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## From Pappy Van Winkle to The Macallan, 10 Ultra-Premium Spirits Worth Splurging on This Season

Bank-bruising bottles from some of the world's best distilleries.

## **Ferrand Cognac Legendaire**



Photo: Courtesy of Maison Ferrand

This new cognac from French producer Maison Ferrand is special in a few regards. First of all, this limited release (500 bottles annually) is made up of a blend of eaux-de-vis, some of which date back nearly 100 years aging in the cellars beneath the manor. The blend is then finished in what is called a Zebra barrel, in which some oak staves have been replaced with new ones to impart a dose of tannins and other flavors to the cognac that would not ordinarily be there. As expected with a luxury spirit like this, the presentation is stunning. The decanter was made by French crystal maker Waltersperger and it comes housed in a wooden box with a whimsical hand door knocker springing from the front. Look for notes of baking spice, blackberry, anise, cocoa and vanilla in every sip.

