



BESTSELLING BOOZY DRINKS

Every year *Drinks International*, a magazine devoted to global spirits, asks 100 of the world's best bars to rank their bestselling classic cocktails. Here are the top 10.

- 10) MOJITO rum, lime juice, soda, cane sugar, mint, and ice
- 9) MOSCOW MULE vodka, lime, ginger, and soda
- 8) SAZERAC rye whiskey, Demerara syrup, bitters, splash of absinthe, lemon peel, and ice
- **7) MARGARITA** tequila, fresh lime juice, and agave syrup
- 6) WHISKEY SOUR bourbon, lemon juice, and a teaspoon of sugar

- 5) DRY MARTINI vodka or gin, vermouth, olive optional
- 4) DAIQUIRI fresh lime juice, 1:1 simple syrup, and Plantation 3 Stars white rum for punch
- 3) MANHATTAN rye whiskey, sweet vermouth and two dashes of Angostura, stirred with ice, garnished with cherries
- 2) NEGRONI one-third Campari, one-third sweet vermouth, one-third gin

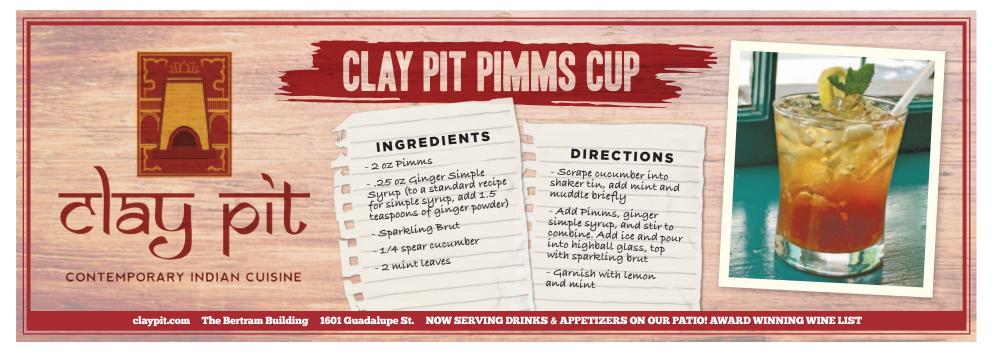
Source: Drinks International: "The World's 50 Best Selling Classic Cocktails 2016" (Jan. 28, 2016)



1) OLD FASHIONED – one sugar cube – wet with three dashes of Angostura bitters and a little soda – crushed, stirred with a large ice cube and 2 ounces of rye







DRINKING UNDER THE TABLE: COUNTERFEIT ALCOHOL

In May 2016 a viral video surfaced of a small factory in China that has been counterfeiting Budweiser beer. In this video, workers are shown dipping used cans into a plastic container of beer, refilling them, and preparing them to resell as a genuine product. While most people believe the counterfeiting problem is reserved for designer goods, any well-represented brand is a prime target, with alcohol becoming a top contender. Between December 2016 and March 2017, Interpol and Europol seized over 26.4 million liters of counterfeit booze worldwide. In Padova, Italy, the financial police discovered more than 9,000 bottles of fake Moët & Chandon Champagne worth over \$350,000 in a shed. The contents of the bottles? Cheap sparkling table wine. In Russia, a batch of counterfeit Boyaryshnik found its way into vending machines and shops around the Siberian city of Irkutsk, resulting in over 70 deaths. The bottles claimed to contain 93% ethanol, hawthorn extract, and lemon oil. The true contents? Methanol, an ingredient in antifreeze.

Stay thirsty!



Sources: Drinks International: "China's fake booze market" (June 9, 2017); The Guardian. "Siberian city declares emergency as dozens die from drinking alcoholic bath tincture" (Dec. 19, 2016)







WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE HANGOVER



What is the world's most expensive cocktail? The honor frequently changes as bars around the world attempt to one-up each other with their extravagant sippables. However, many of the prices aren't dictated by the liquor inside the glass, but the diamonds served on the side. So does a \$50 cocktail with a \$20,000 diamond really get to compete for the top slot? Guinness World Records doesn't think so. In 2013 they awarded the Most Expensive Cocktail slot to Joel Heffernan of Melbourne, Australia, at Club 23, a record Heffernan still holds. The drink, titled the Winston, contains 60ml of Croizet's 1858 "Cuvée Léonie" cognac and costs \$12,970. The cognac itself holds its own title as the most expensive cognac to be sold at auction at a staggering \$157,000, or \$6,000 a shot. Topping off the liquid gold is Grand Marnier Quintessence, Chartreuse Vieillissement Exceptionnellement Prolongé, a dash of Angostura bitters, and finishing touches such as chocolate nutmeg dust. How does Club 23 justify the price? The cost of maintaining the cognac, and the two days' notice needed to make the pricey concoction.

Source: The Spirits Business: "Australian to break world's most expensive cocktail record" (Feb. 6, 2013)



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