

# DEATH'S DOOR

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## WHITE IS THE NEW BROWN

Don't call it backwoods booze. White whiskey has gone artisanal

**IT GOES BY MANY NAMES.** White lightning. Moonshine. Hooch. Call the clear spirit what you will, it's simply whiskey that goes through little to no barrel aging. Yes, it may conjure images of mountain men concocting illegal booze using junkyard auto parts, but many artisanal distilleries have recently elevated the backwoods spirit to something worth sipping as you would a fine brandy. "Our white whiskey has a very deliberate approach," says Brian Ellison of Death's Door Distillery. "We utilize a yeast that is better suited for wine. The result plays up a unique note of amyl alcohol found in good grappas, pisco and rum agricole." It's true: There's a distinctive farm-like pureness to these whiskeys that puts them closer to an earthy genever (traditional Dutch gin) or cachaça (a rum-like spirit from Brazil) than a bourbon. While traditional whiskey drinkers may still be snobs about the maturity of their Scotch, taste any of our favorites here and we think you'll agree: Age is just a number.

—Kevin Sintumuang



### DEATH'S DOOR WHITE WHISKY

Produced in Wisconsin with a mash bill of red winter wheat and organic malted barley. It will surprise you with its cinnamon and dark cherry notes. 40% ABV, \$40



### OLE SMOKY TENNESSEE MOONSHINE

Don't let the fact that it says "moonshine" scare you. This mostly corn-based whiskey packs a punch but has a refined, earthy quality. 50% ABV, \$35



### HIGH WEST HIGH COUNTRY SINGLE MALT

A smooth sipper with a surprisingly delicate sweetness—the mash bill has a touch of chocolate malt. Brewed in Utah. 40% ABV, \$33



### GLEN THUNDER CORN WHISKEY

Made by New York's Finger Lakes Distilling. It's like freshly husked corn on the first day of the summer—bottled. 40% ABV, 375 ml, \$12



### HOUSE SPIRITS WHITE DOG WHISKEY

Although this malted barley whiskey is from Portland, Ore., it has a funky, tropical taste like that of a rum agricole. 50% ABV, \$30