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Spirit of the Gods

A whole new way to send flowers...

For the first time since it was created in 1924, Rockland's Ceylon Arrack has finally arrived to the UK. This premium spirit, distilled from the sap of coconut flowers, sits in a category of its own, although many have described it as having a taste that lies somewhere between whisky and rum.

The sap of the flowers is hand collected by men known as **Toddy Tappers**, who scale the 40 foot coconut trees. The toddy is then fermented, distilled and aged in traditional **Sri Lankan Halmilla wood**. A hint of coconut gives this drink a distinctly tropical character, taking the palate on an adventure not dissimilar to that which brought explorers from across the globe to Sri Lanka.



Happily, the spirit, aged in traditional Sri Lankan Halmilla wood, and once reserved for the royal family (it was considered a gift from the gods), is no longer so restricted. The elegant pink-hued bottle makes this amber nectar a perfect and unusual Valentine's present