

VODKA

ACCORDING TO U.S. LAW, vodkas produced in the country must be pure spirits with no additives except water; nonaged; and basically colorless, tasteless, and odorless. This description may sound lackluster, but it explains why vodka is one of today's most popular spirits: Because of its purity, vodka graciously assumes the characteristics of whatever it's mixed with.

Vodka is generally made from grain (corn, rye, or wheat) or potatoes, with grain accounting for nearly all the vodka available on the international market. It is a rectified spirit, meaning it's distilled at least three times, and then filtered—the most important step—typically through charcoal, although some distillers claim to employ diamond dust and even quartz crystals.

Stylistic differences between one vodka and another are subtle, even at the very high end, given that discernible flavor isn't a factor. Vodka is often described by its texture on the tongue or mouth-feel, ranging from clean and crisp to viscous and silky. Subtle sensations in the finish—after it's swallowed—can range from slightly sweet to medicinal. The finish could also reveal if a vodka is hot, rough, and raw (usually the mark of an inexpensive bulk vodka, or perhaps one with higher-than-normal 80-proof) or, conversely, if it is smooth, round, and rich (one made by a master distiller).

That said, the very best vodkas, the so-called super-premium brands (priced higher than \$30 per bottle) are perfect when unadorned, say in a Martini, or for a chilled straight shot to accompany caviar. In the end, vodka mixed in just about any of the following recipes will only enhance whatever it touches.

🍸 ALFIE COCKTAIL

1½ oz. Lemon-flavored
Vodka

1 tbsp. Pineapple Juice

1 dash Triple Sec

Shake with ice and strain
into chilled cocktail glass.

🍸 AQUEDUCT

1½ oz. Vodka

1½ tsps. Curaçao (White)

1½ tsps. Apricot-flavored
Brandy

1 tbsp. Lime Juice

Shake with ice and strain
into chilled cocktail glass.
Add a twist of orange peel.

🍷 BANANA PUNCH

2 oz. Vodka

1½ tsps. Apricot-flavored
Brandy

½ oz. Lime Juice

Club Soda

Pour vodka, brandy, and lime
juice into Collins glass filled
with crushed ice. Add club
soda and top with slices of
banana and sprigs of mint.

🍷 BASIL 8

3 Basil Leaves

5 White Grapes

1½ oz. Vodka

¾ oz. Lime Juice

1 oz. Simple Syrup

1 dash Angostura Bitters

Ginger Ale

Muddle basil and grapes
in Collins glass. Build next
four ingredients over ice.
Top with ginger ale. Garnish
with a sprig of basil and one
white grape.

🍷 BEER BUSTER

1½ oz. 100-proof Vodka

Chilled Beer or Ale

2 dashes Tabasco Sauce

Pour vodka into highball
glass and fill with beer or ale.
Add Tabasco Sauce and stir
lightly.

🍸 BIANCA

1½ oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka

1 splash Superfine Sugar
(or Simple Syrup)

1 splash Lemon Juice

¼ oz. Lime Juice

2 oz. Pomegranate Juice

Shake with ice and strain
into chilled, sugar-rimmed
cocktail glass. Garnish with
twist of lemon and fresh
pomegranate seeds.

 **THE BIG CRUSH**

2½ oz. Raspberry-flavored
Vodka
1 oz. Triple Sec
½ oz. Raspberry-flavored
Liqueur
1 splash Lime Juice
Champagne

Shake first four ingredients with ice. Strain into chilled cocktail glass and top with Champagne. Garnish with fresh blackberries and raspberries.

 **BIKINI**

2 oz. Vodka
1 oz. Light Rum
½ oz. Milk
1 tsp. Sugar
1 oz. Lemon Juice

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a twist of lemon peel.

 **BLACK CHERRY CHOCOLATE**

1½ oz. Effen Black Cherry
Vodka
1½ oz. White Chocolate
Liqueur
1 splash Cherry-flavored
Soda or Cherry Juice

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **BLACK MAGIC**

1½ oz. Vodka
¾ oz. Coffee Liqueur
1 dash Lemon Juice

Stir and serve in ice-filled old-fashioned glass. Add a twist of lemon peel.

 **BLACK RUSSIAN**

1½ oz. Vodka
¾ oz. Coffee Liqueur

Pour over ice cubes into old-fashioned glass.

 **THE BLOOD ORANGE**

2 oz. Orange-flavored Vodka
1 oz. Campari

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a half wheel of blood orange.

 **BLOODY BULL**

1 oz. Vodka
2 oz. Tomato Juice
2 oz. Beef Bouillon

Pour into ice-filled high-ball glass. Stir, and add a squeeze of lemon and a slice of lime.

 **BLOODY MARY**

1½ oz. Vodka
 3 oz. Tomato Juice
 1 dash Lemon Juice
 ½ tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
 2–3 drops Tabasco Sauce
 Salt and Pepper as needed

Shake with ice and strain into ice-filled old-fashioned glass. Garnish with a lime wedge or a celery stalk.

 **BLUE LAGOON**

1 oz. Vodka
 1 oz. Blue Curaçao
 Lemonade

Pour first two ingredients into ice-filled highball glass. Fill with lemonade. Garnish with a maraschino cherry.

 **BLUE LEMONADE**

1½ oz. Effen Vodka
 4 oz. Lemonade
 ¾ oz. Blue Curaçao

Pour into ice-filled highball glass and stir.

 **BLUE MONDAY COCKTAIL**

1½ oz. Vodka
 ¾ oz. Triple Sec
 1 dash Blue Food Coloring

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **BOLSHOI PUNCH**

1 oz. Vodka
 2½ oz. Lemon Juice
 1 tsp. Superfine Sugar
 (or Simple Syrup)

¼ oz. Rum
 ¼ oz. Crème de Cassis

Shake and pour into ice-filled old-fashioned glass.

 **BORDEAUX COCKTAIL**

1½ oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
 ½ oz. Lillet Blonde

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a twist of lemon peel.

 **BOSTON GOLD**

1 oz. Vodka
 ½ oz. Crème de Banana
 Orange Juice

Pour vodka and banana liqueur into ice-filled highball glass. Fill with orange juice and stir.

 **BULLFROG**

1½ oz. Vodka
 5 oz. Lemonade

Pour into ice-filled Collins glass and garnish with a slice of lime.

☐ BULL SHOT

1½ oz. Vodka
 3 oz. Beef Bouillon, chilled
 1 dash Worcestershire Sauce
 1 dash Salt
 1 dash Pepper

Shake with ice and strain into chilled old-fashioned glass.

☐ CAESAR

1 oz. Vodka
 4 oz. Tomato-Clam Juice
 1 pinch Salt
 1 pinch Pepper
 1 dash Worcestershire Sauce
 2–3 dashes Horseradish

Coat rim of a highball or Delmonico glass with celery salt, and then fill with ice. Shake ingredients with ice and strain mixture into glass. Garnish with a celery stalk and a lemon wedge or cherry tomato.

☐ CAPE CODDER

1½ oz. Vodka
 5 oz. Cranberry Juice

Pour into ice-filled highball glass. Stir well. Garnish with a wedge of lime.

☹ CAPPUCINO COCKTAIL

¾ oz. Coffee-flavored Brandy
 ¾ oz. Vodka
 ¾ oz. Light Cream

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

☐ CARIBBEAN CRUISE

1 oz. Vodka
 ¼ oz. Light Rum
 ¼ oz. Coconut-flavored Rum
 1 splash Grenadine
 4 oz. Pineapple Juice

Shake first four ingredients with ice and pour into ice-filled Collins glass. Fill with pineapple juice. Garnish with a pineapple wedge and a maraschino cherry.

☐ CASCO BAY LEMONADE

1½ oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
 2 oz. Superfine Sugar
 (or Simple Syrup)
 2 oz. Lemon Juice
 1 splash Cranberry Juice
 1 splash Lemon-lime Soda

Shake first four ingredients with ice. Pour into ice-filled Collins glass. Add lemon-lime soda. Float a lemon slice on top.

☹ CHAMPAGNE FLAMINGO

¾ oz. Vodka
 ¾ oz. Campari
 5 oz. Champagne, chilled

Shake vodka and Campari with ice. Strain into chilled champagne flute and top with Champagne. Garnish with a zest of orange.

CHERRY BOMB

- 1 oz. Effen Black Cherry Vodka
- 1 tumbler $\frac{3}{4}$ full of Energy Drink

Mix in old-fashioned glass with ice and garnish with a maraschino cherry.

CITRONELLA COOLER

- 1 oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
- 1 dash Lime Juice
- 2 oz. Lemonade
- 1 oz. Cranberry Juice

Pour into ice-filled Collins glass. Top with a squeeze of fresh lime.

COSMOPOLITAN COCKTAIL

- 1¼ oz. Vodka
- ¼ oz. Lime Juice
- ¼ oz. Triple Sec
- ¼ oz. Cranberry Juice

Shake well with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a lime wedge.

CROCODILE COOLER

- 1½ oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
- 1 oz. Melon Liqueur
- $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. Triple Sec
- 1 oz. Superfine Sugar (or Simple Syrup)
- 1 oz. Lemon Juice
- Lemon-lime Soda

Place first five ingredients into ice-filled parfait or hurricane glass. Fill with soda and stir well. Garnish with a pineapple wedge and a maraschino cherry or lime wheel. Serve with a straw.

CUBELTINI

- 3 Cucumber Slices
- 5–7 Mint Leaves
- 1½ oz. Superfine Sugar (or Simple Syrup)
- 2 oz. Vodka
- 1 oz. Lime Juice

Muddle the cucumber, mint, and sugar/syrup. Add vodka and lime juice. Shake and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with fresh mint.

DESERT SUNRISE

- 1¼ oz. Vodka
- 1½ oz. Orange Juice
- 1½ oz. Pineapple Juice
- 1 dash Grenadine

Pour first three ingredients over crushed ice in Collins glass. Top with grenadine.

🍸 DREAMY DORINI SMOKING MARTINI

2 oz. Vodka

½ oz. Whisky (Scotch)

4 drops Anise Liqueur

Shake and strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a lemon twist.

🍷 ELECTRIC JAM

1¼ oz. Vodka

½ oz. Blue Curaçao

1 oz. Superfine Sugar
(or Simple Syrup)

1 oz. Lemon Juice

Lemon-lime Soda

Pour first four ingredients into ice-filled Collins glass. Fill with soda and stir.

🍸 FLATIRON MARTINI

1½ oz. Orange-flavored
Vodka

1½ oz. Lillet Blanc

1 splash Triple Sec

Stir vodka and Lillet with ice and strain into Triple Sec-rinsed cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange slice.

🍸 FRENCH MARTINI

1½ oz. Vodka

1 oz. Black Raspberry
Liqueur

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

🍷 FRISKY WITCH

1 oz. Vodka

1 oz. Sambuca

Pour into ice-filled old-fashioned glass and stir. Garnish with a black licorice stick.

🍷 GABLES COLLINS

1½ oz. Vodka

1 oz. Crème de Noyaux

1 tbsp. Lemon Juice

1 tbsp. Pineapple Juice

Club Soda

Shake first four ingredients with ice and strain into ice-filled Collins glass. Fill with club soda. Garnish with a slice of lemon and a pineapple chunk.

🍷 GENTLE BEN

1 oz. Vodka

1 oz. Gin

1 oz. Tequila

Orange Juice

Shake first three ingredients with ice and pour into ice-filled Collins glass. Fill with orange juice and stir. Garnish with an orange slice and a maraschino cherry.

📄 **GEORGIA MULE**

- 1 Peach Slice, skinless
- 1½ oz. Vodka
- ½ oz. Lemon Juice
- 1½ oz. Ginger Beer
- 2 dashes Peach Bitters

Muddle peach in a Collins glass. Build other ingredients over ice and stir. Garnish with a slice of peach.

📄 **GEORGIA PEACH**

- 1½ oz. Vodka
- ½ oz. Peach Schnapps
- 1 dash Grenadine
- Lemonade

Pour first three ingredients into ice-filled Collins glass. Fill with lemonade.

📄 **GLASS TOWER**

- 1 oz. Vodka
- 1 oz. Peach Schnapps
- 1 oz. Rum
- 1 oz. Triple Sec
- ½ oz. Sambuca
- Lemon-lime Soda

Pour first five ingredients into ice-filled Collins glass. Fill with lemon-lime soda and garnish with an orange slice and a maraschino cherry.

📄 **GODCHILD**

- 1 oz. Amaretto
- 1 oz. Vodka
- 1 oz. Heavy Cream

Shake well with ice and strain into chilled champagne flute.

Make People Happy

Bartenders should never lose sight of the primary mission of their job: To make people happy. This can be done by serving a great cocktail, but it can also be achieved by telling a good joke, commiserating with some unhappy soul, or introducing like-minded people to each other, and in a million other different ways. Some of my favorite bartenders have worked in shot-and-a-beer joints, and wouldn't know how to fix a decent Margarita to save their lives. If a bartender makes the customers happy, he or she is doing a good job.

—GARY REGAN,
co-publisher, AredentSpirits.com

☐ GODMOTHER

1½ oz. Vodka

¾ oz. Amaretto

Combine in ice-filled old-fashioned glass.

🍸 GRAPEFRUIT GIMLET ROYALE

2 oz. Vodka

2 oz. Grapefruit Juice

1 splash Fresh Lime Juice

1 splash Superfine Sugar
(or Simple Syrup)

Champagne, chilled

Shake first four ingredients with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Top off with Champagne.

🍸 GRAPE NEHI (PURPLE HOOTER)

1 oz. Vodka

1 oz. Raspberry-flavored
Liqueur

1 oz. Lemon Juice

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

☐ HANDBALL COOLER

1½ oz. Vodka

Club Soda

1 splash Orange Juice

Pour vodka into ice-filled highball glass. Fill almost to top with club soda. Top with orange juice. Garnish with a lime wedge.

🍸 HARRINGTON

1½ oz. Vodka

¼ oz. Triple Sec

⅛ oz. Chartreuse

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Twist an orange zest over the drink and then float zest in drink.

☐ HARVEY WALLBANGER

1 oz. Vodka

4 oz. Orange Juice

½ oz. Galliano

Pour vodka and orange juice into ice-filled Collins glass. Stir. Float Galliano on top.

☐ HEADLESS HORSEMAN

2 oz. Vodka

3 dashes Bitters

Ginger Ale

Pour vodka and bitters into ice-filled Collins glass. Fill with ginger ale and stir. Garnish with a slice of orange.

🍸 HUMPTY DUMPTY

2 oz. Vodka

1 oz. Orange Juice

½ oz. Galliano

1 Whole Egg

3 dashes Peychaud's Bitters

Shake without ice. Then shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **HUNTSMAN COCKTAIL**

- 1½ oz. Vodka
- ½ oz. Jamaican Rum
- ½ oz. Lime Juice
- ½ tsp. Superfine Sugar
(or Simple Syrup)

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **IBIZA**

- 1 oz. Orange-flavored Vodka
- ½ oz. Campari
- 1 dash Peach Schnapps
- 1 dash Apple Schnapps
- 1 dash Pomegranates au Merlot Syrup
- 1 oz. Grapefruit Juice

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a grapefruit twist.

 **ITALIAN SCREWDRIVER**

- 1½ oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
- 3 oz. Orange Juice
- 2 oz. Grapefruit Juice
- 1 splash Ginger Ale

Mix and pour into ice-filled, sugar-rimmed hurricane or parfait glass. Garnish with a lime wheel.

 **JACKIE-O**

- ½ oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
- ½ oz. Orange-flavored Vodka
- ½ oz. Crème de Cassis
- 1 oz. Apricot Nectar
- 3 tps. Lemon Juice
- 2 tps. Cranberry Juice
- Champagne, chilled

Shake first six ingredients with ice and strain into chilled, pink-sugar-rimmed 10-oz. cocktail glass. Top with Champagne and garnish with an orange slice and a lime wheel.

 **THE JAMAICAN TEN SPEED**

- 1 oz. Vodka
- ¾ oz. Melon Liqueur
- ¼ oz. Crème de Banana
- ¼ oz. Coconut-flavored Rum
- ½ oz. Half-and-Half

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **JERICO'S BREEZE**

- 1 oz. Vodka
- ¾ oz. Blue Curaçao
- 1¼ oz. Superfine Sugar
(or Simple Syrup)
- 1¼ oz. Lemon Juice
- 1 splash Lemon-lime Soda
- 1 splash Orange Juice

Shake with ice until frothy. Strain into chilled red-wine glass. Garnish with a pineapple spear and a maraschino cherry.

JUNGLE JUICE

- 1 oz. Vodka
- 1 oz. Rum
- ½ oz. Triple Sec
- 1 splash Superfine Sugar (or Simple Syrup)
- 1 splash Lemon Juice
- 1 oz. Cranberry Juice
- 1 oz. Orange Juice
- 1 oz. Pineapple Juice

Pour into ice-filled Collins glass. Garnish with an orange slice and a maraschino cherry.

KANGAROO COCKTAIL

- 1½ oz. Vodka
- ¾ oz. Dry Vermouth

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a twist of lemon peel.

KATANA

- 3 Thin Cucumber Slices
- 1½ oz. Vodka
- ½ oz. Sake
- ¾ oz. Lime Juice
- ¾ oz. Simple Syrup

Muddle cucumber in mixing glass. Add rest of ingredients. Shake and double strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a slice of cucumber.

KRETCHMA COCKTAIL

- 1 oz. Vodka
- 1 oz. Crème de Cacao (White)
- 1 tbsp. Lemon Juice
- 1 dash Grenadine

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

L.A. SUNRISE

- 1 oz. Vodka
- ½ oz. Crème de Banana
- 2 oz. Orange Juice
- 2 oz. Pineapple Juice
- ¼ oz. Rum

Pour first four ingredients into ice-filled hurricane or parfait glass. Float rum on top. Garnish with a lime wheel and a maraschino cherry.

LEMON CRUSH

- 2 oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
- 1 oz. Limoncello Crema
- 1 oz. Triple Sec
- 2 oz. Lemon Juice

Shake with ice and strain into chilled, sugar-rimmed cocktail glass.

LE PARADINI

- 1½ oz. Vodka
- ½ oz. Raspberry-flavored Liqueur
- 1½ oz. Grand Marnier
- 1½ oz. Champagne, chilled

Shake first three ingredients with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Top with Champagne.

LIMONCELLO MANZANILLA MARMALADE SOUR

1½ oz. Citrus Vodka
¾ oz. Limoncello
¾ oz. Manzanilla Sherry
¾ oz. Lemon Juice
1 barspoon Grapefruit
Marmalade

Shake with ice and double-strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange twist.

L'ITALIENNE

2 oz. Vodka
¼ oz. Lillet Blonde
¼ oz. Ramazzotti Amaro
1 dash Orange Bitters

Stir and strain into cocktail glass.

LONG ISLAND ICED TEA

¾ oz. Vodka
¾ oz. Tequila
¾ oz. Gin
¾ oz. Light Rum
¾ oz. Triple Sec
½ oz. Superfine Sugar
(or Simple Syrup)
½ oz. Lemon Juice
Cola

Combine first seven ingredients and pour into ice-filled highball glass. Add cola for color. Garnish with a wedge of lime.

THE LOOP

2 oz. Effen Black Cherry
Vodka
½ oz. Crème de Cacao
(White)
½ oz. Chili Syrup*

Shake ingredients and serve straight up in an old-fashioned glass with grated dark chocolate.

* Chili Syrup: Add 2 tbsps. red pepper flakes to 1 pint of water; bring to boil. Simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in 2 cups of sugar. Transfer to sterile container and refrigerate.

LYCHEE JUICY

1½ oz. Vodka
½ oz. Lychee Liqueur
1 oz. Orange Juice
1 oz. Pineapple Juice
2 dashes Angostura Bitters

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a pineapple leaf-stuffed lychee nut.

MADRAS

1½ oz. Vodka
4 oz. Cranberry Juice
1 oz. Orange Juice

Pour into highball glass over ice. Garnish with a wedge of lime.

🍷 **MARACUYA MOSQUITO**

4 Basil Leaves
 1½ oz. Vodka
 ½ oz. Green Chartreuse
 ½ oz. Lime Juice
 ½ oz. Simple Syrup
 1 oz. Passion Fruit Juice

Muddle basil in mixing glass. Add rest of the ingredients. Shake with ice and double strain into Collins glass filled with crushed ice. Garnish with a basil leaf.

🍷 **MISS JONES**

1½ oz. Vanilla Vodka
 1 oz. Lemon Juice
 ½ oz. Butterscotch Schnapps
 ½ oz. Limoncello

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a whole star anise pod.

🍷 **MR. 404**

1½ oz. Vodka
 ¾ oz. Elderflower Liqueur
 ¾ oz. Lemon Juice
 ½ oz. Simple Syrup
 ½ oz. Aperol

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange twist.

🍷 **MOCHA EXPRESS**

2 oz. Vodka
 ¾ oz. Irish Cream Liqueur
 ¾ oz. Kahlua
 1 oz. Espresso Coffee

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

🍷 **MOSCOW MULE**

1½ oz. Vodka
 ½ oz. Lime Juice
 Ginger Beer

Pour vodka and lime juice into Irish coffee glass. Add ice cubes and fill with ginger beer. Drop lime wedge in mug for garnish.

🍷 **NAKED PRETZEL**

¾ oz. Vodka
 1 oz. Melon Liqueur
 ½ oz. Crème de Cassis
 2 oz. Pineapple Juice

Stir and pour into ice-filled old-fashioned glass.

🍷 **NIJINSKI BLINI**

1 oz. Vodka
 2 oz. Pureed Peaches
 ½ oz. Lemon Juice
 1 splash Peach Schnapps
 1 splash Champagne, chilled

Pour into chilled champagne flute and stir gently.

🍷 **NINOTCHKA COCKTAIL**

1½ oz. Vodka
 ½ oz. Crème de Cacao (White)
 1 tbsp. Lemon Juice

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **ORANG-A-TANG**

1 oz. Vodka
 ½ oz. Triple Sec
 1 splash Grenadine
 6 oz. Orange Juice
 1 splash Superfine Sugar
 (or Simple Syrup)
 1 splash Lemon Juice
 1 oz. 151-proof Rum

Lightly blend all ingredients except rum. Strain into large snifter half-filled with ice. Float rum on top. Garnish with tropical fruits.

 **PAVLOVA SUPREME**

2 oz. Vodka, chilled
 ½ oz. Crème de Cassis
 Mix in red-wine glass filled with crushed ice.

 **PEACH ICED TEA**

1½ oz. Peach-flavored Vodka
 ½ oz. Orange Curaçao
 2 oz. Iced Tea
 ¾ oz. Lemon Juice
 ½ oz. Honey Syrup

Shake with ice and strain into ice-filled Collins glass. Garnish with a slice of peach and a lemon wheel.

 **PETIT ZINC**

1 oz. Vodka
 ½ oz. Triple Sec
 ½ oz. Sweet Vermouth
 ½ oz. Orange Juice
 (preferably Seville;
 otherwise, add ¼ oz.
 Lemon Juice)

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a wedge of orange.

 **PICKLED MARTINI**

2 oz. Vodka
 ¼ oz. Dry Vermouth
 ¾ oz. Sweet Pickle Brine

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a pickle.

 **PINK LEMONADE**

1½ oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
 1 splash Triple Sec
 1 splash Lime Juice
 1 splash Superfine Sugar
 (or Simple Syrup)
 1 splash Lemon Juice
 2 oz. Cranberry Juice

Shake and pour into ice-filled Collins glass. Garnish with a lemon wheel.

 **PINK PUSSYCAT**

1½ oz. Vodka
 Pineapple or Grapefruit
 Juice
 1 dash Grenadine

Pour vodka into ice-filled highball glass. Fill with juice. Add grenadine for color and stir.

🍸 POLYNESIAN COCKTAIL

1½ oz. Vodka
¾ oz. Cherry-flavored Brandy
1 oz. Lime Juice

Shake with ice and strain into chilled sugar-rimmed cocktail glass.

🍷 PRETTY IN PINK

2 oz. Vodka
¾ oz. Crème de Noyaux
¾ oz. Lemon Juice
Club Soda

Shake first three ingredients and strain into ice-filled Collins glass. Top with club soda.

🍸 PRIORITY COCKTAIL

2 oz. Vodka
½ oz. Calvados
½ oz. Coffee Liqueur

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a lemon twist.

🍸 PURPLE MASK

1 oz. Vodka
1 oz. Grape Juice
½ oz. Crème de Cacao (White)

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

🍷 PURPLE PASSION

1½ oz. Vodka
3 oz. Grapefruit Juice
3 oz. Grape Juice
Sugar

Chill, stir, add sugar as needed, and serve in Collins glass.

🍷 PURPLE PASSION TEA

¼ oz. Vodka
¼ oz. Rum
¼ oz. Gin
½ oz. Black Raspberry Liqueur
2 oz. Superfine Sugar (or Simple Syrup)
2 oz. Lemon Juice
3 oz. Lemon-lime Soda

Pour into ice-filled highball glass and stir. Garnish with a twist of lemon peel.

🍸 PURPLE RUBY

1½ oz. Vodka
1½ oz. Pomegranate Juice
½ oz. Grapefruit Juice
¼ oz. Lime Juice
¼ oz. Honey Syrup

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a grapefruit twist.

🍸 RED APPLE

1 oz. 100-proof Vodka
1 oz. Apple Juice
1 tbsp. Lemon Juice
1 tsp. Grenadine

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **REDHEAD MARTINI**

4 Whole Strawberries
¾ oz. Lemon Juice
¾ oz. Superfine Sugar
(or Simple Syrup)
1½ oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
1 splash Moscato d'Asti (or
Sweet Sparkling Wine)

Muddle strawberries in mixing glass with lemon juice and sugar/syrup. Cover with ice, add vodka, and shake well. Strain into chilled cocktail glass. Splash with sparkling wine. Garnish with a strawberry.

 **ROBIN'S NEST**

1 oz. Vodka
1 oz. Cranberry Juice
½ oz. Crème de Cacao
(White)

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **ROUXBY RED**

1½ oz. Grapefruit-flavored
Vodka
¼ oz. Lemon Juice
¾ oz. Grapefruit Juice
½ oz. Campari
½ oz. Simple Syrup

Shake with ice and strain into salt-rimmed cocktail glass.

 **RUBY RED**

2 oz. Grapefruit-flavored
Vodka
1½ oz. Triple Sec
1 splash Orange Juice
1½ oz. Grapefruit Juice

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a tangerine wedge.

 **RUSSIAN BEAR
COCKTAIL**

1 oz. Vodka
½ oz. Crème de Cacao
(White)
1 tbsp. Light Cream

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **RUSSIAN COCKTAIL**

¾ oz. Crème de Cacao
(White)
¾ oz. Gin
¾ oz. Vodka

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

 **SAM-TINI**

1¼ oz. Vodka
1 splash Sambuca
1 dash Blue Curaçao

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a twist of orange.

☐ **SCREWDRIVER**

1½ oz. Vodka

5 oz. Orange Juice

Pour into ice-filled highball glass. Stir well.

☐ **SEABREEZE**

1½ oz. Vodka

4 oz. Cranberry Juice

1 oz. Grapefruit Juice

Pour into ice-filled highball glass. Garnish with a wedge of lime.

☐ **SHALOM**

1½ oz. 100-proof Vodka

1 oz. Madeira

1 tbsp. Orange Juice

Shake with ice and strain into ice-filled old-fashioned glass. Add an orange slice.

☐ **SIBERIAN SLEIGHRIDE**

1¼ oz. Vodka

¾ oz. Crème de Cacao
(White)

½ oz. Crème de Menthe
(White)

3 oz. Light Cream

Shake with ice and strain into chilled snifter. Sprinkle with chocolate shavings.

☐ **SINO-SOVIET SPLIT**

2 oz. Vodka

1 oz. Amaretto

Milk or Light Cream

Combine first two ingredients in ice-filled old-fashioned glass. Fill with milk or cream.

☐ **SONIC BLASTER**

½ oz. Vodka

½ oz. Light Rum

½ oz. Banana Liqueur

1 oz. Pineapple Juice

1 oz. Orange Juice

1 oz. Cranberry Juice

Shake and pour into ice-filled Collins glass. Garnish with orange and lime slices.

☐ **SOVIET**

1½ oz. Vodka

½ oz. Amontillado Sherry

½ oz. Dry Vermouth

Shake with ice and strain into ice-filled old-fashioned glass. Add a twist of lemon peel.

☐ **SPUTNIK**

1¼ oz. Vodka

1¼ oz. Peach Schnapps

3 oz. Orange Juice

3 oz. Light Cream

Shake with ice until frothy, and pour into red-wine glass. Garnish with a slice of fresh peach.

☐ **STOCKHOLM 75**

¾ oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka

¾ oz. Superfine Sugar
(or Simple Syrup)

¾ oz. Lemon Juice

5 oz. Champagne, chilled

Shake vodka, sugar/syrup, and juice with ice. Strain into chilled, oversized, sugar-rimmed cocktail glass. Fill with Champagne.

STUPID CUPID

2 oz. Citrus-flavored Vodka
 ½ oz. Sloe Gin
 1 splash Superfine Sugar
 (or Simple Syrup)
 1 splash Lemon Juice

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a maraschino cherry.

THE SUMMER OF LOVE

2 oz. Orange-flavored Vodka
 2 drops Rose Water
 1 oz. Lillet Blanc
 ¼ oz. Chambord

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a lemon twist.

SURF RIDER

3 oz. Vodka
 1 oz. Sweet Vermouth
 ½ cup Orange Juice
 1 oz. Lemon Juice
 ½ tsp. Grenadine

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange slice and a maraschino cherry.

SWEET MARIA

1 tbsp. Light Cream
 ½ oz. Amaretto
 1 oz. Vodka

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

SWISS MARTINI

3 oz. Vodka
 ¾ oz. Cherry-flavored Brandy

Stir with ice in mixing glass and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a twist of lemon peel or an olive.

TABBY CAT

2 oz. Dubonnet Rouge
 1 oz. Orange-flavored Vodka
 2 dashes Orange Bitters

Stir with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a lemon twist.

TIGER TANAKA

3 Cilantro Leaves
 ¼-inch piece Peeled Ginger
 Root
 2 oz. Citrus Vodka
 ½ oz. Limoncello
 ¾ oz. Pineapple Juice

Muddle the ginger and cilantro in mixing glass. Add rest of ingredients. Shake and double-strain into chilled cocktail glass.

THE TITIAN

1 oz. Orange-flavored Vodka
 ½ oz. Grand Marnier
 1 oz. Passion Fruit Juice
 ½ oz. Lime Juice
 ½ oz. Pomegranate Syrup

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a fresh raspberry.

🍸 TOASTED DROP

1½ oz. Citrus Vodka
¾ oz. Limoncello
¼ oz. Amaretto
1 oz. Lemon Juice
1 Egg White

Shake without ice. Then shake with ice and strain into cinnamon-sugar-rimmed cocktail glass. Garnish with a lemon twist.

🍷 TOP BANANA

1 oz. Vodka
1 oz. Crème de Banana
2 oz. Orange Juice

Shake with ice and strain into ice-filled old-fashioned glass.

🍸 TRIDENT

1 oz. Aquavit (or Vodka)
½ oz. Cynar
1 oz. Dry Sherry
2 dashes Peach Bitters

Stir and strain into cocktail glass. Garnish with a lemon twist.

🍷 TROPICAL ICED TEA

½ oz. Vodka
½ oz. Rum
½ oz. Gin
½ oz. Triple Sec
½ oz. Superfine Sugar
(or Simple Syrup)
½ oz. Lemon Juice
1 oz. Pineapple Juice
1 oz. Cranberry Juice
½ oz. Grenadine

Combine in mixing glass and strain into ice-filled Collins glass. Garnish with seasonal fruits.

🍷 TWISTER

2 oz. Vodka
⅓ oz. Lime Juice
Lemon Soda

Pour vodka and lime juice into Collins glass. Add several ice cubes and drop a lime twist into glass. Fill with lemon soda and stir.

🍸 VELVET HAMMER

1½ oz. Vodka
1 tbsp. Crème de Cacao
1 tbsp. Light Cream

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

VELVET PEACH HAMMER

- 1¾ oz. Vodka
- ¾ oz. Peach Schnapps
- 1 splash Superfine Sugar (or Simple Syrup)
- 1 splash Lemon Juice

Pour vodka and schnapps into ice-filled old-fashioned glass. Stir and top with sugar/syrup and lemon juice. Garnish with a slice of fresh peach.

VICTORY COLLINS

- 1½ oz. Vodka
- 3 oz. Unsweetened Grape Juice
- 3 oz. Lemon Juice
- 1 tsp. Superfine Sugar (or Simple Syrup)

Shake with ice and strain into ice-filled Collins glass. Add a slice of orange.

VODKA AND APPLE JUICE

- 2 oz. Vodka
- Apple Juice

Pour vodka into ice-filled highball glass. Fill with apple juice and stir.

VODKA AND TONIC

- 2 oz. Vodka
- Tonic Water

Pour vodka into highball glass over ice. Add tonic and stir. Garnish with a lemon wedge.

VODKA COLLINS

- 1 oz. Lemon Juice
- 1 tsp. Superfine Sugar (or Simple Syrup)
- 2 oz. Vodka
- Club Soda

Shake lemon juice, sugar/syrup, and vodka with ice and strain into chilled Collins glass. Add several ice cubes, fill with club soda, and stir. Garnish with slices of lemon and orange and a maraschino cherry. Serve with a straw.

VODKA COOLER

- ½ tsp. Superfine Sugar (or Simple Syrup)
- 2 oz. Club Soda
- 2 oz. Vodka
- Club Soda or Ginger Ale

In Collins glass, stir sugar/syrup with club soda. Fill glass with ice and add vodka. Fill with club soda or ginger ale and stir again. Insert a spiral of orange or lemon peel and dangle end over rim of glass.

VODKA DAISY

- 1 oz. Lemon Juice
- ½ tsp. Superfine Sugar (or Simple Syrup)
- 1 tsp. Grenadine
- 2 oz. Vodka

Shake with ice and strain into chilled beer mug or metal cup. Add ice cubes and garnish with fruits.

🍸 VODKA GIMLET

1 oz. Lime Juice
 1 tsp. Superfine Sugar
 (or Simple Syrup)
 1½ oz. Vodka

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

🍸 VODKA GRASSHOPPER

¾ oz. Vodka
 ¾ oz. Crème de Menthe
 (Green)
 ¾ oz. Crème de Cacao
 (White)

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

🍸 VODKA ON THE ROCKS

2 oz. Vodka
 Put two or three ice cubes in old-fashioned glass and add vodka. Serve with a twist of lemon peel.

🍸 VODKA SALTY DOG

1½ oz. Vodka
 5 oz. Grapefruit Juice
 ¼ tsp. Salt

Pour into ice-filled highball glass. Stir well.

🍸 VODKA "7"

2 oz. Vodka
 ½ oz. Lime Juice
 Lemon-lime Soda

Pour vodka and lime juice into ice-filled Collins glass. Drop a twist of lime in glass, fill with lemon-lime soda, and stir.

🍸 VODKA SLING

1 tsp. Superfine Sugar
 (or Simple Syrup)
 1 tsp. Water
 1 oz. Lemon Juice
 2 oz. Vodka

Dissolve sugar/syrup in water and lemon juice. Add vodka. Pour into ice-filled old-fashioned glass and stir. Add a twist of orange peel.

🍸 VODKA SOUR

1 oz. Lemon Juice
 ½ tsp. Superfine Sugar
 (or Simple Syrup)
 2 oz. Vodka

Shake with ice and strain into chilled sour glass. Garnish with a half-slice of lemon and a maraschino cherry.

🍸 VODKA STINGER

1 oz. Vodka
 1 oz. Crème de Menthe
 (White)

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

🍸 WARSAW COCKTAIL

1½ oz. Vodka
 ½ oz. Blackberry-flavored
 Brandy
 ½ oz. Dry Vermouth
 1 tsp. Lemon Juice

Shake with ice and strain into chilled cocktail glass.

**WEST SIDE**

1½ oz. Lemon Vodka

1 oz. Lemon Juice

½ oz. Simple Syrup

6 Mint Leaves

Club Soda

Shake first four ingredients with ice and double-strain into chilled cocktail glass.

Top with a splash of club soda.

**WHITE RUSSIAN**

1 oz. Coffee Liqueur

2 oz. Vodka

Milk or Cream

Pour coffee liqueur and vodka into ice-filled old-fashioned glass and fill with milk or cream.

Bend Your Spoon

This trick will improve your stirring skills: Put a slight bend in the long handle of a stainless steel barspoon. Now slide the back of the bowl down the inside of the mixing glass to the bottom. The top end of the spoon should be directly over the center of the mixing glass. The bend will allow the spoon to rotate over the center of the glass with almost no circular movement of the hand. The back of the spoon will rotate around the inside of the mixing glass—pushing the ice ahead so that liquid and cubes rotate gracefully as a unit in a clockwise direction. Graceful stirring will not only insure a heavy, silky texture, but is essential in achieving the style and ceremony with which these drinks should be prepared.

—DALE DEGROFF (a.k.a. King Cocktail),
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