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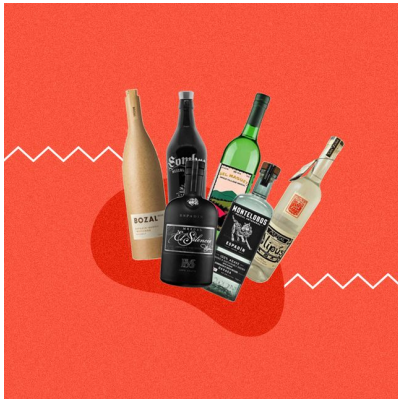
YOUR BAR CART ISN'T COMPLETE UNTIL YOU'VE GOT A BOTTLE OF MEZCAL

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Mezcal is often lumped in with tequila, looked at as the smoky little cousin. But it's high time you think of it in a category all its own. The booze is one of Mexico's oldest traditions, and it's been gaining more and more traction in the United States over the past decade. For a long time, mezcal was looked at as tequila's smoky cousin. It's about time mezcal got the respect it deserved. The full, fruity-meets-smoky flavor is made to be savored, whether you sip it straight or mix it into a cocktail. (Perhaps in a margarita?!)

The best way to see what all the hype's about? Taste it for yourself. Here are the best bottles of mezcal to add to your bar cart.

2. Bozal Ensemble Mezcal

If you like your mezcal smoky, but not too smoky, you'll appreciate the taste of this Bozal bottle. The citrus and floral notes provide a natural balance to Bozal's natural smokiness.

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