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.

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**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.

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**BLACK RUSSIAN**

1½ oz. Vodka  
¾ oz. Coffee Liqueur  

Pour over ice cubes into old-fashioned glass.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

**CAPPUCCINO 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 ¾ 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
¾ 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.

DESSERT 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.

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**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
½ 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 tsps. Lemon Juice
2 tsps. 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.

JERICHO’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  
¼ oz. Manzanilla Sherry  
¼ 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  
¼ 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.

PAVOLOVA 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.
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| 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  
½ 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

1 ¾ 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

1 ½ 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 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.

**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.
**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.

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**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.

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**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), author of *The Craft of the Cocktail*