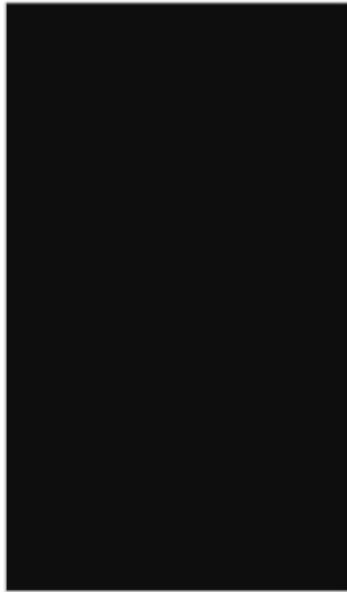


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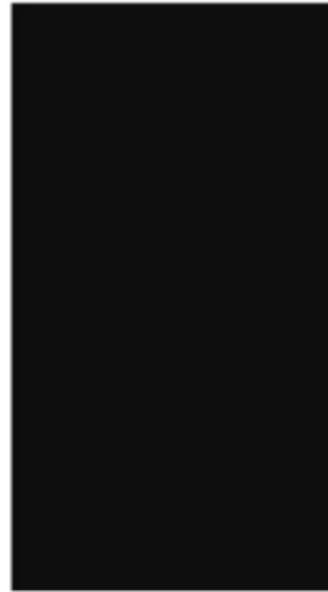
The Best Tequilas For Fans of Whiskey, According To Bartenders

Tequila and whiskey are not the same thing — we all know that on some level. Tequila is made from the sugary juice of roasted Blue Weber Agave in Jalisco, Mexico, and has a ton of rules that govern what blanco/white, gold, reposado, and añejo version are in the bottle. Whiskey, on the other hand, is a grain-based spirit made from barley, corn, and various types of wheat amongst other grains here and there. It also has a long list of rules that dictate what's in the bottle from Scotland to Kentucky to Japan.

Tapatio Excelencia Extra Añejo



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Jared Kelly, head bartender at Merchants Cigar Bar in New York City

ABV: 40%

Average Price: \$45

The Tequila:

Whiskey drinkers are usually on the opposite side of the liquor spectrum than your tequila enthusiasts would be. While that gap might have some difficulty being bridged, a good handful out there build that crossover, and my favorite has to be Tapatio Excelencia Extra Añejo.

Tasting Notes:

With notes of malt, oak, and vanilla on the nose, it follows with undertones of butterscotch, chocolate, and nuttiness on the pull. With those notes and a nicely bodied mouthfeel, this is definitely one to bring you, whiskey friends, over to the agave side.