

Vodka

The complete guide for beginner and intermediate distillers. Make your own brew at home! "If you're going to invest the \$100 or so to get a basic equipment and recipe kit, then you'll want to take care in ensuring that your first batch is brewed correctly." –Rick Morris, *HowBrewBeer* The Joy of Home Distilling is covers nearly every facet of distilling: Step-by-step instructions for the different processes, from bucket to bottle The difference between spirit types and how to produce each What yeast is, what it does, and how to ensure that you get a strong, complete fermentation What distillation is and common misconceptions about the process Legalities surrounding distilling alcohol at home Carbon filtering—when it's necessary, when to filter, and why you filter Flavoring and aging your spirits Keeping safety first when working with flammable materials, such as ethanol Yeast styles and nutritional requirements Different methods of distillation and equipment Post-distillation process And of course, fun drink recipes! (Try the Mudslide or the Cherry Bomb!) Author Rick Morris, who has been selling distillation equipment for over 25 years, even includes his own recipes for different types of spirits and drink recipes. By learning not just how to distill, but also what is happening at each step and why it is needed, readers will be armed with the information they need to experiment with their own spirits and concoct their own recipes. Easy to understand even for a first-time distiller, *The Joy of Home Distilling* is sure to become your number one distilling resource. *Home Production of Vodkas, Infusion and Liqueurs* is another first of its kind book from Stanley and Adam Marianski. This is not just a collection of recipes, but a set of rules that govern the process of making vodka and other alcoholic beverages. A quote from the book: "From the start, we decided not to write another recipe book. A collection of recipes does not make a person proficient in a new skill. You have to know the How and Why of making spirits; you have to know the rules that govern the process. First of all you have to realize that alcohol is just a tool, albeit a very important one. Once you understand how to manipulate the properties of alcohol, the rest will fall into place." To get the reader started, a collection of 103 detailed recipes are included, which can be studied and used as a reference. By carefully reading this book you will discover that producing new spirits is almost like cooking, one needs to first know the basics and then let the imagination run wild. Everything falls into place and making new drinks becomes routine. After practicing the technique of creating drinks a couple of times, the spirits will consistently be of high quality, become crystal clear and look beautiful. The process can become an art form. With formidable scholarship and considerable dry wit, William Pokhlebkin, one of Russia's best-known historians sets out on the detective trail. His aim: to reveal the strange truth about his country's most famous tipple. The result is a triumph of historical deduction.

A New York Times bestseller, *Absolut Book* is the behind-the-scenes account of

the birth and growth of this award-winning campaign and provides a definitive illustrated history of one of the most successful ad campaigns ever. It is a collector's delight with nearly five hundred ads.

How to make all the fabulous vodka drinks, from the Screwdriver, Harvey Wallbanger and Sea Breeze to more exotic concoctions such as the Chilli Vodkatini, Après-Ski and French Horn.

- A clear overview of the origins, taste and aroma of Vodka- The next book in the best-selling series that includes Gin & Tonic ISBN 9789401425605 and Tequila & Mezcal ISBN 9789401434645. Also forthcoming in the series is Rum ISBN 9789401450072- With a unique taste classification system For a long time vodka has been more than just Russia and Poland's national drink. From Asia and Great-Britain to the United States: this fire water has conquered the world and is now the most sold spirit internationally. The term 'fire water' refers to its most distinguishable quality: a neutral spirit, without smell and with a pure taste. It turned vodka also into a bar-tender's best friend and the basis of every Cosmopolitan, Moscow Mule or Bloody Mary. Vodka - The Complete Guide tells the whole story, from the origin and production method to an overview of the numerous vodka brands and the most delicious cocktails. The book also teaches you the best way to enjoy it to the fullest.

Movies, murder and too much vodka ... Mixologist Pepper Revelle is thrilled the Bohemia Bartenders' latest gig is in her backyard: a cocktail-themed film festival that draws all the usual suspects to Bohemia Beach. But good suspects are in short supply when a body wearing an antique gold coin necklace washes up on the Florida sand. Pepper's colleague and elusive crush Neil fears the worst for his grandfather, a treasure hunter who's been missing for months. Meanwhile, Pepper's big-bearded ex-boyfriend, an obnoxious celebrity mixologist with a TV crew in tow, is convinced someone's trying to kill him, too. To Pepper's dismay, he begs her for protection. Stir in a couple of flickering Hollywood stars, a pushy TV producer, dashing distillers, a frantic festival chairman, a garnish-eating dog, vats of vodka and a double dose of danger, and Pepper's patience is poised to pop like popcorn. Can the mixologists shake up a solution to multiple mysteries before they're skewered like the olive in a martini? Vexed by Vodka is the third book in the Bohemia Bartenders Mysteries, funny whodunits with a dash of romance set in a convivial collective of cocktail lovers, eccentrics and mixologists. These quasi-cozy culinary comedies contain a hint of heat, a splash of cursing and shots of laughter, served over hand-carved ice.

Meet the bros who are making vegan sexy (and making eating animals weird) Think you could never go vegan? Think again. As this smart, funny and persuasive manifesto makes clear, you're already 90% vegan anyway. That's right--you already love animals and are slowly but surely eating less meat than you used to. With the insider tips and inspiring stories in this book, you'll be ready to go whole hog (see what we did there?) and eat vegan for good. Topics include: * How eating meat hurts your health and the planet (and is pretty close to

eating your beloved pet for dinner) * A simple action plan for getting started * Don't Be an A**hole to Your Server, and other secrets for eating out * Who Cares If Honey Is Vegan?: Getting over perfectionism and purity by eating as cruelty-free as you can With a loyal online following that's growing fast, the Bros are the new face of veganism--loud, proud, and fighting for a better world, one plate at a time.

Over the course of the past two decades, Tony Abou-Ganim has earned his reputation as one of the leaders of the craft cocktail movement. Through his work with food and hospitality legends like Mario Batali, Steve Wynn, and Harry Denton, Abou-Ganim has earned his reputation as "the Modern Mixologist," someone bringing the traditional art of mixology into the 21st century for the benefit of new generations. On the heels of the success of *The Modern Mixologist: Contemporary Classic Cocktails*, Tony Abou-Ganim has written *Vodka Distilled* as a companion piece focusing entirely on this clear spirit. It is a comprehensive look at the vodka marketplace, geared toward those working in the profession as well as the giant audience of vodka drinkers. This one-of-a-kind resource establishes a new standard in defining and understanding the world's most consumed spirit. *Vodka Distilled* appeal to both enthusiasts and aficionados by explaining how traditional-style vodkas—those produced in Eastern Europe—differ in character from those made in the West, and how different raw materials and distillation and filtration methods contribute to these variations in character. By breaking down the characteristics of each highlighted vodka, Abou-Ganim helps readers better understand, appreciate, and enjoy this noble spirit. With more than 150 stylish recipes plus a fact-packed introduction to the ingredients and equipment you need to set up and stock your own home bar, *Gin Vodka Tequila* is the ultimate home cocktail recipe book. *GVT* is divided into chapters on the three key base spirits and offers a range of traditional favorites alongside the most contemporary mixes around. There's at least one cocktail guaranteed to suit your every possible mood. If you're heading out for a night on the town, look no further than the Vodka Martini. If you simply want to kick back with some friends, treat yourself to a sophisticated Mad Men-inspired Gimlet. Interspersed throughout the book are 10 "Cocktail Classics" - from the Bramble to the Bloody Mary; the Tom Collins to the Tequila Sunrise. Whatever the occasion, *GVT* offers a simple, no-nonsense approach to rustling up something special. A bonus section provides essential tips on matching every recipe with the appropriate glass.

This is a study of the social, economic, and political role of Vodka in nineteenth-century Russia. Since the 'Green Serpent' first appeared in sixteenth-century Muscovy, it has played a vital part in Russian life. Vodka became an essential part of Russian working-class celebrations: personal, religious, and commercial. Trade in Vodka redistributed wealth upwards through Russian society over several centuries. Indeed, Russia's status as a great power was underpinned by it: by the nineteenth century, it generated one-third of government revenue -

enough to cover most of the costs of the vast army. The dependence on Vodka of both people and state has endured into the Gorbachev era. But despite Vodka's key role in Russian history, and the complex network of corruption associated with it, the subject has been ignored by most historians until now. This study concentrates on an important transitional era in the history of Vodka: the early nineteenth century. During this period, Vodka taxes played the role that salt taxes had played in the *ancien régime* in France. The abolition of the tax farm in 1863 should be seen as one of the most important of the 'Great Reforms' of the 1860s, an era which, in many ways, parallels the glasnost of the 1980s.

A multi-stranded, groundbreaking Russian thriller from the bestselling British author of *Messiah* and *Storm*. In December of 1991 Moscow is a city in chaos, torn apart by gang violence and hyperinflation, its population in terror of a killer preying on children. Into this anarchy comes Alice Liddell, an American banker charged with starting the privatization process crucial to Russia's hopes of reform. But reform means hardship, and surviving the Russian winter is already too hard; Alice has only a short period to succeed before the people lose patience with the progressive government. Her target is the Red October distillery, Russia's most famous vodka producer, but Alice soon discovers that time is the least of her problems. Red October is the centrepiece of a savage mafiya war between its charismatic boss Lev and his Chechen nemesis Karkadann. Are the brutal child killings terrorizing Moscow connected to their violent conduct? How should Alice handle the discovery that Red October is riddled with corruption? And can Alice and Lev, adversaries across the negotiating table, reconcile their contradictory professional aims with their very unprofessional feelings for each other? As the characters get sucked into a vortex of violence, passion and betrayal, their struggles are no longer simply for their own aims; they are for the soul of Russia itself. Concentrated over 100 days of a Russian winter, *Vodka* is an epic thriller of taut suspense, shocking brutality and heart-pounding pace; it is a saga of rivalry and bloodshed, a searing study of addiction and adultery.

Vodka began as rotgut medicine in Medieval Russia, but this neutral grain alcohol has become our uncontested king of spirits, with over 1,000 brands fighting for market share. But it wasn't always thus. For two centuries, America drank the brown stuff: rum and whiskey. So how did Russia's "little water" unseat our favorite hooch? Vic Matus takes us on an incredible visual journey from vodka's humble American origins in a Depression-era Connecticut factory—using the family recipe of a poor Russian exile named Vladimir Smirnov—through its glamorous rise to fame at the hands of James Bond and *Sex and the City* to today's craft distillery movement. You'll see in clear, intoxicating detail how hippie culture, women's lib, and an absolutely ingenious Swedish company all played their part, transforming the booze into a status symbol. By 1975, the war had ended: Vodka officially became our favorite spirit. Today, a third of all cocktails contain it, and last year 140 million gallons of the stuff racked

up \$20 billion in sales. Here is the crisply distilled, bracing story of how entrepreneurs defied the odds and turned medieval medicine into a multibillion-dollar industry.

Do you know your Moscow Mule from your White Russian? Your Stoli from your Belvedere? Micron filtering from charcoal filtering? No matter how you take your vodka, it is time to embrace your inner vodka snob. *How to Be a Vodka Snob* is the perfect read for drinking novices as well as connoisseurs, beginning with vodka's humble history as a medicinal liquor and accompanying it on its rise to stardom with high-end vodka appreciators and mixologists. Pairing fascinating stories, tidbits, and recipes with a step-by-step guide to becoming a vodka snob, Brittany Jacques offers a beginner's guide to proper glassware, equipment needed for the home bar, and the all-important vodka lingo. Ever wanted to order a filthy martini, stirred, extra wet? *How to Be a Vodka Snob* is the perfect book for you. *How to be a Vodka Snob* features more than 50 recipes with everything from James Bond's favorite Martini to Dwight's Beets Over Rocks from *The Office*, as well as accompanying nibbles and side dishes. With Brittany Jacques as your guide, your journey to becoming a vodka snob starts here.

The Swedish vodka Absolut is the third largest brand of alcoholic spirits in the world after Bacardi and Smirnoff, and is sold all over the world. It has one of the largest numbers of flavored vodkas in the world. So there is a great variety of mouthwatering cocktails on the basis of Absolut. This book will provide you with 404 recipes using Absolut, including exact instructions for preparing the cocktails. Vodka is the most versatile of spirits. While people in Eastern Europe and the Baltic often drink it neat, swallowing it in one gulp, others use it in cocktails and mixed drinks—bloody marys, screwdrivers, white russians, and Jell-O shots—or mix it with tonic water or ginger beer to create a refreshing drink. Vodka manufacturers even infuse it with flavors ranging from lemon and strawberry to chocolate, bubble gum, and bacon. Created by distilling fermented grains, potatoes, beets, or other vegetables, this colorless, tasteless, and odorless liquor has been enjoyed by both the rich and the poor throughout its existence, but it has also endured many obstacles along its way to global popularity. In this book, Patricia Herlihy takes us for a ride through vodka's history, from its mysterious origins in a Slavic country in the fourteenth century to its current transatlantic reign over Europe and North America. She reveals how it continued to flourish despite hurdles like American Prohibition and being banned in Russia on the eve of World War I. On its way to global domination, vodka became ingrained in Eastern European culture, especially in Russia, where standards in vodka production were first set. Illustrated with photographs, paintings, and graphic art, *Vodka* will catch the eye of any reader intrigued by how “potato juice” became an international industry.

One woman. One cheating ex. One life do-over. Amber Thompson always thought she wanted a superstar boyfriend—until he kicked her to the curb on the eve of his big break. When Amber's best friend, Scott Malone, comes running in to save her once again,

she realizes he's the man she truly wants. The only problem? Scott isn't interested in pursuing a woman on the rebound. Determined to prove she's ready to commit, Amber comes up with a plan to woo Scott, only to have it derailed by explosive family secrets. With her assumptions about everything—including herself—dismantled, she finds herself torn between a need for answers and protecting her mother's past. But Amber knows if she has any hope of a meaningful relationship with Scott, she needs to figure out who she is—and that means unearthing even more secrets. Will Amber find what she's looking for? And if she does, will she find it in time to help her win the man of her dreams? More from Jean Oram and Blueberry Springs (standalone, sweet romances): Whiskey and Gumdrops Rum and Raindrops Eggnog and Candy Canes Sweet Treats Vodka and Chocolate Drops Tequila and Candy Drops Champagne and Lemon Drops (also in audio) "A heartwarming story." --reader review from Judy. "...another fun and heartwarming story! If you haven't read Jean Oram's books and want a feel good, fun read, do yourself a favor and grab anyone of them, you won't be disappointed." --reader review from Grtgram. "Blueberry Spring is a awesome series. I couldn't put my ereader down. I read it in one afternoon." --reader review from Fun. * * * * *

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Born in a Russian village in 1831, Pyotr Smirnov relied on vodka to turn a life of scarcity and anonymity into one of immense wealth and international recognition. Starting from the back rooms and side streets of nineteenth-century Moscow, Smirnov exploited brilliant grassroots marketing strategies to popularize his products and ensconce his brand in the thirsts and imaginations of drinkers around the world. His vodka would be gulped in the taverns of Russia and Europe, be praised with accolades at world fairs, and become a staple on the tables of tsars. But his improbable ascent would be halted by the chaos of the Bolshevik Revolution, and only a bizarre set of coincidences—including an incredible prison escape by one of Smirnov's sons in 1919—would prevent Smirnov's legacy from fading into obscurity. Set against a backdrop of political and ideological currents that would determine the course of global events, *The King of Vodka* is much more than a biography of a humble serf who rose to create one of the most celebrated business empires the world has ever known. It is a work of sweeping narrative history on an epic scale.

Resurfacing from a boozy haze in a cheap motel, Russell Murray must discover why the Illinois police want him for a triple murder and why a Chicago crime family wants his briefcase, with only the attractive Sherry Lou Winn to help him. Original.

Highlighting the award-winning marketing and advertising campaign of Absolut Vodka, this art and design book features over 250 pages of magnificent bottle art and iconic ads. The absolute vodka advertising campaign has been running nonstop for fifteen years, which, in advertising, is practically forever. Industry insiders hail it as one of the most successful campaigns in the history of advertising, and the star of the ads is always the beautiful, artful, chameleon-like bottle from Sweden. The Absolut ads are celebrated as much for their ingenuity as their longevity. They are full of wit, artistry, and imagination as they deftly communicate the brand's values, often containing little challenges to the reader to interpret just what's happening inside the ad. Flip through the over 250 pages of magnificent bottle art featured in this beautiful graphic design book. This advertising book features 15 chapters each chronicling the long life of this world-famous glass art. In *Absolute Book* author, Richard Lewis of TBWA Chiat/Day, Absolut's advertising agency from the beginning, shares an intriguing, behind-the-scenes account of the birth and growth of this heralded campaign, its personalities and creators, and the paths they've taken to keep it perpetually fresh.

As the world's most popular and versatile liquor, vodka is at the heart of any bar, served neat to sip and savor, or as an essential ingredient in the coolest cocktails. Ian Wisniewski reveals all you need to know about vodka. He explores vodka's traditional homelands and leading distilleries, explaining the differences between vodkas distilled using barley, wheat, corn, rye, and potatoes. From classic Polish and Russian vodkas such as Wyborowa and Stolichnaya to flavoured vodkas--fruity Ketel One Citroen and herbaceous Zubrowka--there has never been such a wide range of vodka available. Ian provides practical tips on how best to enjoy vodka, with recipes for classic vodka-based cocktails, and ideas for some great dishes to try with it, including Scandinavian-style

crayfish and Russian blinis with sour cream and caviar. Whether you prefer to sip or shoot, with Vodka at hand you'll soon become a connoisseur of this fascinating liquor. Recounts the author's experiences as a young boy fleeing persecution in the late eighties Soviet Union, and his later return to Austria and Eastern Europe as an American adult to track down those who helped his family escape and thank them. Expatriate Russian Ermochkine and Polish emigre Iglkowski examine the origins, myths, and mysteries surrounding Eastern Europe's cult spirit. Among other useful information, they point out that only Russian vodka is genuine, only Polish is true, and only Ukrainian is authentic. Meanwhile, they describe the various types and brands. Annotation : 2004 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

Made from grains, molasses, potatoes, and even grapes, vodka is the traditional beverage in eastern Europe and Scandinavia, but has recently become ultra-fashionable elsewhere in the world. This extensive guide highlights vodkas both from the traditional producing countries—Russia, Poland, Finland, Sweden, and the Baltic States—as well as newer distilleries worldwide, from Kazakstan to New Zealand. Tasting notes on the different styles and flavors are included along with information on the origins, history, and regions of vodka production. Dozens of classic and refreshing new recipes round out this comprehensive guide to one of the world's most popular liquors. Bobby Booth's 40th birthday party, an alfresco celebration he has planned with some care, ends in disaster when one of his guests complains that a couple are making love on the lawn. The news is shocking enough, but made much worse when he is told that the female participant in this ill-considered frolic is his wife, Josie.

From the author of *Viva Margarita* come 50 recipes for elegant vodka-based cocktails, down-and-dirty shooters, refreshing patio coolers, frozen and creamy indulgences, and an array of dazzling new flavor combinations. Sure, the recipe for a classic martini is in here, but that's just the beginning. Get a Caipirovska, the Russian equivalent of Brazil's famous Caipirihna (just trade out the cachaa for cold, refreshing vodka, sit back, and enjoy). Or try the Arrivederci Capri, a sunny little drink with citrusy lemoncello. And for the truly hardcore, the In-a-Vodka-Da-Vida section is filled with knockout recipes for shooters and shots. Viva Vodkathere's a whole lotta shakin' goin' on.

My life is one long fevered dream, balancing between being killed or killing. The name Harley Crow is one to be feared. I am an assassin. A killer. The villain. I own it. I choose this life. Hell, I crave it. I hunger for it. The smell of fear makes me hard and is the very reason the blood runs through my veins. Until I meet her... Marlowe Masters. Her darkness matches my own. In my twisted world of dancing along the jagged edge of the blade... She changes everything. No weapon can protect me from the kind of death she will ultimately deliver. *Villains & Vodka is a dark billionaire romance. If you don't like a splash of shock, a dash of taboo, and a heavy dose of dirty, then don't take a sip of this TOP SHELF cocktail.

Russians have deep alcohol traditions and culture of vodka drinking. In this book you disclose hints about some vodka traditions in Russia, some tips and tricks

how to drink vodka in a right manner to avoid or reduce exceeding intoxication. Russia is famous for its vodka, and its culture of extreme intoxication. But just as vodka is central to the lives of many Russians, it is also central to understanding Russian history and politics. In *Vodka Politics*, Mark Lawrence Schrad argues that debilitating societal alcoholism is not hard-wired into Russians' genetic code, but rather their autocratic political system, which has long wielded vodka as a tool of statecraft. Through a series of historical investigations stretching from Ivan the Terrible through Vladimir Putin, *Vodka Politics* presents the secret history of the Russian state itself—a history that is drenched in liquor. Scrutinizing (rather than dismissing) the role of alcohol in Russian politics yields a more nuanced understanding of Russian history itself: from palace intrigues under the tsars to the drunken antics of Soviet and post-Soviet leadership, vodka is there in abundance. Beyond vivid anecdotes, Schrad scours original documents and archival evidence to answer provocative historical questions. How have Russia's rulers used alcohol to solidify their autocratic rule? What role did alcohol play in tsarist coups? Was Nicholas II's ill-fated prohibition a catalyst for the Bolshevik Revolution? Could the Soviet Union have become a world power without liquor? How did vodka politics contribute to the collapse of both communism and public health in the 1990s? How can the Kremlin overcome vodka's hurdles to produce greater social well-being, prosperity, and democracy into the future? Viewing Russian history through the bottom of the vodka bottle helps us to understand why the "liquor question" remains important to Russian high politics even today—almost a century after the issue had been put to bed in most every other modern state. Indeed, recognizing and confronting vodka's devastating political legacies may be the greatest political challenge for this generation of Russia's leadership, as well as the next.

Alcohol—and alcoholism—have long been prominent features in Russian life and culture. But as Mark Schrad vividly shows in *Vodka Politics*, it has also been central to Russian politics. Not simply a chronicle of drinking in Russia, this book shows how alcohol has been a key shaping force in Russian political history. Whether it's served neat, with a mixer, or in a cocktail, vodka's popularity continues to grow. Aficionados will love this lavishly illustrated pocket-sized book, which covers the trendy favorite from Absolut to Zubrowka. It's got all the basics: vodka's history, how it's distilled and flavored, where to buy the best brands, and delicious recipes, from classic cocktails to vodka-based foods, that will make a splash.

In "Shining a Light," a woman's lost luggage is juxtaposed with far more serious losses. An icy woman seduces a broken man in "Vienna," and a man's empathy threatens to destroy him in "Stardust Nation." "Cave Girl" features a girl who wants to be a different kind of woman—she succeeds in a shocking way. A deformed man seeks beauty amid his angst in the title story. These are twenty-first century lives dissected with razor-sharp humor and curiosity.

If we are what we eat, then this book reveals deep truths about the average American

(not to mention more mundane truths like a surprising number of people enjoy onions, and for most people, mayonnaise is very, very difficult to spell). Milk, Eggs, Vodka is a celebration of the humble grocery list. Almost anyone will find themselves engrossed in this voyeuristic look into everyday life—less than healthy lists, lists for parties, lists with personal and often odd annotations on them...and the list of lists goes on. Besides over 150 found lists, the book also includes short essays on collecting, shopping, eating, and list making. Some of the lists will even include recipes that can be made from the ingredients on the list!

The Mini Bar series maybe small in size, but each tiny tome is filled with classic and original recipes that pack quite a wallop! Vodka enthusiasts will find delightful concoctions covering everything from the sophisticated Martini to the festive Fig Leaf Fizz. Each volume in this new series tells the history of its particular alcohol, as well as its distinct traits and characteristics. A glossary of essential bar tools and cocktail terminology will ensure readers not only walk the walk of an expert mixologist, but also talk the talk. With more than 50 delicious recipes, this little cocktail book makes a spirited stocking stuffer or great gift.

Ray Foley, publisher of Bartender magazine, presents 1,000 cocktails, food recipes, fascinating facts, and resources about the spirit that inspired such marvelous inventions as the Martini, the Cosmopolitan, and Vodka Lemon-Meringue Layer Cake. Discover: --50 fascinating facts about vodka --750 unbeatable vodka cocktails --50 delicious food recipes --Information on 50 producers of vodka --100 vodka websites and resources Never before has this much information on vodka been collected in one place. From the #1 name in Never before has this much information on vodka been collected in one place. From the #1 name in bartending, The Vodka 1000 is a must-have for bartenders, cooks, and vodka enthusiasts.

The comedienne star of the Chelsea Handler Show describes her experiences with misbegotten boyfriends, her eccentric mixed-religion parents and the working world, a lifetime marked by numerous inebriated misadventures. Reprint. A #1 best-seller. It began as poisonous rotgut in Medieval Russia—Ivan the Terrible liked it, Peter the Great loved it—but this grain alcohol “without distinctive character, aroma, taste, or color” has become our uncontested king of spirits. Over a th

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