

# Montanya rum, rum review

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Rum is one of the most delicate spirits in the world. Change one thing during the distillation process and the entire drink has been altered, for better or worse. Obviously you don't want to use tap water, and clearly you don't want to make it out of Splenda instead of molasses or sugar cane. But maybe you don't want to make it on an island, or in South America. Maybe you want to make it in the USA. I have already reviewed a stellar rum from Austin, Texas, [Treaty Oak](#). [Treaty Oak](#) is a fantastic example of what I am

talking about, it's made in the Texas Hill Country, and the flavor is distinct, crisp, and like it's locale, a far cry from Barbados.

Montanya Oro Rum is in this same category, in that it's made in the US. But it tastes TOTALLY different. Montanya Rum, which includes both a light and a dark rum (the Oro is the dark) made high in the Rocky Mountains, in Silverton, Colorado. It's made out of mountain water(duh) and Hawaiian sugar cane and in a pot still; then it's aged in freshly emptied Woodford Reserve barrels, at altitude of 9,308 feet. Now i can tell you that the Woodford Reserve Barrels give it a dark smoky flavor, the rum is also finished with caramelized Colorado honey. So its a tad sweet.

I have no idea what the altitude does for it other than to say that this kinda has a chocolatey feel to it as well. So I asked the Montanya people, and according to the good people at Montanya, aging at altitude dramatically increases the interaction between rum and barrel, as daily temperature fluctuations drive the spirit in and out of the oak barrel pores. Sure I'll buy that. I can tell you that this rum is exceptional, it is smooth, you can drink it neat, over ice, in a coke, whatever. It's good in everything. Its also surprisingly affordable for a rum of this caliber. The downside is that like [Treaty Oak](#), this is pretty hard to come by outside of Colorado. But judging by the quality, that won't be a problem for long.

I give Montanya Oro Rum 4 very excited pirate parrots. Pirates rarely venture into the mountains, as mentioned [here](#), but trust me, me hearties, this be worth the venture, YAR!

