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WE'VE SIPPED AND TASTED: THESE ARE THE BEST MEZCAL BRANDS TO DRINK RIGHT NOW

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Mezcal — tequila's estranged cousin — is quickly becoming more popular than ever. The U.S. is now the number one consumer of mezcal in the world, with mezcal's home country of Mexico as the second biggest market. Chances are you've heard the rumblings of mezcal's rise, whether from a liquor connoisseur or the drinks menu at almost any bar. And, if you're like us, you're probably looking to understand the hype by drinking some of the best mezcal brands.

What Are the Best Mezcal Brands?

Ready to try out mezcal or add a new bottle to your bar cart? We've chosen some of the best mezcal brands you can buy online, from go-to brands making easy-to-sip offerings, to premium bottles that deserve a place on your shelf next to your high-end bourbon or scotch.

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3. Bozal Mezcal Ensemble

If you're new to mezcal, this Bozal Ensemble is a great introduction. It's made using three types of agave, creating a unique complexity and approachability. The first agave is Espadín (the typical mezcal agave) but it's supported by Barril for citrus and floral notes, as well as Mexicano agave for earthiness. The Barril and Mexicano work to balance out the smokiness of Espadín, making this excellent for mezcal newbies and aficionados alike. This balanced flavor also lends itself to classic mezcal (or tequila) cocktails.

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