



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

10:00 - 10:30AM

Registration

Morning Registration for the 2025 NY Rum Conference. Limited capacity.

10:30AM

Differences in "Spanish Styles of Rums"

Indeed, one of the generic classifications of rum is the Spanish style. Yet, many are different regarding main ingredients, production process, and more. This seminar should clarify this "misconception."

11:30AM

History of Australian Rums

In the last years, Australian rums have made their way once again to the Western Hemisphere. At one point, the Royal Navy used Australian rum for their daily tots. Now, thanks to many independent bottlers, Aussie rums are available. But why?

12:30PM

Jamaican rum esters (definition components and their aromatic impact)

Join members of Worthy Park Estate, Long Pond Dist., and Clarendon Dist. as they explain the definition, components, and aromatic impact Jamaican esters have on different rums.

1:30pm

Rum Expert Registration

2:00PM

The Spirit of Haiti & Providence

With over 500 small distilleries or guildives, the Haitian landscape of rum production is rich and vast. Join Herbert Barbancourt Linge (Vice President of The Spirit of Haiti and founder of Distillerie de Port-au-Prince), Daniele Biondi (Global Export Manager for LM&V) and Orlando McCray (Night Moves) for an in-depth discussion and tasting of Haiti's terroir through its local spirits.

2:00pm

Trade Session Registration

3:00PM

The Navy Rum Blend Reimagined: Culture, Craft & Contemporary Cocktails

Join Alexandre Gabriel (Planteray Rum), Mitch Wilson (Black Tot Rum), and Kitty Bernardo (Paradise Lost, NYC) for a spirited deep dive into the world of Navy Rum at this year's NYC Rum Fest. Moderated by Adrienne Stoner (Maison Ferrand), the panel explores how two distinct brands are championing the Navy style in their own unique ways — one honoring legacy through archival recreation, the other through perpetual blending and innovation. Discover why Navy Rum remains essential in tiki cocktails, and how it continues to inspire both makers and bartenders in today's rum renaissance.

3:00pm Rum Enthusiastic Session Registration

4:00PM

The Art of Time

Brief: This seminar explores the fascinating world of rum aging, unveiling how time, barrels, and the environment create the complexity and character of premium rums. Attendees will gain insights into the science and art behind the aging process, while also discovering what makes tropical aging unique and how it sets rums like Ron Centenario apart from others.

4:00pm

Intro to Rum - General Admission Session Registration

5:00PM

Female Leadership in the Rum Industry: Transforming from a Company's Top Management

This conference explores how women in leadership positions are transforming the rum industry from within. Through strategic leadership, they are driving a more inclusive corporate culture, fostering innovation, and leading purpose-driven brands.

6:00PM

What am I, rum or aguardiente, or all of the above?

Brief: It is said that the word "aguardiente" originated with the colonizing Spanish when they brought distillation practices to the New World and many times used this word prior to the official word "rum." Today, aguardiente varies per country and product. Let's hear from and learn from companies that, as of today, continue using the word aguardiente for their distilled spirit.

3:30PM

Hampden Pausa Caffè

Brief: Fancy a coffee break? Take a little pause, refuel, and catch up with rum legend Daniele Biondi of La Maison & Velier. This session shares casual conversation over spiked coffee and snacks.

4:30PM & 5:30 PM

Sweets, spices, and rum from the Caribbean

Join Dameian Williams, a Barbados native and brand ambassador for West Indies Rum Distillery, as he takes you on a sensory journey filled with sweets, spices, and Caribbean rums.



GUEST SPEAKERS



MIGUEL SEQUEIRA



ADRIENNE STONER



JULIAN TORRES BARBOZA



ZAN KONG



DANIELLA SANCHEZ



MITCH WILSON



MARTHA MILLER



LARISSA ARJONA



RAYMOND EDWARDS



JOHN HSU



KITTY BERNARDO



ROBERT GORDON



HERBERT BARBANCOURT



RICARDO MARCH



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