

2009 HOST'S GUIDE

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A SPECIAL BUYER'S GUIDE
Robb Report
FOR CONNOISSEURS



SPIRITS

decadence and no burn, with heady aromas of sweet maple syrup, dark cocoa, and wood. Its mellow tobacco flavors translate onto the palate in long layers. (\$450)

HUDSON BABY BOURBON WHISKEY

This four-grain spirit is, according to the artisan distillery Tuthilltown, the first legal pot-distilled whiskey to be made in New York since the enactment of Prohibition. Aged in small American oak casks for up to a year and packaged in a 375 ml half bottle, the robust, spice-driven whiskey is made from a strain of corn that has not been grown in North America in nearly 400 years. (\$40)

HEART OF THE HUDSON VODKA

This clear spirit (also from Tuthilltown) is made entirely from apples grown in upstate New

York and double-distilled in a copper pot. Its spicy apple notes and fantastically long finish make it a natural for apple martinis. Available only in New York state. (\$35)

JUNIPERO GIN

Distilled in a small copper pot still at Anchor Distilling in San Francisco, this aromatic dry gin has crisp, clean juniper notes that show through marvelously

in a martini, though it is equally delightful with tonic. (\$32)

PARKER'S HERITAGE COLLECTION GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BOURBON

Each year, Heaven Hill Distilleries releases a special edition made from stock personally selected by sixth-generation master distiller Parker Beam. This year's offering, a bourbon, bursts with cherry fruit and complex spice, as well as seamless notes of toasted oak, Christmas pudding, hickory, and barbecue. (\$200)

VERMONT SPIRITS GOLD VODKA

This sweet, graceful libation—distilled in northern New England from 100 percent maple sap—presents maple candy, dark honey, and malt on the palate. Available in select markets. (\$35)

WOODFORD RESERVE MASTER'S COLLECTION SEASONED OAK FINISH

Scheduled for release in November, this highly anticipated bourbon



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