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Ancient spirit

Ceylon Arrack is a handcrafted spirit that is 100 per cent natural and made from the sap of coconut flowers hand-collected by skilled men known as Toddy Tappers who climb the coconut trees that can grow up to 40ft tall or more. The sap then ferments naturally and is distilled and aged in traditional Sri Lankan Halmilla wood to create the spirit's delicate taste and long length.

Ceylon Arrack enjoys a spirit category of its own, set apart from the rum, whisky, tequila categories due to the nature of its production process. Originally mixed with coconut water or ginger beer by locals in Sri Lanka, it suits classic, short cocktails like the Martini.

Ceylon Arrack is available from specialist retailers and Harvey Nichols priced at £27.50 per bottle. For more information, go to (www.ceylonarrack.com).

