

For Mad Men

(clockwise from top left)

Gents with expansive liquor cabinets will appreciate the addition of **Aviation American gin** (\$30; aviationgin.com). It's distilled in stainless-steel stills in Portland, Oregon, and a subtle juniper flavor makes it a fine sipper. But it's damn good in a cocktail, too.

If you're shopping for an agave snob, there's no more impressive—or expensive—bottle than **Casa Dragones Joven tequila** (\$275; casadragones.com). Created with the First Lady of Tequila, Bertha González Nieves, it's a near flawless blend of silver and añejo.

Make a statement at this year's holiday party and bring a bottle of **Montanya Oro rum** (\$35; montanyarum.com). Produced in the Rockies—Crested Butte, to be exact—it's as good as anything from the Caribbean. Better in a highball than a coconut.

During the final months of a six-year aging process, Maker's Mark adds toasted staves of French oak to barrels of **Maker's 46** (\$35; makersmark.com). The result has a bit more depth and spice than the original, and is sure to appeal to bourbon aficionados.

Canadian distillers aren't known for their premium whiskeys, in part because they keep all the good stuff at home. Not anymore. Aged in oak and port barrels, **Pike Creek whiskey** (\$32; gooddeatsfor.me) began showing up in the U.S. this year, and its boldness will surprise even Kentuckians.

Gifts say as much about the giver as the receiver, which is why vodka can be a difficult choice—it's often short on character. **Woody Creek vodka** (\$35, woodycreekdistillers.com), distilled from potatoes grown just down the road from Aspen, Colorado, is anything but.

