



New and International Vodkas

Our favorite affordable and recently released tipples from around the globe

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Although the Moscow Mule might be **getting some flack** for its overrated simplicity and marketing-made history, that doesn't mean vodka can't impress. While the spirit is supposed to be clear, odorless and flavorless (unless intentionally infused or artificially modified), anyone can note variations between brands—regardless of the source substance and distillation practices. The following selections—domestic and international—bring something new to the table. Each stands as a great alternative to the brands we've come to accept as defaults. It's worth mentioning that we tried the Pristine Water Series New Zealand Edition of Stolichnaya's Elit series, which was astounding but retails for a stiff \$3,000 a bottle. The choices below range from \$18 to \$50.



Lucky Dog

Distilled from Idaho winter wheat for the neutral grain spirit, with Rocky Mountain meltwater pulled from the Snake River as the compliment, **Lucky Dog Vodka** is as crisp as one might imagine. It's four column distilled, with additional water-engineering filtration as well as charcoal filtration for clarity. This vodka is highly awarded for its taste, which manages a balance between being smooth and direct. Lucky Dog Vodka retails for \$23.