

Private Barrel Rum

Under a Barrel

If you want to sample rare aged rum but don't necessarily want to buy an entire cask, **BRISTOL SPIRITS** in Gloucestershire, England, sells one-of-a-kinds by the bottle that it calls Classic Rum. The company's tasters tour the Caribbean each year, rooting through the warehouses of many of the top rum makers, hunting for an old stash like the one Henrique Vollmer's uncle put aside over 50 years ago. When they find some that they like (casks can cost as much as \$125,000), they buy the whole supply, take it back to England, let the liquor mature in their cool, damp cellars, and then bottle it themselves. *Bristol Spirits*, \$25-\$225. 44-1454/299-880; www.classicrum.com.