# Please Drink Responsibly

## Apology,

We would like to apologize to our patrons for removing the "New Items" section from the website. By state rules we are not allowed to post specific items. But we will work toward a website that will benefit our customers. Thank you in advance for your understanding!

### North Carolina doesn't carry the liquor I like, What can I do?

Talk to the General Manger or Store Manger at your local ABC Store, in most cases an individual may purchase a \*case of a special item that it is not carried by North Carolina.

NOTE: There is not a special case price, if it comes 12 bottles to a case the price would be 12 times the price.

\*\*Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery!

## What's the Difference between Scotch, Whiskey and Bourbon?

The main difference between scotch and whisky is geographic, but also ingredients and spellings. Scotch is whisky made in Scotland, while bourbon is whiskey made in the U.S.A, generally Kentucky. Scotch is made mostly from malted barley, while bourbon is distilled from corn. If you're in England and ask for a whisky, you'll get Scotch. But in Ireland, you'll get Irish whiskey. With scotch the barley is heated using heated peat which gives scotch its distinctive "smoky" flavor.

The difference between Tennessee Whiskey and Bourbon is that after the spirit is distilled, Tennessee Whiskey is filtered through sugar-maple charcoal. This filtering, known as the Lincoln County Process, is what distinguishes Tennessee Whiskey from your average Bourbon.

<sup>\*</sup> Special orders must be prepaid and the individual must purchase the entire case.

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#### What is Rum?

Rum is a hard alcohol made from fermented sugar. This process usually includes the fermentation of the juices of the sugarcane plant, as well as of molasses and other byproducts of sugar production. Rum is one of the major liquors in the world.

#### What is Gin?

Gin is a hard alcohol flavored with the seeds of the juniper bush. It is a rather dry alcohol and is rarely drunk on its own, but used instead as a base for many different types of drinks. Good gin is very smooth, with a strong juniper flavor.

## What is Cognac?

Cognac is a type of brandy which comes from the Cognac region of France. It is rightfully famous, requiring a lengthy distillation and aging process that yields a very distinctive spirit. Some are consumed plain, while others are used in cooking, in both savory dishes and desserts.

## What is Brandy?

Brandy is a spirit made by distilling grapes to a higher proof than they achieve as wine. Most is made from actual grape wine, though some may also be made from the pulpy mixture of stems and seeds left after grapes are pressed, and some is made from the fermented juices of fruits other than grapes. The name is a shortening of the Dutch word *brandewijn*, which means "fire wine".

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## What is Canadian Whisky?

Canadian whisky is a type of whisky produced in Canada. Most Canadian whiskies are blended multi-grain liquors containing a large percentage of corn spirits, and are typically lighter and smoother than other whisky styles. Several hundred years ago, when Canadian distillers began adding small amounts of highly-flavorful rye grain to their mashes people began demanding this new rye-flavored whisky, referring to it simply as "rye". Today, as for the past two centuries, the terms "rye whisky" and "Canadian whisky" are used interchangeably in Canada and (as defined in Canadian law) refer to exactly the same product, which generally is made with only a small amount of rye grain.

#### What is Vodka?

Vodka is the simplest of spirits and consists almost entirely of water and ethanol. It's distilled many times to a very high proof, removing almost all impurities, and then watered down to desired strength. Since just about all impurities are removed, it can be made from just about anything. Potatoes, grain, or a mixture are most common. Flavored vodkas are made by adding flavors and sugars after the fact when the liquor is bottled.