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4 BEST WORLD WHISK(E)YS UNDER \$75: HOLIDAY 2016

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You know who knows best which bottles to buy for holiday gifting? The people who pour and sell drinks—that’s who. For 2016, we asked dozens of top bartending and spirits industry professionals to tell us which bottles they love and why.

Heads up: The numerical order below is not organized by importance or quality; it’s a list, not a ranking. Prices are averages and can vary state to state.

1. NIKKA COFFEY GRAIN (\$70, JAPAN)



“Light with an airy sweetness that I quite enjoy. This whisky is like almost nothing else coming out of Japan.”—Michael J. Neff, bar director at [Holiday Cocktail Lounge](#)

2. REDBREAST 12 YEAR (\$60, IRELAND)



“This is consistently my single favorite whiskey in the world. Rich, soft, almond, hazelnut, toffee, mulling spices.”—David Moo, owner of Quarter Bar

3. GREEN SPOT (\$55, IRELAND)



“A great whiskey for the price, with notes of malt, vanilla, green wood and a nice long finish.”—James Bolt, beverage director and host bartender at [The Gin Joint](#)

4. ARMORIK CLASSIC BRETON MALT (\$50, FRANCE)



“An affordable and well made French single-malt from the Warengem Distillery in Brittany.”—Neal Bodenheimer, mixologist at and co-owner of Cure and owner of Cane & Table and Café Henri