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FINE SPIRITS CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS FOR 2018

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Treat someone you love to a crafted spirit this festive season. We've put together a list of some of our favourites that include both local and international brands. Whether you're looking to buy something for the really serious connoisseur, or just the friend that loves something new, we've got a great selection of fine spirits Christmas gift ideas.

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SUGARBIRD® GIN BAUBLES



There's never been a better way to decorate your holiday tree!

SUGARBIRD GIN FILLED BAUBLES
AVAILABLE AT MAKRO
Price: R99.00

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Take your Christmas decor to the next level with Sugarbird® Gin Baubles. They're bright and colourful but, best of all, they're full of gin! They make a wonderful gift for your favourite gin lover, not to mention the perfect thing for your very own tree. Want to make this Christmas a grown-up affair? Gin baubles are the best way to do it. Each pack contains 5 gin baubles that each contain about a shot of Sugarbird® Fynbos gin. And the best part is that they are resealable, so you can fill them up from your bottle of Sugarbird® for next year. Now that's what we call a win-win situation.

Price:R99.00

Available at: Makro stores nationwide and online at makro.co.za.

sugarbirdgin.com

WOODFORD RESERVE DISTILLER'S SELECT

There is an art to producing a handcrafted bourbon that's as beautifully balanced as Woodford Reserve.

WOODFORD RESERVE
AVAILABLE AT SELECT LIQUOR
STORES NATIONWIDE
(PRICES MAY VARY).
Price: R519.95

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Woodford Reserve isn't manufactured, it's crafted in small batches since 1812. There is an art to producing a handcrafted bourbon that's as beautifully balanced as Woodford Reserve. This artisanal process allows the master distiller, Chris Morris, to craft using all five sources of flavour giving it a distinct taste and crisp, clean finish. Perfect for gift giving with a complimentary whiskey tumbler glass.

RSP: R 519.95

Available at: select liquor stores nationwide (prices may vary).

woodfordreserve.com

JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE HONEY

A promotional image for Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey liqueur. The central focus is a clear glass bottle of the liqueur next to its black and gold patterned box. The box is labeled 'LIMITED EDITION ROCKS GLASS INSIDE' and 'JACK DANIEL'S Tennessee HONEY'. The bottle label reads 'ORIGINAL RECIPE Tennessee HONEY' and 'FIRKLY CRAFTED HONEY LIQUEUR BLENDED WITH JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY'. The background is decorated with various green and gold leaf and branch motifs, along with small colored dots. A teal circular badge in the bottom right corner contains the text '2018 FINE SPIRITS GIFT LIST'.

*A taste that's one of a kind
and unmistakably Jack Daniel's*

JACK HONEY LIQUEUR
AVAILABLE FROM LEADING
LIQUOR STORES NATIONWIDE
(PRICES MAY VARY).
Price: R 259.95

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A blend of Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey and a unique honey liqueur, for a taste that's one of a kind and unmistakably Jack Daniel's. With hints of honey and a finish that's naturally smooth, Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey offers a taste of the unexpected. Some things are best enjoyed chilled so just add ice. Now available with a complimentary tumbler glass at a recommended retail price

RSP: R 259.95

Available at: leading liquor stores nationwide (prices may vary).

jackdaniels.com

SILVER CREEK CRAFT DISTILLERY

MARGARITA MOONSHINE

Hola, party people! Get set for a next-level fiesta with the all-new Margarita Moonshine from South Africa's very own homegrown Silver Creek Craft Distillery. Margarita Moonshine can be served the typical way, with crushed ice in a salt-rimmed glass and lime-wheel garnish (with a splash of quality soda for added zest); or, as a straight shooter. Margarita Moonshine is no mixer, amigo. It's *the* all-in-one party-in-a-bottle, served up in a bespoke moonshine jug with nifty finger loop that emulates the easy-going spirit of Mexico – the spiritual home of the Margarita.

Price: R 260.00

Available at: takealot.com

silvercreekdistillery.com | [Facebook](#)

CAPE FYNBOS GIN & CORDIAL GIFT SET



The image shows a blue gift set box for Cape Fynbos Gin & Cordial. The box is open, revealing three bottles: a pink bottle of Rose Geranium Cordial, a clear bottle of Cape Fynbos Gin, and a yellow bottle of Buchu Cordial. The box has a white rope handle and a small card tucked inside. The background is decorated with green and yellow botanical illustrations and colorful dots.

*All wrapped up
and ready to go...*

CAPE FYNBOS GIN & CORDIAL GIFT
AVAILABLE AT BOTTLESHOP.CO.ZA
Price: R 415.00

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Cape Fynbos Gin is a small-batch distilled, premium, handcrafted gin distilled from the finest white spirits in small forty litre batches. This is infused with premium juniper berries and elements from more than 30 indigenous botanicals, sustainably hand-harvested for their bark, roots, berries, flowers, stems, peels or leaves. We just adore this packaging complete with ready to carry handle.

Price: R 415.00

Available at: bottleshop.co.za

capefynbosgin.com

4TH RABBIT KAROO AGAVE SPIRIT

The Atzecs (ancient inhabitants of Mexico), had many gods, in fact 400 of them were thirsty rabbits known as Centzon Tōtōchtin, who met to basically get smashed and party. What a fun bunch. In the culture, if someone got really trolled, they'd say he was 'as drunk as 400 rabbits'. While we don't advocate irresponsible drinking, we can get on board with a bunch of party-loving rabbits.

We also don't know how much this has to do with the naming of this locally distilled version of mezcal but we'd like to think it was the inspiration. Made by the ever-on-the-pulse crew at AA Badenhorst, this 100% Karoo agave spirit is made in a traditional stone-lined pit. It gets its distinctly smooth, wooded flavour from being fermented in wooden vats.

Price: R 495.00

Available at: bottleshop.co.za

aaadenhorst.com

BLACK HORSE VODKA

Inspired by their friend, Rysia Burnatowska, Black Horse Distillery set out to make the smoothest vodka that can be enjoyed on its own. Made from malted barley grain and distilled through an activated carbon head makes this vodka one of the smoothest and cleanest vodkas from South Africa. Burnatowska Wódka is distilled and bottled at Black Horse Distillery in the Cradle of Humankind.

Price: R 275.00

Available: online from the **distillery website**.

blackhorse.co.za

TIME ANCHOR DISTILLERY MIRARI GIN

We're suckers for pretty packaging and we especially love the Mirari gin range from Time Anchor Distillery. Available in Pink Damask Rose, Blue Orient Spiced and Amber African Botanicals, there is sure to be one to suit every palate and aesthetic. Each one is crafted with its own unique selection of exotic handpicked botanicals.

Price: R 479.00

Available at: yuppiechef.com

timeanchor.co.za

COPELAND RUM

This award-winning rum is small-batch distilled in a distillery on the Cape Peninsula, South Africa by James Copeland, with each and every bottle being bottled and branded by hand.

James has concentrated on producing Copeland Rum to have as much flavour a white rum can have without it needing ageing to smooth it out. The results are amazingly deep and tropical, fruity and caramelised. This award-winning craft rum has been fermented and distilled with the utmost care to unlock the noble flavours within molasses. Hints of litchi skin and pineapple aromas lead to spun sugar, cacao and deep tropical fruit on the palate. A true friend to fresh fruit mixers and classic cocktails that let its bold character shine.

Price: R459.00

Available from: cybercellar.com

copelandrum.com

QUALITO WHISKY

Qualito is a craft local whisky produced in Phalaborwa in Limpopo by distiller, Loumarie Raubenheimer. The whisky slumbers in red oak wine barrels before being perfected by the addition of actual oak flakes from the barrel – added to each individual bottle before further maturation. With the passage of time, notes of hazelnut and butterscotch flow gently into each other just like the Olifants and Gai Selati Rivers come together in this beautiful valley where this spirit is distilled. The result is a perfectly balanced pure grain whisky of distinctive quality and exceptional smoothness.

Price: R399.05

Available: online from the distillery **website**.

qualito.co.za

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I am definitely going to get the gin baubles, it looks very exciting

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