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15 best vermouths

You don't need to be 007 to enjoy this versatile drink, either as an aperitif or in a cocktail

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Whether it's straight, on the rocks or as part of a cocktail that's shaken, not stirred, vermouth has been adding that hint of sophistication to our glasses since the 19th Century. Now, with lots of new brands being introduced (including several created in the UK) and old favourites being rebranded, there's never been a better time to enjoy them.

Cocchi Vermouth di Torino



It's not just great cars that come out of Turin. Superbly balanced between sweetness and bitterness, this full-flavoured traditional Italian vermouth is made to a family recipe created more than 100 years ago. Enjoy it on its own with ice or in a Manhattan or Martinez cocktail.

Aperitivo Cocchi Americano



One for the mixologists. Made from the same recipe since 1891, this bittersweet orange honey and citrus aperitif that has bagloads of flavours to spare is what you need for making James Bond's legendary Vesper Martini. Or you can forsake the 007 life and simply have it chilled with a twist of orange and a splash of soda.