and the Basquiat Estate will be rolling out its 3rd Annual Special Edition Bottle (\$23.99) following collaborations with fellow art visionaries Hebru Brantley (2020) and Steven Harrington (2021). This year's Special Edition bottle, which pays homage to cultural icon and prolific artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, draws inspiration from Jean-Michel's time in Los Angeles. The bottle is enrobed with one of Basquiat's earliest works, "Untitled (L.A. Painting)," which has never before been licensed and has only been displayed to the public once in his second-ever show. The piece combines a defined L.A. vibe with key motifs associated with his work: the crown, the bird, the coin, and the skull, which are all beautifully collaged over soft hues of blue. ▶



This year's Special Edition Bombay Sapphire bottle pays homage to cultural icon and prolific artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and draws inspiration from his time in Los Angeles with this refreshing cocktail composed for royalty.



## THE OFFICIAL COCKTAIL OF JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT: *King Pleasure*®



KING *Meets* QUEEN

### INGREDIENTS

- 1½ oz BOMBAY SAPHIRE® gin
- ½ oz Real Pineapple Puree
- ½ oz Lemon juice
- ½ oz Honey syrup 1:1
- 5 oz Fever-Tree Premium Tonic

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Build ingredients in balloon glass with fresh cold draft ice.
2. Garnish with two pineapple top leaves and a few slices of jalapeno (or other pepper) in the drink.



## Bradshaw Mint Julep

### INGREDIENTS

- 8 mint leaves
- ¼ oz simple syrup
- 2 oz Bradshaw Bourbon
- Garnish: mint sprig

### INSTRUCTIONS

In a Julep glass, muddle the mint leaves in the simple syrup. Add Bradshaw Bourbon and pack the glass with crushed ice. Stir until cold. Garnish with a mint sprig.

## Bradshaw Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 oz. Bradshaw Bourbon
- 1 tsp. Sugar  
(or 1 sugar cube)
- 2 Dashes Angostura bitters
- 1 Cherry
- 1 Orange peel  
for garnish

### INSTRUCTIONS

Muddle Sugar and bitters together in a glass, add Ice and Bradshaw Bourbon, then stir until satisfied. Strain out ice and replace with large ice cube if desired, then garnish with cherry and orange peel and enjoy!

# MIX IT UP

