



RUM

Albertans love rum. Our winters often prompt flight to warmer climes that are often draped in lavish layers of this sugarcane delight. With over 700 selections of rum and rum beverages, Alberta has all the choice one could ask for while not boarding a flight to Barbados. Our judging takes us through the liquor store isle tasting white, amber, dark, XO and flavoured. Our champ this year is a new product to the market and a very affordable one at that. The Ron Barcelo Imperial from the Dominican Republic is unctuous, decidedly rich, and most supple. A fine tiple for the lazy heat of summer, or the toe-curling winter. *Brad Royale*



BEST IN CLASS

BARCELO IMPERIAL RUM
Dominican Republic
\$45-50 CSPC 803037



El Dorado 12 Year Rum
Guyana
\$39-45 CSPC 912402



Pusser's Navy Rum
Guyana
\$34-38 CSPC 727300



El Dorado 21 Year Special Reserve Rum
Guyana
\$95-105 CSPC 730868



Flor de Caña 18 Year Rum
United States
\$85-90 CSPC 585836



Pusser's Gunpowder Proof Rum
Guyana
\$39-43 CSPC 789429



LOW AND NO ALCOHOL BEER

The trend of low or non-alcoholic beer is continuing to gain popularity. Whatever your reasons for wanting to explore this category, my best advice is to trust the pros. For myself, the mark of quality is if I can tell the style of traditional beer it is trying to emulate - a "stout" should look, smell, and taste like a stout. For others, the adventure of using nontraditional beer ingredients to produce a whole new set of flavours is where it is at. These can range from whatever exciting fruit you can get your hands on, to mushrooms, nuts, and anything in between. Be aware "Low" and "No" are not the same thing. Be sure to clarify if the latter is what you are after. *Darren Fabian*

JUDGES SELECTION

BEST IN CLASS

VILLAGE BREWERY CR*FT STOUT
Canada
\$13-14 (4-PACK CANS)
CSPC 852409



Fahr Alkoholfrei
Alberta, Canada
\$16-17
(6-pack cans)
CSPC 835005



IOTA Non-Alcoholic Craft Beer Hazy IPA
Canada
\$7-9 (6-pack cans)
CSPC 864138



Fungtn Reishi Citra Beer
United Kingdom
\$5-6 (330 mL)
CSPC 866080



Village Brewery CR*FT Blonde
Canada
\$13-14
(4-pack cans)
CSPC 852408