

White Whisky

Spirit Du Jour



Vodka? Yawn. Rum? Zzzz. The new hotness? Mixologists, and the people who love them are all abuzz about the latest emerging spirit: white whisky. Elixir Proprietor and 2010 Nightclub and Bar Magazine Bartender of the Year H. Joseph Ehrmann calls the stuff nothing less than “exciting.” Why “white?” well, because unlike regular whisky, white whisky is not barrel aged, which keeps it sparkling clear and keeps the spirit's nose free of the woody, oaky notes that come along with hanging out in a piece of wood for an extended period of time.

Bar star Carlos Yturria of Absinthe Brasserie & Bar (www.absinthe.com) just added a white Manhattan to the menu called the “Pale Rider” made with Death’s Door White Whiskey. Not in San Francisco? Visit www.cask.com and order up a bottle of your own.

Pale Rider

1 ½ oz Death’s Door White Whiskey

½ oz Dimmi spirit

1 dash grapefruit bitters

Stir all ingredients. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with one speared brandied cherry.