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Why You Should Explore The World Of Exotic Vodkas

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VIDO, Small Batch Artisan Distilled
Premium Vodka PHOTO, COURTESY VIDO VODKA

Vido, Small Batch Premium Vodka, 40% ABV, 750 ml

Vido crafts vodka using grapes sourced from a 2,200-acre estate vineyard located near the Red Mountain AVA in eastern Washington. The vodka is distilled in a 24-plate column still.

Grape based vodkas are unusual, but not unheard of. Ciroc is the best-known grape based vodka. Hangar 1 is another, although it is based on a mash bills of grapes and wheat.

Grape based mash bills usually have higher sugar levels than those based on cereals. During fermentation, high sugar levels often result in higher levels of glycerin, which carry over into the vodka after distillation, imparting greater smoothness and palate weight.

On the nose, the vodka is very floral. It offers up a hint of sweetness, along with some apple and citrus notes and a touch of vanilla.

On the palate, it is incredibly smooth and creamy. It is drier on the palate than on the nose, and offers up slight notes of apple and pear, along with some citrus and vanilla and a touch of caramel.

The finish is long, smooth and dry, with lingering vanilla and caramel notes and a mild, but persistent, pepperiness.