

Vodkas...Flavours.....Recipes

This week's column is more of a collection of interesting recipes that use flavoured vodka as the base. Vodka flavours have allowed consumers and bartenders alike to create wonderful classics with a twist. Orange, Raspberry and Vanilla are some of the more popular taste profile available in Ontario at present.

The introduction of flavoured Vodkas in Canada certainly gave the martini culture a much needed facelift. Infused vodkas are also hot specifically such brands as Mix~ol'o~ji Blueberry-Cherry Infusions that you add to your own vodka and the all naturally infused store bought brand Voda Blueberry Vodka. Both provide a beautiful colour and great nose.

Every brand has taken a slightly different approach when adding flavour profiles to their brands. Some opted for a sweet candy like taste while others have chosen a subtle more natural tone, either way you can't lose when used in a great recipe!

Here are some interesting recipes for you to try:

Ice Berry Martini

1 oz. Stolichnaya Raspberry Vodka

½ oz. Polar Ice Vodka

3 oz. Cranberry Juice

Garnished with a blackberry

Absolut Heaven

½ oz. Absolut Mandarin

½ oz. Absolut Citron

½ oz. Crème de Cassis

2 oz. Pineapple juice

1 oz. Mango Juice

Melted Chocolate Martini

Xante Rinse

1 oz. Stolichnaya Vanilla Vodka

1/2oz. Crème de cacao