

Affordable Bottles of Booze Your Dad Really Wants

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Yes, Father's Day is important, but let's be honest – it's not quite as important as Mother's Day. I mean, the guy didn't carry you in his womb for 40 weeks before physically expressing you out into this world. Sure, he was there while it happened – hopefully – and since then he's been a guiding force and beacon of responsible masculinity in your life. And that's all great, but it probably equals a gift with a monetary value capped at about \$80. And I say this as a father of two young children myself. Fortunately, there are plenty of really good bottles of booze that are much cheaper than that, so here's a guide to various picks from different categories to consider for Father's Day this year.

Brandy

Some dads like to feel really sophisticated, brandy snifter in hand, perhaps a cigar as well, seated in a leather seat by the fire in the study. Or at least they fantasize about that. If your dad's like that, or even if he's not, get him some cognac. **Pierre Ferrand Reserve Double Cask** (\$79.99) is a new release from the French producer that is doubled aged – first in French oak, then in ex-Banyul fortified wine casks. This is a lovely, flavorful sipper that is best enjoyed slowly. If your dad just likes the words “single malt” on his whisky, get him a bottle of **Martell VS Single Distillery** (\$34.99). The eaux-de-vie comes is aged for only two years and comes from one distillery, and it works quite well in cocktails or on its own. **From Armagnac comes Tariquet Blanche** (\$49.99), an un-aged Armagnac that is sort of like moonshine, a style that is said to be the secret favorite of Armagnac distillers. Serve this one nice and cold. On this side of the pond, Louisville's Copper & Kings makes well-regarded American brandy. The new **Floodwall** (\$40) aged brandy is a stellar example of the distillery's range. It clocks in at 100 proof and was aged in bourbon and sherry barrels for a minimum of four years.