

[NIGHTCLUB & BAR SHOW, LAS VEGAS 2009](#)

FEATURED VODKAS, GINS—INTRODUCING SAKEONE

[THE DIAMOND STANDARD VODKA](#)



We reviewed this vodka recently ([link here for review](#)) and were delighted to see Dale DeGroff mixing up some specialty cocktails at The Show. Set to launch in Florida this month, The Diamond Standard Vodka donated 3 bottles for the Silent Auction, benefiting the Sky Ranch Foundation, and earned the Foundation \$220!

[ZODIAC VODKA](#)



There's a lot to like about this Vodka. First, the Sun on the bottle ☺. Second, the free daily horoscopes on their website (and on their bottles—one for each zodiac sign). Third, and probably foremost, is the taste. It's made from potato grown right here in the good ol' USA. In year one, Zodiac has gone from 4 states to almost national distribution! Read what Liquor Snob has to say about Zodiac. ([link here](#))

[U4RIK VODKA](#)



It was toward the end of the day when we stumbled upon this intriguing vodka. U4RIK is a blend of several varieties of Napa Valley grapes. Unlike any other vodka we have tasted, U4RIK defies 'tasteless'. There are a few vodkas made from grapes and if that's your palate profile, you really should give U4RIK a try! Delicious!

[SAAGA 1763](#)



We first met Saaga 1763 Vodka when it debuted at the Polished Palate VodkaFest in NYC in June 2007. Made primarily from Estonian Rye, Saaga uniquely is 'unfiltered'. Hmmmm, unfiltered you say? Read what Jonathan Forester of Slash Food has to say about that! ([Link Here](#)) (PS Highly recommended!!!!!!)

[ORANGE V](#)



Flavored with a blend of Tangerine, Mandarin and Valencia Oranges, this US made vodka simply astounds. If you're a fan of this flavor, as Chris Carlsson notes in his review ([link here](#)), this is a 'take no prisoners' orange vodka!

[KAI VODKA](#)



We first tasted Kai Lychee Vodka at last year's Nightclub & Bar Show; it was a Show Stopper! Kai is a rice-based vodka from Viet Nam and received an 'exceptional' rating from the Beverage Testing Institute ([Link Here](#)). [To learn more, link here to the article from Beverage Industry News.](#)

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[AVIATION](#)



This outstanding rye-based gin is made in Portland Oregon. "Big, Bold, Lush, Smooth" best describe this Gin, as noted by Jonathan Forester in Slash Food ([Link Here](#)). Co-Founder Ryan Magarian of [Liquid Relations](#) and Makers Lee Medoff & Christian Krogstad of [House Spirits Distilling](#) inspire us with the creation of Aviation Gin.

WHITLEY NEILL GIN



We first sampled Whitley Neill London Dry Gin at the Nightclub & Bar Show last year. Made in England, along with 7 other botanicals, a key essential ingredient hails from Africa's Baobob 'Tree of Life', the Cape Gooseberry. Johnny Neill, maker, says it's his "Labour of Love" and we're glad he's sharing!

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SAKEONE



Founded by an American who evolved into a saké visionary after experiencing the finest sakés Japan had to offer, Sake One has been producing a variety of these premium-grade spirits using traditional methods and hand-crafted in small batches in Oregon since 1992. Their unique [Moonstone](#) line includes sakes flavored with Asian Pear, Raspberry, Coconut Lemongrass and Plum. [Read about it in the Portland Drinks Examiner](#)