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## WORLD TEQUILA DAY 2021: BEST 18 TEQUILAS IN THE UK FOR 2021

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Tequila is a controversial spirit. It seems you either love it or you hate it, but we think if you hate it you just haven't tried the right one.

It almost goes without saying, but the kind of tequila you take a shot of and have to immediately chase with a slice of lime to avoid gagging isn't the best quality one out there, and there are many more to choose from that can be drunk in a less extreme manner.

In order to help you choose the tequila for you, we've answered all the most frequently asked questions about the spirit, as well as a round-up the 18 best you can buy in the UK.

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### **What cocktails are made with tequila?**

Maybe you're not someone who knocks back tequila shots with the salt and lime, but chances are if you like cocktails you might be a tequila fan without even knowing it.

Tequila is the hero ingredient of some of the world's most prolific cocktails. There are the obvious ones like margaritas and Tequila Sours, but tequila can also be found in Old Fashions, Martinis, Mexican Mules, Tequila Sunrise, and a whole lot more.

Once you start making tequila cocktails and realize how much a good quality tequila can elevate your cocktail game, you'll never go back.

### **Can I sip tequila?**

If you've only ever sampled the kind of cheap and nasty tequila usually found at student bars, the idea of sipping it straight probably makes your stomach turn.

But if you invest in a well made, high-quality tequila (hint, hint: look at the list below) you should be able to sip on it over ice and actually enjoy the distinct – yet definitely delicious – flavour.

### **How strong is tequila?**

Tequila is a spirit, and like most other spirits, it is quite strong. Usually ranging from 35 to 40 percent alcohol content, which is the same as other popular spirits like vodka, whisky, and gin. Because of the strong level of alcohol, you do need to be careful not to over-consume – but the same can be said of all alcoholic beverages. Moderation is key to not waking up with an epic hangover.

### **Are there different types of tequila?**

Yes, there are three main varieties of tequila. These are:

- Blanco
- Reposado
- Añejo

Blanco isn't aged in oak barrels, making it the purest kind of tequila that expresses the agave's natural flavours and better captures the region where it was grown. This kind of tequila can also be known as white or silver tequila.

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Reposado is tequila that has been stored in American or French oak barrels for between two months and one year, in which time it develops a distinct flavour while still retaining some notes of the original agave.

Añejo is aged the longest out of the three varieties and is kept in the barrel for one to three years. During this time in the barrel, it absorbs some flavour from the wood which gives it a sophisticated, distinct flavour. This time in the barrel also intensifies the colour and gives it a more caramel flavour rather than acidic.

### **PASOTE Reposado Tequila**

A light, golden tequila with a balanced flavour that includes notes of coconut, American oak and agave.

This tequila is rich yet mellow, giving you a distinctly warm feeling as you sip it.

#### Key specifications:

Type: Reposado | Alcohol content: 40 percent | Bottle size: 750ml

**Buy:** Amazon (£56.20)

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