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Since the 1890s, standard vodkas have been 40% alcohol by volume (ABV) (80 U.S. proof). The European Union has established a minimum alcohol content of 37.5% for vodka. Vodka in the United States must have a minimum alcohol content of 40%.

Vodka is traditionally drunk "neat" (not mixed with water, ice, or other mixers), and it is often served freezer chilled in the vodka belt of Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, and Ukraine. It is also used in cocktails and mixed drinks, such as the vodka martini, Cosmopolitan, vodka tonic, screwdriver, greyhound, Black or White Russian, Moscow mule, Bloody Mary, Caesar and Red Bull Vodka.

Since 1960s, the unflavoured Swedish brännvin also came to be called vodka.

# Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold

"Rebldomakr", "Rebdoomer", and "Rebdomine". Klebold went by the names "VoDKa" and "VoDkA", after the alcoholic beverage. Harris had various websites that hosted - Eric David Harris (April 9, 1981 – April 20, 1999) and Dylan Bennet Klebold (KLEE-bohld; September 11, 1981 – April 20, 1999) were American high school seniors and mass murder duo who perpetrated the Columbine High School massacre at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, in Columbine, Colorado. Harris and Klebold killed 13 students and one teacher and wounded 23 others. After killing most of their victims in the school's library, they died by suicide. At the time, it was the deadliest high school shooting in U.S. history. It remains one of the most infamous massacres due to the pair inspiring many other school shootings and bombings.

The ensuing media frenzy and moral panic led to "Columbine" becoming a byword for school shootings, and becoming one of the most infamous mass shootings ever perpetrated in the United States.

Harris and Klebold were both born in 1981. Harris was born in Wichita, Kansas, but moved around frequently as a child due to his father's occupation in the United States Air Force, while Klebold was born and raised near Columbine. Harris's family eventually settled in Colorado in 1992. Shortly after, Harris and Klebold met while they were in the 7th grade. Over time, they became increasingly close. By the time they were juniors in high school, they were described as inseparable. There are differing reports; some say Harris and Klebold were very unpopular students once they were upperclassmen, as well as frequent targets of bullying, while others say they were not near the bottom of the school's social hierarchy and that each had many friends, along with active social lives. Columbine High School was alleged to have an intense "jock culture", which saw popular students, mainly athletes, benefit from special treatment from faculty and other students.

According to their journal entries, Harris and Klebold seem to have begun planning the attack by May 1998, nearly a year before the attack. Throughout the next eleven months, Harris and Klebold meticulously built explosives and gathered an arsenal of weapons. Both Harris and Klebold each left behind several journal writings and home videos, ones they made both alone and together, foreshadowing the massacre and explaining their motives. Harris and Klebold hoped this content would be viewed by the public extensively and inspire followers, although much of the evidence has never been released by authorities.

Harris and Klebold often wore trench coats in school, and in general, as part of their everyday outfits, so after the massacre, it was widely believed Harris and Klebold were part of a clique in school called the "Trenchcoat Mafia", a group of misfits in the school who supposedly rebelled against the popular students. This turned out to be untrue, as neither Harris nor Klebold had any affiliation with the group. The pair's aforementioned writings and videos gave insight into their rationale for the shooting. The FBI concluded that Harris was a psychopath, who exhibited narcissistic traits, unconstrained aggression, and a lack of empathy, while Klebold was concluded to be an angry depressive with a vengeful attitude toward individuals who he believed had mistreated him. However, neither Harris nor Klebold were formally diagnosed with any personality disorders prior to the attack, so this conclusion is often debated. In the following years, various media outlets attributed multiple motivating factors to the attack, including bullying, mental illness, racism, psychiatric medication, and violence in music, movies, and video games. Despite these conclusions, the exact motive for the attack remains inconclusive.

Harris and Klebold have become pop culture icons, with the pair often portrayed, referenced and seen in film, television, video games, music and books. Many killers since the shooting have taken inspiration from the pair (dubbed the Columbine effect), either hailing them as heroes or expressing sympathy for them. Harris and Klebold also have a fanbase, who have coined the term "Columbiners", who write fan fiction and draw fan art of them. Others have also dressed as the duo for cosplay or Halloween.

# Martini (cocktail)

best-known mixed alcoholic beverages. A common variation, the vodka martini, uses vodka instead of gin for the cocktail's base spirit. By 1922, the martini - The martini is a cocktail made with gin and vermouth, and garnished with an olive, a lemon twist, or both. Over the years, the martini has become one of the best-known mixed alcoholic beverages. A common variation, the vodka martini, uses vodka instead of gin for the cocktail's base spirit.

# Vodka (horse)

Vodka (????; 4 April 2004 – 1 April 2019) was a Japanese Thoroughbred racemare which won the 2007 Group One (GI) Tokyo Y?shun (Japanese Derby), the first - Vodka (????; 4 April 2004 – 1 April 2019) was a Japanese Thoroughbred racemare which won the 2007 Group One (GI) Tokyo Y?shun (Japanese Derby), the first filly to win this race in 64 years, as well as the 2009 Japan Cup. She won seven G1 races in Japan and was the highest earning racemare in Thoroughbred history at the time.

# Vodka sauce

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Vodka sauce is creamy tomato with a smooth texture, and flavored with olive oil, Parmesan, pepper, garlic, and shallots.

One of the original applications was in penne alla vodka, but it has expanded beyond that use to other pasta and dishes, with one author noting "vodka sauce has taken the world by storm" and pointing out it has broken out to other dishes. The sauce does not have to be paired with penne; other options include rotini, bow tie or linguine for example. However, a 2023 article in Epicurious notes that despite its origins as a penne pasta dish, by the 21st century vodka sauce had "left the pasta". The sauce's color is said to make it popular on social media in the 2020s. One social media post related to vodka sauce got 17 million views in late 2024: a concerned parent found their vodka supply was dwindling, but it turned out their daughters had been making vodka sauce. Other dishes that might use vodka sauce include chicken vodka radiatori, gnocchi vodka, fettuccine vodka, and penne with vodka sauce with crumbled bacon.

Celebrity Carson Daly made a vodka sauce pizza on The Today Show in 2024. The 2020s saw a trend in spicy vodka sauce, which is the same sauce with additional ground chili pepper for spicy hot kick. Costco began selling pre-made spicy vodka sauce. Some people may make tteokbokki, a Korean rice cake dish, with vodka sauce.

One chef found they could not find a difference in vodkas on the impact, but the higher proof ones need to cook off longer.

There are multiple origin stories for vodka sauce, which dates to the 1970s and 1980s, including various cookbooks and restaurants in New York City and Italy.

Multiple commercial brands have begun selling vodka sauce including: Bertolli, Isola, Prego, Full Circle, Whole Foods 365, and Rao's.

#### Tito's Vodka

Tito's Handmade Vodka is a vodka brand made by Fifth Generation, founded by Tito Beveridge in 1997 in Austin, Texas – specializing in vodka made from yellow - Tito's Handmade Vodka is a vodka brand made by Fifth Generation, founded by Tito Beveridge in 1997 in Austin, Texas – specializing in vodka made from yellow corn, rather than potatoes or wheat. It is distilled six times and unaged.

Marketing its brand as "Tito's Handmade Vodka", the company originally craft-distilled its products in copper-pot stills at Texas' first legal distillery. By 2001, the brand was no longer a microdistillery, having surpassed the industry standard of 40,000 cases for a craft distillery as defined by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States.

Now made in a facility with 10 floor-to-ceiling stills and equipment bottling 500 cases an hour, the brand recorded a sales volume around 3.8 million 9-liter cases in the United States as of 2016 and a market share of 7.1% of the United States vodka market as of 2017.

# Penne alla vodka

Penne alla vodka (Italian: [?penne alla ?v?dka]) is a pasta dish of penne in vodka sauce: a tomato and cream sauce with some vodka, and sometimes small - Penne alla vodka (Italian: [?penne alla ?v?dka]) is a pasta

dish of penne in vodka sauce: a tomato and cream sauce with some vodka, and sometimes small meats and vegetables such as sausage, pancetta or peas. Sometimes other pasta shapes are used. Vodka in penne alla vodka emulsifies the sauce and enhances flavor. While most of the alcohol evaporates during cooking, a very small amount may remain. The final dish contains minimal alcohol. It is usually topped with grated Parmesan cheese in amount as desired, as with ground pepper.

The recipe became very popular in Italy and in the United States around the 1980s, when it was offered to discothèque customers. Penne alla vodka remains popular in Italian-American cuisine.

# Smirnoff

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Smirnoff products include vodka, flavoured vodka, and malt beverages. In 2014, Smirnoff was the best selling vodka around the world.

The vodka is unaged, made using a traditional filtration method developed by P. A. Smirnov. Recipe No. 21 was created by Smirnov's son Vladimir after escaping Russia during the October Revolution.

# List of vodka brands

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# ?ubrówka

?ubrówka Bison Grass Vodka (Polish pronunciation: [?u?brufka] ) is a flavored Polish vodka which contains a blade of bison grass (Hierochloe odorata) - ?ubrówka Bison Grass Vodka (Polish pronunciation: [?u?brufka] ) is a flavored Polish vodka which contains a blade of bison grass (Hierochloe odorata) in every bottle. The ?ubrówka brand name is also used on bottles of conventional vodka, labeled as ?ubrówka Bia?a. The grass is sourced from the Bia?owie?a Forest, hand-picked and dried under natural conditions.

The origins of ?ubrówka production in Poland date back to the 16th century.

?ubrówka ranks as the third or fourth best-selling vodka brand in the world (after Smirnoff, Absolut, and occasionally Khortytsia). ?ubrówka is available in more than 80 markets worldwide.

?ubrówka is manufactured at the Polmos Bia?ystok distillery. While it is claimed that the recipe dates back as far as the 14th century, commercial production of Bison Grass Vodka first began at the distillery in 1928. The brand is owned by Central European Distribution Corporation International, which was acquired by

Roust International in 2013. Since 2022, it has been owned by the Maspex Group.

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