

6 Must-Have Summer Rums

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Plantation Barbados
2001 Vintage -
a chosen rum!
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Perfect for tropical drinks and party punches, here are six rums you won't want to miss. Each is a bit different—from a luxe white rum and funky rhum agricole to a brand-new, celebrity-backed chocolate rum—but all are worth seeking out for end-of-summer sipping.

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Aged Rum

Old Reserve 2001 Plantation Rum Barbados (Barbados; W.J. Deutsch & Sons, White Plains, NY). \$45

Tawny and bright in the glass, this luscious rum shows rich caramel, brown sugar and hazelnut. Vintage-dated rums are rare—most are made with a blend of various years—so consider saving this for sipping. It's sure to elevate a classic Mai Tai, though.

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