

# Robb Report

## Spirits Expert Dan Dunn Picks His 7 Best Libations of 2018

Take a journey through the year's best spirits, from truffle-infused vodka to whiskies aged in rare woods.

The time has come to raise a toast, to the year-end list—that timeworn tradition that affords us media types an opportunity to not only reflect on the work we've done over the past 11-plus months, but to see how much of that work we can get away with repurposing . . . which in the case of this particular list of high-end spirits, is roughly 700 words. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year!

It's the holiday season, and there's frolicking to be done. So without further adieu, presenting seven of the finest adult beverages this potable pundit had the pleasure of imbibing this year. Note that all seven spirits on this list were introduced to market in 2018, six of them fresh expressions from existing labels and one an entirely new brand altogether. Each and every one would make a fine addition to any home bar. As always, we encourage you to please drink responsibly and, of course, happy frolicking.



JCB Spirits Truffle Infused Vodka appears second from right.

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### JCB Truffle Infused Vodka

While celebrated vigneron Jean-Charles Boisset [had a small coming out party for his new line of spirits in November of 2017](#), it's worth pointing out that the Boisset Collection wasn't made widely available until the beginning of 2018 (lest we be accused of breaking our own list's ground rules). JCB Truffle Infused Vodka (\$150) is made with Burgundian pinot noir and chardonnay grapes, fermented and aged in barrel for six months before being run through a still a whopping seven times. Infused with black truffles from the Périgord region of southwestern France, the vodka is super smooth and savory—best enjoyed neat or in a decadent martini.