

MOST QUIXOTIC

Don Q Rum

Don Q can trace its conception to 1865, when Don Juan Serrallés expanded his father's Puerto Rican sugarcane plantation to produce the family's first cases of rum. Since that moment 153 years ago, the brand's subsequent quest to make the perfect rum would seem idealistic to the point of unrealistic if it was not reinforced by a legacy of success. Don Q's undeniable dedication to quality encapsulates why we've named it the year's "Most Quixotic" brand.

With a commitment to the environment made evident by innovative waste reclamation processes, as well as a fierce loyalty to community of Ponce, Don Q continues to create a delicious range of rums while never losing sight of the vision of Don Quixote himself.



Don Q 2007 Signature Release Single Barrel (\$40) A handsome hue of deep amber, the spirit's aromas of wheat bread, burnt orange, toffee, and peach tart zoom out of the glass. The unblended rum aged in American white oak offers body and structure with a curvy roundness. Apricot and butterscotch, meanwhile, add depth to a nectar-like mouthfeel. The touch of spice on the finish melds with orange peel and brown sugar. **95** —M.M., June 2017

Don Q Oak Barrel Spiced Rum (\$30) Made with three-year-old rum, nutmeg and allspice tickle the nose along with notes of orange pekoe tea and English toffee. On the palate, the smooth nature of this elegant creature sends up flavors of walnut, pears, honeyed toast, and ripe papaya. It's compelling and multi-layered, and gives you an entrée to the distinguished yet sippable side of rum. **94** —M.M., June 2017



Don Q Gran Añejo Rum (\$60) Warm cinnamon and mandarin notes lead from dry to sweet, while clove, cherry, coffee, vanilla, and roasted hazelnuts coat the palate. So rich and vigorous: add two ice cubes and you're sailing. **93** —M.M., September 2017 ■■