

CLASSIC TEQUILA SUNRISE

Serves 1

Ingredients

60ml tequila
120ml fresh orange juice
20ml grenadine

Maraschino cherries, orange slices, red and green chilli slices (optional) to serve

Method

Half-fill a highball glass with ice. Combine orange juice and tequila, and stir to combine.

Rest an upturned teaspoon against the top of the inside of the glass, and slowly pour grenadine over the back. This will send the red liquid to the bottom of the glass.

Garnish with an orange slice, cherries and chillies (if using) on a cocktail stick. Don't be afraid to chuck some umbrellas in here too for a cute retro twist.





DIRTY MARTINI

Serves 1

Ingredients

45ml gin 30ml vermouth Ice

Green olives in brine (not oil), stuffed if preferred

Method

Combine gin, vermouth and a splash of olive brine (about half a teaspoon - don't go crazy!) in a cocktail shaker or mixing glass. Fill with ice and shake/stir.

Strain into a chilled martini glass and serve with olives skewered onto a cocktail stick.





NEGRONI CLASSIC

Serves 1

Ingredients

30ml gin 30ml vermouth 30ml Campari 2 dashes bitters

Ice

Orange zest and fresh sage, to garnish

Method

Stir gin, vermouth, Campari and bitters into a mixing glass. Strain over ice into your serving glass.

Garnish with orange zest and a sprig of fresh sage.





CLASSIC STRAWBERRY DAIQUIRI

Serves 4

Ingredients

250ml white rum

3 cups fresh NZ strawberries, washed, stems removed

50ml fresh lime juice

2 handfuls ice

Fresh strawberries to garnish

Method

Chop strawberries roughly into quarters. Add to a blender with rum, ice and lime juice. Holding the lid firmly down, blend until desired thickness is reached. If you want it slushier, just add more ice.

Pour drinks evenly into glasses and garnish with your strawberry. Serve ice cold.

To make the strawberry garnish, wash strawberries (one per glass) with stem still attached. Using a sharp knife, slice evenly through strawberry, ensuring you leave the top whole. Press strawberry lightly on a surface using your hand to fan the fruit.





CLASSIC PIÑA COLADA

Serves 2

Ingredients

2 fresh pineapples, scooped out (see below)
45ml white rum
30ml dark rum
100ml pineapple juice
60ml coconut cream
Ice, orange quarters, maraschino cherries, to serve

Method

To scoop pineapples, cut top off using a sharp knife, about 5cm below the leaves. Run knife in a circle around the flesh, about 1/2cm from the edges. Once you've cut all the way around, cut the inside (the bit you want to take out) into four big pieces. Remove with a large spoon, and scrape out the last of the fruit into a blender.

Remove the hard middle of the pineapple, then roughly chop the sweet flesh into cubes and add to the blender.

Add rums, pineapple juice and coconut cream to the blender, and blitz until smooth. Place ice into your scooped pineapples, then pour in the piña colada. To garnish, thread oranges and cherries onto cocktail sticks and skewer through the edge of the pineapple. Serve with paper straws and cute umbrellas!





SPARKLING SIDECAR

Serves 1

Ingredients

45ml brandy 30ml Cointreau 20ml lemon juice 45ml sparkling wine

White sugar, grated orange and lemon zest, to garnish

Method

Dampen the rim of a coupe or champagne glass by dipping in a saucer of water. Invert glass onto a plate containing sugar, grated orange and lemon zest. Twist glass until enough sticks to the edges.

In a cocktail shaker, combine brandy, Cointreau and lemon juice with ice and shake well.

Strain into your sugared champagne glass and top with sparkling wine. Sprinkle citrus zest onto the drink for extra garnish if liked.





CHILLI MARGARITA

Serves 1

Ingredients

45ml tequila
15ml Cointreau
30ml lime juice
Ice

Dried chilli and crushed sea salt for rim Lime wedge, to garnish

Method

Dampen the rim of the glass by dipping into a saucer of water. Invert glass onto a plate with a mix of chilli and salt (adjust to your taste) and move glass so the chilli salt sticks to the rim.

In a cocktail shaker, combine tequila, Cointreau, lime juice and ice. Shake well and strain into chilli salt-rimmed glass. Garnish with a lime wedge and serve.





CLASSIC COSMOPOLITAN

Serves 1

Ingredients

45ml vodka
15ml Cointreau
1 teaspoon lime juice
40ml cranberry juice
Lime zest, to serve

Method

Pour all ingredients into a cocktail shaker with plenty of ice. Shake well and strain into a martini glass.

Serve with a twist of lime zest.





CLASSIC OLD FASHIONED

Serves 1

Ingredients

45ml bourbon

1/2 teaspoon sugar (we used demerera)

3 dashes bitters

Ice cubes and orange wedges, to serve

Method

Mix the sugar with a little splash of boiling water - just enough to melt the sugar.

Add bourbon, bitters and ice, and stir well to combine. Garnish with a generous wedge of fresh or freeze-dried orange and serve.







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