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10 MEZCALS TO TRY NOW

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Tequila's smokier, spicier cousin is made for sipping slowly.

Mezcal is the smokier, hotter cousin of tequila. Made from more than 30 types of agave (tequila is only made from one—blue agave) and cooked in a covered underground pit that gives it that smoky flavor, mezcal is a high-proof spirit that deserves to be savored; no wonder it's become so popular—the spirit's market share is projected to grow nearly 15 percent in the next four years. Here are the best bottles to add to your bar now.

Bozal Ensamble Mezcal

For those leary of smoky spirits, this mezcal offers an herbaceous flavor profile accented by citrus and tropical fruits and balanced out by a smooth smokiness that evokes all of the best facets of tequila, with a slightly edgy twist.

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