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NEW RELEASE ROUNDUP FOR MAY, 2021

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My bottle review column (last month's edition here) is about what is unique, standout, new or trending in spirits with my review ratings on a 1–5 rating scale. More than ever, small-batch distillers and drink producers need our aid. Please, support small business and quality. My 10 bottle picks of the month:

AGAVE SPIRITS — MEZCAL

Bozal Guías de Calabaza Sacrificio Mezcal

I'm a big fan of Bozal, elegant-yet-robust mezcals distilled from agaves grown in Oaxaca, Guerrero and Durango, Mexico. Bozal Guías de Calabaza Sacrificio Mezcal is a unique beauty of a seasonal, vegetarian mezcal produced in a historic, pechuga-esque process where pumpkin stems (hence the calabaza), seasonal fruits and grains are suspended inside the bottom of the still

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in a basket imparting their nuances to the spirit. This edition includes pineapple, plantains, pepitas (pumpkin seeds) and oranges, giving the mezcal citrus peel and blossom notes, as well as vegetal and herbaceous depth (mint, eucalyptus, green-charred bell pepper). So far, I'd vouch for anything in this beautiful mezcal line (artful down to its different-colored ceramic bottles).

Taste Rating: 4.5

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