

GQ HAPPY HOUR

LOCK, STOCK &

BARREL

With summer around the corner, here's all the aqua vitae you need to quench that thirst, get lush and set the bar high while you're at it

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MONKEY 47

Inside this dark cork-stopped bottle, 47 botanicals crushed with cranberries make for a flavourful, award-winning gin that tastes (and noses) like a wild ride through the Black Forest.

Mahlzeit! ₹6,000

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BEEFEATER

London Dry gin at its best, Beefeater has steadfastly kept everyone and their grandmothers good company in G&Ts for over 150 years. Your hipsterism will let you drop it in a nice cold brew coffee. ₹2,800

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HAPUSA

The guys behind Greater Than (India's first craft gin) have now mashed the Himalayan juniper together with gondhoraj lime and mango. Try this on ice and feel it represent. ₹2,000

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ROKU GIN

This contemporary gin underlines its Japanese origins with six ingredients that represent its four seasons, including sencha tea and sansho pepper. Unlock your time-travel pass with a slice of ginger. ₹2,600

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TANQUERAY NO. TEN

With a big hit of citrus, the classic Tanqueray's cooler cousin sparkles bright in a cocktail. Ask for it in a chilly rickey to offset that Gatsby-esque gloom when your Bumble date hasn't shown. ₹6,950



We've foraged through all the towns in all the world – and their duty-free aisles – to bring you the bottles Rick Blaine would approve of



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STRANGER & SONS

The juniper might be from Macedonia, but the rest of this craft's residents come from bucolic Goa. Pair with cucumber-flavoured tonic from Svami (also made by one of the co-founders) to tame its fiery spirit. ₹2,295

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STAR OF BOMBAY

With hints of bergamot orange peel from Calabria and ambrette seed from Ecuador, this is good ol' Bombay Sapphire gone globe-trotting – and most at home in a glass of elderflower tonic. ₹5,500

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THE BOTANIST

A sublime infusion of 31 botanicals (including apple and peppermint leaves), this small-batch gin is distilled on the whisky-soaked shores of Islay, and something of a jewel in the Hebrides islands' crown. ₹6,890

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HENDRICK'S GIN

Rose, cucumber, coriander, orange, lemon, Orris root, chamomile and several other very green things are mixed in this essential bottle, named after the distiller's family gardener. ₹5,750



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ACRYLIC & GOLD BAR SET
BY THE LABEL LIFE

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ROBERTO CAVALLI

If it's Cavalli, can the jungle be far behind? Inside this tall, frosted, serpent-entwined bottle sits a wildly potent liquid. Make it part of your pre-game ritual (rethink the cheetah print shirt, though). ₹7,995

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ABSOLUT ELYX

With the faintest aroma of custard, and tasting of pepper, sweet corn, hazelnut and fennel pounded together, this is basically luxury bottled in southern Sweden. Savour in a martini with the tux on. ₹6,500

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TITO'S

This American upstart caught our attention late last year when it arrived from Texas, and instantly earned its spurs for its gluten-free smokiness and versatility. ₹3,650

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CÎROC SNAP FROST

This French vodka swaps wheat for grapes – picked right after the first frost of winter – which imbues it with an unexpected bouquet of flavours and makes it an instant outlier. One for the shot glasses. ₹6,300

VODKA CRYSTAL CLEAR

The best on offer of this consummate mixer, to keep you livin' la voda loca (no candy flavours, no hangovers)



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**BELUGA
TRANSATLANTIC**

With a rather intense filtration process (after passing through natural cotton, the spirit rests for 45 days), this limited-edition vodka is something of a delicacy. ₹7,800

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GREY GOOSE

Practically odourless and tasteless, the classic Grey Goose does leave a hint of aniseed on its way down. Pour generous amounts into a screwdriver; make it good for the gander. ₹6,500

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BELVEDERE RED

A crisp Polish rye vodka that skates flawlessly down your throat like it's a frozen Arctic lake. A sizeable chunk of the proceeds from this one's sale go to support HIV charities – in case you were out of reasons to clink. ₹6,200

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KETEL ONE

Since 1691, the Nolet Distillery in Holland has been honing its household recipe to produce one of the world's most outstanding vodkas. Reserve it for that family reunion you've been dreading. ₹3,500



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CHANDON BRUT

This locally made sparkling wine has always spent too short a time in our flutes, for its irresistible notes of vanilla, citrus and green apple. A classic on the stands, and very approachable at soused soirées. ₹1,650

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G.H. MUMM CORDON ROUGE BRUT

A light gold blend with an aroma of white-fleshed fruits and spring flowers: A supple champagne to uncork at that wedding party you're throwing for that fabulous nephew. ₹6,300

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DOM PÉRIGNON VINTAGE 2009 BRUT

The prestige cuvée from a venerable Champagne house, the 2009 Brut – made from only the best (premier and grand cru) grapes – is sparkling wine royalty. ₹22,538

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MOËT & CHANDON ICE IMPÉRIAL

This intense assemblage of pinot noir, pinot meunier and chardonnay grapes is strong enough to pour over ice in a big, fat goblet. May make the grand-uncle's speech palatable. ₹8,000



Bring Napa Valley home with the best bottles we've plucked off the sommelier grapevine



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MARBLE TRAY BY
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HARDYS STAMP CHARDONNAY SEMILLON

White meat lovers: With this, an Aussie chardonnay gone mildly tart and spicy, your tandoori nights can be exciting again. ₹1,520

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FRATELLI J'NOON WHITE

Running late for that dinner party? Just grab a bottle from the limited-edition J'noon range: Can't go wrong with a top-notch blend of chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. ₹2,500

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JACOB'S CREEK SHIRAZ CABERNET 2017

This award-winning vintage red is your daily tippie. Once open, let it breathe for a few; and then watch it liven up that DIY meal of spaghetti Bolognese. ₹1,500

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CAMPO VIEJO TEMPRANILLO 2015

With the juice of Spain's famous tempranillo grape, this one's a vibrant, savoury red – ideal for when you're bored of that sour aftertaste cutting into your rare steak afterglow. ₹2,000

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GROVER ZAMPA CHÊNE GRANDE RÉSERVE 2016

This lush mix of tempranillo and syrah, aged for 15 months in French barrels at the foot of the Nandi hills, demands to be swirled, decanted and generally fawned over. ₹2,000



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WHITE RHINO IPA

Brewed with imported pale malt, English ale yeast and five types of American and European hops in a town at the edge of the Chambal region, this amber-coloured pour is light and frothy.

₹70

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MOONSHINE MEADERY COFFEE MEAD

If it's good for hobbits and wizards, it's good for you. The Pune-based brewer's coffee mead is golden, bittersweet and – for those on a keto kick – gluten-free.

₹220

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CHIMAY RED

A copper-coloured, fruity ale, brewed by Trappist monks of the Scourmont Abbey in Belgium, is just the ticket if you're looking for absolution at the bottom of a glass.

₹650

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DELIRIUM NOCTURNUM

In a dark concoction of apples, black cherries and spice, look for the flavours of bubblegum and ruminate on dystopic futures as you sip on this in solitude.

₹700

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SIMBA STOUT

A leonine dispatch from Chhattisgarh, this malty pour is creamy, with hints of toffee and dark chocolate. The giant espresso shot you need to fire up Tuesday night post-work drinks session.

₹130

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HOPPER WITBIER

Full-bodied, mildly bitter, tremendously smooth and creamy, and with just a dash of citrus, this new Belgian import is the perfect company for Sunday brunch.

₹220



It's a brave new world of locally built and newly imported brewskis. And not all of it feels like a potpourri attack on the senses



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PROOST 69 LAGER

Brand new in the shop, this German lager is no-fuss, simple and to-the-point. Make like Oktoberfest and source it by the two-four for that lit house party you've been planning for a year.

₹150

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HAPPY BY THIRSTY

Crisp and bright, this European-style lager tastes best when gulped straight from the can. But if you must be posh, do the tilt-glass-pour thing at the creators' new lounge: Thirsty City 127 in Mumbai.

₹250

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BIRA 91 WHITE

Wheat-based, light and with a dash of orange, this was a whole nation's introduction to craft beer. Yes, it went mainstream far too quickly, but it's still a damn good pour in any pin code area.

₹190

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AMSTEL SUPER PREMIUM STRONG

Nothing like a good old Bavarian-style lager – golden, bitter and medium-bodied – to beef things up an extra notch, like the pepperoni on your pizza on football night.

₹110

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WHITE OWL DIABLO

This delicious red, from one of Mumbai's most respected breweries, has been an on-tap hit since 2014. Now, take it home to supplement the fish and chips you've rustled up for her.

₹190

