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The 17 Best Sipping Tequilas

These bottles are meant to be savored one sip at a time.

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"Tequila has come a very long way from its early harsh days and its blue collar palates," says Iñaki Orozco, who founded Riazul Tequila. "It grew in popularity, driving refinement, and a few pioneer brands have successfully positioned high-end tequila on par with Scotch and Cognac in terms of sipping appeal, especially in the añejo category."

The [Distilled Spirits Council](#) also reports that the super-premium category of tequila has seen a whopping 706% growth since 2002, and the trade association's spokeswoman Kelley McDonough says that the agave spirit is "no longer only associated with celebrations such as Cinco de Mayo or enjoyed in pre-batched frozen margaritas at a beach bar."

So sit back, grab a few of these bottles, and see for yourself why tequila is well on its way to becoming the next liquor to appeal to sippers worldwide.

El Tesoro Extra Añejo



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El Tesoro has a long history with extra añejo tequilas—they introduced their first, [Paradiso](#), in 1994, before the before the governing body for tequila styles, the Consejo Regulador de Tequila, had even created a classification for the style. Their latest version, made from estate-grown blue agave, is aged for four to five years in ex-bourbon barrels for a complex flavor that brings out notes of chocolate and dried fruit in the tequila.