

PARTNER IN DRINKS

Hosting a party might leave you wondering about which appetisers to serve with your drinks. Although there are no strict rules but it is better to raise a toast to the dishes that enhance its taste

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Even after having the finest of drinks at your disposal, are you confused just because you don't know the right appetiser that goes well with it? Pairing your drink with food is an art of complementing, contrasting and bringing the best out of the two worlds. Wine has always been an easy option when it comes to its role of accompanying food. But there are several other combinations that are worth mentioning. We help you master this art of hosting perfect parties with the best alcohol and appetisers.

VODKA WISDOM

Vodka is generally consumed before your pickles and cucumbers. The best combination with vodka, universally loved by all, is caviar. Also, the smoothness of vodka helps you relish the texture of egg preparations to perfection. Any food combination with vodka is generally warm, like potatoes and meat. Italian delicacies also sum up to be a suitable accompaniments with vodka as they are smooth on the palette and the drink helps raise the flavours of cheese. Smoked salmon is one of the many relished appetisers with vodka.

RUM REIGNS

Termed as one of the oldest spirits, rum goes best with barbecue. Food from the Caribbean islands like roasted chicken and pork blend perfectly with rum. With

bread, tangy side dishes and light-based coleslaws, you can keep sipping your any aged rum. Sugary desserts also compliment this drink as they are made from the same plant. Keeping aside weighty-thoughts, don't fret to enjoy your drink with classics like rum cakes.

GREY GOOSE VODKA



GIN MAGIC

Considered to be the most sophisticated among all the drinks, gin, like beer, works as an aperitif (an alcoholic drink taken before a meal to stimulate the appetite). Humus with pita, blue cheese and salty nuts work wonders with gin. Also, Asian food like Thai cuisine and seafood are better partners of gin than vodka as the spices and dry flavours taste ultimate with this spirit.

WHISKEY WONDERS

Whiskey drinkers appreciate their drinks with a little tinge of sweetness. Needless to say, the better and older the whiskey, the more intriguing and complex the pairing. Crabs, soft cheese, steaks, sharp cheddar, sushi and chocolates are some tried and tested food items that go with it. Strong flavours of duck, lamb and sausages also taste equally good with a glass of classic single malt whiskey. Bread puddings and little butter give your tastebuds that needed support to enjoy the complex flavours of any whiskey. Bear in mind that some whiskeys,

especially cask-strength ones, may need a splash of water to work with food. For those who wish to try something different, a small brownie with a fine scotch is ideal. To sum it all, any dish with multiple seasoning and flavours, with a little sweetness, works well with this drink.

BEER BASKET

Beer is often served before a meal to stimulate the appetite and sharpen the palette, as an Aperitif. And it is always said that a good beer can taste better with the right

food. Pairing food with beer is just about matching their flavours. Beer has a complex flavour, refreshes the tastebuds and can mix with any flavour without any fuss. Just like you know, wine and cheese are universally reputed pair but very few are aware of the relationship between beer and cheese. With stronger cheeses, one can opt for a darker lager or an ale. Belgium beers are best to go with it. When it comes to poultry, seafood and salty-fried items, it is a rule to go for lighter beers so that its taste does not overpower that of the food. A light German beer is the best to go with it.

So, get going and relish every flavour that you enjoy with your drink to bring out the best of the experience.

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PRODUCT
DIRECTORY

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		RSP (\$)
100 PIPERS	100CL	18
ABERFELDY 21yo	75CL	155
ABSOLUT		
Elyx Vodka	100CL	52
Fives Flavours 5x5cl	5x5CL	16
Vodka	100CL	21
Vodka 100	100CL	30
Warhol Limited Edition	100CL	23
AMARULA	100CL	24
ARBEG 10yo	100CL	67
ARNISTON Red The Shore	75CL	9
MARTINI Sparking Wine	75CL	17
BACARDI		
Rum 8yo	100CL	38
Rum Premium Black	100CL	21
Rum Superior	100CL	20
BAILEYS		
Caramel	100CL	25
Irish Cream	100CL	25
BALLANTINE		
12yo	100CL	37
Finest Twin Pack	200CL	38
17yo	75CL	73
21yo	70CL	122
Finest	100CL	22
BALVENIE		
12 Triple Cask	100CL	73
16 Triple Cask	70CL	113
BEEFEATER		
Gin	100CL	19
24 Gin	100CL	40
BELVEDERE		
Cytrus	100CL	53
Vodka	100CL	52
Vodka Intense	100CL	64
BLACK & WHITE	100CL	15
BLACK DOG		
12yo	100CL	37
Centenary 8yo	100CL	31
BOMBAY SAPPHIRE Gin	100CL	25
BOTANIST The Botanist	100CL	57
BRUICHLADDICH		
Octomore 6.2sb	70CL	174
Port Charlotte 11	70CL	143
CAMPARI	100CL	23
CAMROS	100CL	12
CAOL ILA 12yo	75CL	70
CAPTAIN MORGAN Spice Gold	100CL	17
CARDHU Malt 12yo	100CL	73
CHIVAS REGAL		
Brothers Blend	100CL	49



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		RSP (\$)
12y 2x100 + Brothers Blend	2x100 CL + 20CL	80
12yo	100CL	40
12yo	50CL	27
12yo + Brothers Blend	500CL	80
18yo	175CL	196
18yo	75CL	75
25yo	70CL	300
Royal Salute 21yo	70CL	128
Royal Salute 38yo Stone Of	50CL	399
Destiny		
Royal Salute Diamond Tribute	70CL	280
CIROC		
Coconut	100CL	48
Red Berry	100CL	48
Vodka	100CL	48
CLYNELISH 14yo	75CL	83
COINTREAU	100CL	37
COURVOISIER		
Vs	100CL	38
Xo	70CL	180
CRAGGANMORE 12yo	75CL	63
CUTTY SARK		
Prohibition	100CL	45
12yo Gift Pack	70CL	30
18yo Gift Pack	70CL	69
Original Gift Pack	100CL	20
Original Travel Pack	200CL	37
Storm Gift Pack	70CL	26

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DALMORE		
12yo	100CL	58
King Alexander Iii	70CL	210
15yo	100CL	80
The Dalmore 18yo	70CL	130
The Dalmore Cigar Single Malt	100CL	110
The Dalmore Valour	100CL	73
DALWHINNIE 15yo	75CL	71
DEWAR		
15yo	100CL	49
Signature	75CL	150
Special Reserve 12yo	100CL	38
White Label	100CL	21
DIMPLE 15yo	100CL	51
DON JULIO Reposado	75CL	53
F VODKA Luxury Collection	100CL	42
FAMOUS GROUSE		
16yo Limited Edition	100CL	100
Finest	75CL + 20CL	18
Finest 50cl	50CL	12
Finest Travel Pack	200CL	40
Gold Reserve 12yo Gift Pack	100CL	42
The Black Grouse Alpha Edition	100CL	49
The Black Grouse Gift Pack	100CL	30
FINLANDIA Vodka	100CL	19
FONTAINE Shiraz Cabernet Merlot	75CL	19
FRESCOBALDI Danzante Pinot Grigio	75CL	13

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		RSP (\$)
GLENFIDDICH		
18yo	70CL	94
19y Age Of Discovery Bourbon Cask	70CL	140
21yo	70CL	162
25yo Rare Oak	70CL	450
Age Of Discovery Gift Pack 19yo	3x20 CL	122
Distillery Edition 15yo	100CL	79
Reserve Cask	100CL	72
Select Cask	100CL	58
Vintage Cask	70CL	110
GLENGOYNE		
15yo Distil Gt	100CL	82
21yo Ind Box	70CL	180
Burnfoot	100CL	58
Cask Strength	100CL	75
GLENKINCHIE 12yo	75CL	63
GLENLIVET		
21yo	70CL	173
25yo	70CL	345
French Oak 15yo	100CL	70
Malt 18yo	100CL	110
Master Distillers Reserve	100CL	51
GLENMORANGIE		
18 Yo	75CL	141
25yo	75CL	570
Lasanta	100CL	75
Nectar D'or	100CL	89
Quinta Ruban	100CL	82
Signet	75CL	199
The Original	100CL	58
GORDON'S Gin	100CL	18
GRANTS Family Reserve	100CL	19
GREY GOOSE		
La Poire Vodka	100CL	54
Le Citron Vodka	100CL	54
Original Vodka	100CL	52
Vodka Lorange	100CL	54
HAIG CLUB	70CL	46
HENDRICK'S Gin	100CL	43
HENNESSY		
Vs	100CL	53
Vsop	100CL	88
Xo	70CL	210
HIGHLAND PARK		
Leif Eriksson	70CL	102
Vintage 1990	100CL	180
Vintage 2001	100CL	66
J&B Rare	100CL	19
JACK DANIELS		
Gentleman Jack G6	100CL	45
Black Non-Refill		34
JACOBS CREEK		
Merlot	75CL	10

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		RSP (\$)
Reserve Chardonnay	75CL	18
Reserve Shiraz	75CL	18
Shiraz Rose	75CL	10
Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir	75CL	14
Sparkling Rose	75CL	14
JAGERMEISTER		
Jager Spice	100CL	30
Jagermeister	100CL	28
JAMESON		
Irish Whiskey	100CL	32
Signature Reserve	100CL	48
JIM BEAM Bourbon Black	100CL	40
JOHNNIE WALKER		
Adventurer	100CL	30
Black Label	100CL	40
Black Label	50CL	27
Blue Label	100CL	258
Blue Magnum Pack	175CL	470
Double Black	100CL	49
Explorer Club Spice Road	100CL	46
Explorers Gold Route	100CL	105
Gift Pack	20x4 CL	155
Gold Reserve	75CL	49
Gold Reserve	100CL	60
Platinum	75CL	89
Red Label	100CL	22
Red Label	50CL	14
Royal Route	100CL	165
Sons King George V	75CL	494
Swing	75CL	58
Xr 21yo	75CL	120
JOSE CUERVO Especial Gold	100CL	19
JURA		
10yo	20CL	10
Diurach's 16yo	100CL	75
Origin 10yo	100CL	50
Prophecy	70CL	77
Superstition	100CL	60
Turas Mara	100CL	62
KAHLUA Liqueur	100CL	24
KETEL One Vodka	100CL	28
KING ROBERT 11 Monocart	100CL	11
LA REVERENCE Syrah	75CL	9
LAGAVULIN 16yo	75CL	96
MACALLAN		
Estate Reserve	70CL	260
Select Oak	100CL	75
Whisky Maker's Cut	70CL	142
Whisky Maker's Edition	70CL	142
Whisky Maker's Home	70CL	142
Whisky Maker's Stil	70CL	142
MAKERS MARK Bourbon	100CL	49
MALIBU Rum	100CL	21

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		RSP (\$)
MARTELL		
Vs	100CL	47
Vsop	100CL	75
MARTINI Bianco Vermouth	100CL	13
MASIA J Merlot	75CL	8
MOET & CHANDON Imperial Brut	75CL	58
MONKEY Shoulder	100CL	43
MOUNT GAY Eclipse	100CL	31
PASSOA Liqueur	100CL	23
PASSPORT	100CL	18
RAYNAL Brandy Vsop 1yo	100CL	13
REMY MARTIN		
Vsop Glass Pack	100CL	76
Xo Excellence	70CL	183
St Remy Authentic Vsop	100CL	23
St Remy Authentic Xo	100CL	34
ROBERTO CAVALLI Vodka	100CL	55
ROCCA DELLE MACIE Chianti Classico	75CL	18
RON ZACAPA Xo	75CL	103
RUSSIAN VODKA		
Standard Imperial	100CL	56
Standard Platinum	100CL	36
Standard Gold	100CL	32
Standard Original	100CL	22
SAUZA		
Tequila Sauza Gold	100CL	22
Tequila Sauza Silver	100CL	20
SHERIDANS	100CL	32
SINGLETON Signature	100CL	47
SMIRNOFF		
Black	100CL	19
Blue	100CL	17
Citrus Twist	100CL	17
Gold	100CL	39
Red	100CL	15
White	100CL	25
SMOKEHEAD Ind Tin	100CL	61
STOLICHNAYA Vodka	100CL	17
TALISKER		
18yo	70CL	231
Malt 10yo	75CL	58
TANQUERAY		
Gin	100CL	24
Ten	100CL	38
TEACHERS Highland Cream	100CL	20
TULLAMORE Dew	100CL	25
TWO OCEANS Sauvignon Blanc	75CL	14
VAT 69	100CL	14
WHITE HORSE	100CL	20
WHYTE & MACKAY Special	75CL x2 + 50CL	38
ZONIN Cvz Prosecco Spumante White	75CL	20

