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# Where to whiskey cocktail

St. Patrick's Day special mixes abound in San Diego

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Leave the wearing of the green to the amateur-hour St. Patrick's Day revelers and focus like a true Irish lad or lass on the real spirit of the day: whiskey. Not everybody can slug down a shot, however, and that's why whiskey cocktails were invented. The variety and complexity of whiskey is extensive, but whatever you're looking for, somebody in San Diego can serve it up. Check out these 10 cocktails around town to see why it really is that Irish eyes are smilin'.

## **Seven Grand (3054 University Ave.)**

No whiskey list is complete without the inclusion of Seven Grand. Located in North Park, it's honoring St. Patty with a Teelings Irish Whiskey Old Fashioned and a Teelings Mule. Available for the month of March only, they're priced at \$10 each.

**Bankers Hill Bar + Restaurant (2202 Fourth Ave.)**

Indulge in the Drinking for Gold cocktail (\$12) at this restaurant in, yep, Bankers Hill. Composed of Irish whiskey, coffee liqueur, Baileys Irish Cream and chocolate bitters, the cocktail is served with a chocolate gold coin in the bottom of the glass, to consume at the end of your drink.

**Grant Grill  
(326 Broadway)**

Created in 2010 to honor the centennial of the hotel where the bar is housed, The US GRANT Centennial Manhattan (\$15) incorporates American High West Rye Whiskey, Dolin Vermouth Rouge, and Premium Old Fashioned Bitters, aged for 100 days in American oak barrels.

**The Whiskey House  
(420 Third Ave.)**

If Whiskey is in the name, it's a good place to start your whiskey hunt. Located on Third Avenue downtown, The Whiskey House serves an Old Dublin Sour, made of Teeling Irish Whiskey, for \$5 for Happy Hour (4 to 7 p.m.), and \$7 at regular price.

**Avant Restaurant  
(17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive)**

Inside the Rancho Barnardo Inn is the elegant restaurant, Avant. This St. Patty's Day, its bartenders have created the Smoked Fig-Maker's Mark whiskey, fig and rosemary syrup and charred rosemary. These beauties are \$12 a pop.

**Rare Form  
(793 J St.)**

Head to this cocktail haven in East Village for the Rare Form Whiskey Cocktail (\$10). An Old Fashioned-spin, it combines bourbon, house-made cherry cordial, Kirschwasser and chocolate bitters.

**Vom Fass****(1050 University Ave.)**

On March 17, this quaint specialty shop in North Park will offer an Irish Fairy (\$10) which mixes Irish whiskey, absinthe, orange liqueur, grenadine and bitters. It'll also have an Irish whiskey tasting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for \$35 per person.

**Andaz San Diego****(600 F St.)**

Feeling chic? Head to the rooftop of this downtown hotel for a Dublin mule (\$15). Made with Jameson, St. Germain, orange and ginger beer, patrons can sip on this while taking in the downtown skyline.

**Leroy's Kitchen + Lounge****(1015 Orange Ave.)**

In Coronado, Leroy's is mixing up the Irish Rose with Telling Irish Whiskey, Julian Apple Cider and housemade rosemary-pear simple syrup for \$12.37 each.

**Draft Republic****(4282 Esplanade Ct.)**

Mission Beach's Draft is mixing up its version of a Moscow mule. The Parliament's Mule is made with Jameson Irish Whiskey, St. Germain, fresh lime juice and ginger beer, and is being slung for \$9.