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Here is a fantastic selection of very special and rare rums which we have chosen to share with the world. Most are only available through auction or private collections and are very rarely seen open and ready to be enjoyed. Feel free to ask for advice on any of the following products, extended rum knowledge or even let us know which expressions you would like to see here in the coming months.

SERVED IN 25ML MEASURES

Caroni Distillery

TRINIDAD

This legendary distillery was established in 1923 on the site of the old Caroni plains' sugar factory in Trinidad where it grew and supplied its own sugarcane.

Using both column and pot stills Caroni predominantly produced heavy, bold and distinctive expressions for the likes of the British navy.

Trinidad was a leading rum powerhouse in the early 20th Century with over 50 distilleries. Their sugarcane was booming but as the sugar trade declined so did the distilleries. By 1950 only 8 remained and then finally after selling a 49% stake of Rum Distillers LTD, the division in which Caroni operated, in 2001 to Angostura, Caroni finally closed its doors in 2002.

The following rums are the finest from a stock that very soon will be lost for good.



Nº: 288
CARONI, VALIER – 1998
17^{YR} 110° PROOF
HEAVY TRINIDAD RUM
55% | £40.00

A Caroni 17 Year Old distilled in 1998. An edition highly prized by enthusiasts and now discontinued, it was the oldest Caroni in the classic range from Velier, alongside the 15 Year Old and 12 Year Old. The label is inspired by a rare official bottling from the distillery.

This is one of the most powerful yet elegant spirits I've ever tried with berries, grape, and even mango, with everything to be expected from Caroni to back it up. Rubber, tar and intense leather are present in abundance but not unpleasant. The surprise here is the huge aftermath of tannin reminiscent of a very old burgundy. In fact I would go as far to say that you should have a go at this only if you adore the nature of very well aged wine.

The finish is dry and bitter maintaining its similarity to well aged wine and even vermouth. The smell left in the glass is of oak, fresh mango and a very intriguing minty and medicinal quality which leaves you with a very satisfied smile.



Nº: 289
NAVY RUM LA MAISON
AND VELIER
100TH ANNIVERSARY
TRINIDAD
51.4% | £42.50

Bottled to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Caroni distillery which first opened in 1918.

La Maison du Whisky and Velier have teamed up for this limited-edition rum. Matured in Trinidad for 18 years, this is a fruity rum with aromas of ripe banana, dried apricots and cloves. The palate offers notes of camphor, linden, pineapple, passion fruit, gooseberry and gentle bonfire smoke.

This rum is presented in a traditional Caroni bottle, complete with a replica of the historic original label of 1940s Caroni rum.

Appleton State Hearts

JAMAICA

The Appleton Estate is the oldest sugar plantation and distillery in Jamaica. Its sugar fields cover 11,000 acres of the Nassau Valley, located in the Saint Elizabeth parish, and it has been in operation since 1749.

The distillery was bought by J. Wray & Nephew in 1916, which as of 2012 became a subsidiary of global drinks giant, Gruppo Campari. It operates five double-retort pot stills alongside a column still, and generally produces single blended rums by vatting the two distillates.

In 1997, Appleton Estate became the first distillery in the entire spirits industry to employ a female master blender, Joy Spencer.

This is a collaboration between Joy Spencer master Blender at Appleton Estate and Luca Gargano of Velier and comprises three single vintage bottlings of this Pure pot still rum.

Appleton Estate Hearts Collection is a trio of Jamaican rum, made in a collaboration between Appleton Estate and Luca Gargano of Velier. This collection includes a 1999, 1995 and 1994 vintage rum, showing off the distilleries range of flavours.



N^o: 290
APPLETON – 1999
21^{YR}
JAMAICA
63% | £35

The Hearts Collection is the first collaboration of its kind between Appleton and Luca Gargano of Velier. Together they selected the vintages and casks to come up with this stunning collection.

On the nose herbaceous, savoury character with hints of coffee, orange rind, plum, brown sugar and tobacco leaf.

On the palate barley sugar, treacle, cinnamon bark, green banana, green olive, thyme and vanilla with a touch of salted liquorice and toffee.

100% pot still rum, this was distilled in 1999 and bottled 21 tropical years later.



N^o: 291
APPLETON – 1995
25^{YR}
JAMAICA
63% | £35

A fantastically well aged Jamaica Rum produced by Appleton Estate and bottled in collaboration with Italian distributors, Velier.

On the nose bay leaf, dried apple, fresh orange, mint chocolate, green tea and dried autumn leaves.

On the palate refreshing menthol notes, dried peach, yellow plum, dried apple dusted with nutmeg and brown sugar.

A 100% pot still rum, this was distilled in 1995 and bottled 25 tropical years later..



N^o: 292
APPLETON – 1994
26^{YR}
JAMAICA
60% | £35

A fantastically well aged Jamaica Rum produced by Appleton Estate and bottled in collaboration with Italian distributors, Velier.

On the nose dried apricot and marmalade, with a hint of butterscotch, bakewell tart and green bananas.

The palate has a fantastic rich texture with notes of fresh vanilla pod, chilli pepper, ice tea and caramelized orange crème brulee.

The finish is long and intense with fig, apricot tart tatin, smoked cedarwood and a hint of menthol.

A 100% pot still rum, this was distilled in 1994 and bottled 26 tropical years later.

Foursquare Rum Distilleries

BARBADOS

The owners of Foursquare Distillery, the Seale family, can trace its roots on Barbados back to the 1650s, and can reference five generations of rum-making expertise dating back to 1820. The establishment of the Foursquare brand, however, came much later. While the family could lay claim to one of Barbados' oldest trading houses.

The distillery was bought by J. Wray & Nephew. The distillery has a three-column vacuum still it uses for lighter rums and a modern pot still for heavier rums, which are always distilled from fermented molasses in small batches (usually 112 barrels) and tropically aged. Its rums are matured in small American white oak ex-Bourbon casks in huge open-sided warehouses, most of which are sourced from an unnamed (but famous) distillery in Lynchburg, Tennessee.

Already an impressive and rising force in the rum world, Foursquare is all set to be at the forefront of rum production in the foreseeable future, after the brand capped off a fine year when it was named Rum Producer of the Year at the prestigious International Spirits Challenge 2017.

The following expressions are unique and extremely limited representations of Foursquare.



Nº: 293
FOURSQUARE – 2005
12^{YR}
BARBADOS
59% | £15

As expected from an exceptional casks selection, no additives, no sugar just a truly exceptional liquid.

Another beautifully crafted pot & column blend aged in ex-bourbon casks for 12 years. Spicy and peppery on the nose with luscious notes of vanilla and milk chocolate on the palate. Sip slow and enjoy!



Nº: 294
FOURSQUARE – 2007
12^{YR}
BARBADOS
59% | £15

Following the 2004 and 2005 edition the 2007 from Richard Seale had a lot to live up too. It has not disappointed.

The beautiful gingerbread glow of the liquid turns on the pallet into raisins vanilla and chocolate. Sweet wine and marzipan shine through. Another cracker from Foursquare.



Nº: 295
FOURSQUARE DOMINUS
10^{YR}
BARBADOS
56% | £15

Released in January 2018 alongside the 'Premise' and '2005' from the Foursquare exceptional cask selection.

We always knew these were going to be good but truly this is on another level. 'Dominus' is Latin for 'master' and what a fitting name it is.

As Richard Seales' rules go this is no exception. No additives, colour or extra flavour has been added or removed and this is bottled at its cask strength of 56% ABV.

Aged first for 3 years in bourbon cask this is then followed by a solid 7 in Cognac cask totaling an age statement of 10 years



Nº: 296
FOURSQUARE EMPERY
14^{YR}
BARBADOS
56% | £16.50

Without a shadow of a doubt one of the top rums released in 2019.

Such complex yet delectable aromas and tastes are present. Cherries, raisins and forest fruits hit the face as the cork is popped.

A long, dry, spicy finish supersedes the strong notes of cacao and coffee on the tip of the tongue. Delicious.



Nº: 297
FOURSQUARE HEREDITAS
14^{YR} EXCLUSIVE
BARBADOS
56% | £20

A tempting tawny shade meets the eyes. This is a very warming liquid, perfect on a winter eve.

Aromas of caramelised orange are met with notes of toasted hazelnut and savoury, oaky spices.

Foursquare Rum Distilleries

BARBADOS



Nº: 298

FOUR SQUARE PREMISE

10^{YR}

BARBADOS

46% | £15

The 8th release from Foursquare as part of the exceptional cask selection.

This expression is aged for the first 3 years in ex bourbon followed by 7 years in ex – Sherry casks.

Following on from previous expressions such as the 'Port cask' and 'Zinfandel cask' we would expect this to be called 'Sherry cask' but 'Premise' is certainly more exciting.



Nº: 299

FOUR SQUARE DIADEM

12^{YR}

BARBADOS

60% | £20

This is the second exclusive bottling from Barbados' Foursquare distillery, rum is definitely a crown jewel.

A single traditional blended rum from pot and column stills, this has been aged for 12 years in ex Bourbon and ex Madeira casks.

The palate is rich and intense with a delightful vein of acidity that opens up the palate to bring the ripe banana and pineapple to the fore, alongside red cherries and linseed oil with a hint of green walnut on the finish.



Nº: 300

FOUR SQUARE PRINCIPIA

BARBADOS

62% | £30

An excellent release from the Foursquare distillery in Barbados, bottled by Italy's Velier.

Principia is rum distilled back in 2008 that was initially aged in bourbon casks for 3 years, before being transferred over to sherry casks, where it slumbered for a further 6 years.

One of 5400 bottles filled in November 2017.



Nº: 301

FOUR SQUARE – 2013

HABITAION VALIER

BARBADOS

56% | £15

Another release from the Habitation Velier range, which is a series of rums with a focus around the distillation which goes into creating the spirit.

This one comes from the Foursquare distillery in Barbados - it's a pot still rum that was aged for 2 years in ex-Cognac casks.

From around the world



Nº: 302
RHUM J.M – 1994
VIEUX 15^{YR}
MARTINIQUE
45.2% | £45.00

Located in the shadow of Mount Pelee in Martinique the mighty Rhum J.M. has been producing some of the world's finest Agricole rum since the 1800s.

As Rhum J.M. is an Agricole and created entirely from fresh sugarcane juice from Habitation Bellevue the initial flavour of the sugarcane is very important.

The expression we have here is an exceptionally old one by today's standards with most bottles available being a 2000 vintage or newer. This entered a 'rum charred' oak cask in 1994 and was bottled in 2009 after 15 years.

As you can imagine there is oak on the palate with herbaceous and floral notes no doubt having been maintained from the fresh sugarcane juices, as well as a small amount of spice and burned toffee.

This is a dry, full-bodied and spiry Rhum which is dangerously quaffable. A delightful balance of charred wood, fresh grass mixed with fruit cake makes for an expression to try at least once in a lifetime.



Nº: 303
EL DORADO – 1999
PORT MORANT, JAMAICA
61.4% | £20.50

1999 vintage rum made in the last remaining operational double wooden pot still in the world at Port Morant.

A complex rum with notes of smoke, liquorice, molasses and a hint of peat.



Nº: 304
EL DORADO – 1993
ENMORE, GUYANA
56.5% | £20.50

A 21-year-old rum produced in the last remaining wooden coffee still in the world, at Enmore in Guyana.

A complex rum with notes of caramel, vanilla, leather and tobacco.



Nº: 305
DEADHEAD
MEXICO
56.5% | £12.50

Deadhead Rum 6 years is a very unusual rum that is bottled in a bottle that resembles a shrunken head.

Deadhead Rum 6 years is produced in the Mexican state of Veracruz.

The rum itself is slightly sweet with aromas of coffee, chocolate, cinnamon, and nutmeg.



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