



Cheers

Spirit Tasting

For our final Cheers spirit tasting round-up in 2005, we're recommending recently released products selected from the flood of new spirits we receive each month. Spirits expert and Cheers columnist Robert Plotkin and Cheers editor Jack Robertiello select the products individually, based on what they've sampled recently, looking particularly for those they believe are especially noteworthy for the on-premise operator. If you'd like your product considered for the panel, contact Robertiello at 718-857-3660.



Robertiello's Recommendations

Gosling's Family Reserve Old Rum, long rumored to be a superb sipper, doesn't disappoint. Gleaming with a deeply burnished chestnut hue, Old Rum is filled with whiskey notes in the nose (cigar box, cedar and cooked fruits), fills the mouth with spiced pears and finishes with tingles of tobacco, cinnamon and allspice. Really long and strong finish, with a pleasant dryness -- this is what Caribbeans mean when they say aged rum can rival Cognac for richness and power. (Castle Brands)