

RUM FAMILY

All beverages were tested "Neat", but would taste similar with an ice cube.
An asterisk (*) denotes what I consider the best all-around "Neat" beverage in this family.
Those with a hash (#) are worthy considerations within their respective sub-group.

WHITE RUM

Bacardi Superior (Puerto Rican) =

Moderate burn. A bit tangy, with a hint of apricot. Slight hint of oiliness. Bland.

Cane Royale Premium Silver (Virgin Islander) =

Mild. A bit watery. Mostly flavorless. Slightly bitter, moderate alcohol aftertaste.

Captain Morgan White =

Mild at first, then a slight burn. This rum has been sugared. Light vanilla flavor.

Coulsons Silver =

Washed out. Alcoholic. Tastes of nasty spices and some added caramel flavoring.

La Cana Grande Silver (Barbadian) =

Mild. Clean, alcohol taste. Slight afterburn, which fades to a slight bitter aftertaste.

Largo Bay Silver (Barbadian) =

Very mild. Slight non-sweet coco powder and cocoanut flavor. A "sugarcane vodka".

Plantation 3 Stars (Barbadian/Jamacian/Trinidadian) =

Smooth. Hint of ripe banana and a slightly funky unknown flavor. Better Neat than mixed.

RonDiaz Superior (Barbadian) =

Mild. Alcoholic with a hint of spices. Slight afterburn.

Shellback Caribbean Silver =

Some burn, but not harsh. Adulterated for a sweet vanilla and melon flavor.

The Naked Turtle White (Virgin Islander) =

Mild. Moderate vanilla flavor. Never been in a barrel. Alright mixer. Drinkable Neat.

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AMBER RUM

* Appleton Estate V/X (Jamaican) =

Jamaican style. Off-dry, light oak barrel flavor. Decent Neat, very good mixer.

Bacardi Gold (Puerto Rican) =

Mild. Canadian whiskey-like flavor, so mixes equivalently. Slight alcohol aftertaste.

Cane Royale Premium (Virgin Islander) =

Mild. Slightly alcoholly. Virtually flavorless. Slight bad aftertaste.

Doorly's Fine Old Barbados 5yo. (Barbadian) =

Very slight burn. Dry, with slight vanilla flavor. Sippable. Great mixer. Warming.

Kaniche Reserve (Barbadian) =

Smooth, semi-sweet sipper. A strong cognac, rather than rum, taste. Lingering finish.

La Cana Grande (Barbadian) =

Slight burn. Alcoholly with very little rum taste. Bitter aftertaste.

Largo Bay (Barbadian) =

Very weak, but then mouth numbs. Swallow is a harsh. Hardly any rum taste.

Mount Gay Eclipse (Barbadian) =

Barbadian style. Very mild. Bland, with a slight cognac taste. Warming afterglow.

Mount Gay Extra Old (Barbadian) =

Slight burn. Attractive aroma. Complex blended scotch-like taste. Medium body.

Ron Abuelo Anejo 5yo. Reserva Especial (Panamanian) =

Cuban style. Mild. Lighter medium body. Light barrel taste, sweet with a hot finish.

Ron Abuelo Anejo 12yo. (Panamanian) =

Smooth, then slight burn. Medium body. Sweet, whiskey barrel taste. Hot finish.

Siesta Key Gold (Floridian) =

Smooth and clean. Medium vanilla-caramel taste. Very good mixer. Limited supply.

Tropic Isle Palms (Barbadian) =

Light sweet flavor. Just the slightest bitter alcohol aftertaste. Warming afterglow.

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DARK RUM

BC 18yo. Caribbean Dark Rum (Panamanian) =

Smooth. Almost scotch-like flavor. Excellent Neat. Very long aftertaste. Expensive.

Gosling's Black Seal (Bermudan) =

Full bodied. Complex flavor, with molassas taste dominant. Good for baking.

Myers's Original Dark (Jamaican) =

Mild. Slightly alcoholic, semi-sweet molasses taste. Decent for baking. Avoid Neat.