

FEAST



Renegade Old Bacelot Pot Still

Help pudding go down with this unique white rum made from heritage varieties of sugar cane grown in Grenada. These lush canes near the sea give Old Bacolet earthy, roast chestnut aromas which, in liquid form, are best sipped over coconut water ice cubes. **£54.95, at masterofmalt.com**



New Year, NEW BOOZE

Can't bear a drop more champagne, mulled anything or lager? *Douglas Blyde* knows the best alternatives to ring in 2022



IWA Assemblage 2 Sake 2020

Instead of fizz at the stroke of midnight, try this hauntingly perfumed sake from Richard Geoffroy, one of the most famous talents from Champagne. A Japanophile, the former chef de cave for Dom Pérignon deployed his blending skills to unite three rice varieties from a unique paddy. **£125, at hedonism.co.uk**



Kyiv's Coffee

To banish drooping eyelids in the run up to the gongs, chill, shake and pour this luscious Espresso Martini, which fuses Dima's Ukrainian Vodka with salted caramel and excellent coffee. **£15 (dimasvodka.com)**



Bollinger La Côte Aux Enfants '16

Have an *Absolutely Fabulous* New Year's Eve with a glass of this still (yes, no bubbles) grand cru Pinot Noir from prized Bollinger vineyards in Champagne. **£67.38, at thedrinkshop.com**



Maestro Dobel 1969

Hoping for a prosperous new year? While Maestro Dobel's 'normal' añejo tequila (**£58; drinksupermarket.com**) is rather nice, make the last night of 2021 momentous by sharing one of only 40 magnum decanters of this single-estate extra añejo 1969 with treasured friends. The Sauternes finish heightens its heady whiffs of violet, strudel and honey. **£950, at harveynichols.com**

Jawbone Brewing Weekend Millionaires Chocolate Vanilla Stout

For a whiff of festive feeling, start the evening with a sumptuous bitter chocolate and Madagascan vanilla-scented, hand-crafted stout, named after the nickname given to the lightermen who ferried passengers along the Thames. **£4.30 (jawbonebrewing.com)**



Axia Mastiha

Stomach grumbling from over-indulgence? Take aim at a shot of pine and caraway-scented mastiha distilled from the resin of the mastiha trees on the Greek island of Chios, which is known for its anti-inflammatory properties. Tasty, too, with tonic. **£31.45, at spiritskiosk.com**

Vecchia Romagna Riserva 18

Ease into the evening with a cigar, wet walnut and ristretto-fragranced brandy from Italy, which gains gravitas from being finished in casks that once held meditative Italian red wine, Amarone. Oh, and it also makes a quality Sidecar cocktail. **£130, at masterofmalt.com**



for the facts drinkaware.co.uk 18+. Available in selected larger stores from 19th December. Wicked No Turkey Crown, Tesco Finest Woodland Black Forest Cake, Tesco Finest Pork, Bird Roast, Tesco Finest Chocolate Orange Cheese-Lova, Tesco Finest British Free Range Heritage Narragansett Whole Turkey Medium, Tesco Maple and Bourbon Crackling Gammon Joint, with a Maple and Orange Glaze, pre-order online from 16th November. Serving suggestion.



Don't stop me now.

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Every little helps

Apple and Cranberry Stuffed Two
Tesco Finest Scottish Salmon Side