



Top 10 American Spirits

Are you ready for a fabulous Fourth? Here's a shortlist of great All-American spirits to help you celebrate America's Independence Day.

1. Bluecoat Gin (*Pennsylvania*)

That vibrant blue bottle alone is enough to get us in a celebratory mood, let alone the dry, juniper-forward gin inside. Martini, anyone?



2. Buffalo Trace Straight Bourbon Whiskey (Kentucky)

Though all Bourbons are made in America, this one is an old favorite – smooth, balanced, and versatile.

3. Crusoe Spiced Rum (California)

Most rums are made in the Caribbean. But this one, from the makers of Modern Spirits, is made in Los Angeles. It's delicately spiced, made from a blend of organic molasses and sugarcane. (Since it's still in limited distribution, here's where to find it: crusoe-rum.com/find.html)

4. Death's Door White Whiskey (Wisconsin)

This clear, un-aged whiskey known as "white dog" also makes a fine whiskey sour.

5. Hangar One Mandarin Blossom Vodka (California)

This artisanal distiller makes a beautiful citrus-flavored vodka, with hints of honeyed orange and floral aromas. Think ethereal vodka tonics while you fire up the grill.

6. Jack Daniels (Tennessee)

The classic Tennessee whiskey for Jack & Coke, or Jack & Ginger.

7. Laird's Applejack (New Jersey)

What's applejack? It's 35% apple brandy and 65% neutral spirits. It's also a key ingredient in the classic Jack Rose cocktail, and as American as....wait for it...apple pie.

8. Tito's Handmade Vodka (Texas)

Made just outside Austin, in the state's first (legal) distillery.

9. Tuthilltown Manhattan Rye (New York)

Inspired by the Manhattan cocktail, this cult favorite is described as floral and fruity, with a recognizable rye edge.

10. Wild Turkey American Honey (Kentucky)

This sweet treat comes from one of the premier Bourbon producers. Sip a little of this liqueur over ice as you watch the Fourth of July fireworks. A perfect way to end a spirited holiday weekend.

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