

# Rakia Ximénez

This cocktail combines the fruit flavors of Dorcol's Kinsman Rakia Apricot Brandy with the sweet sherry flavors of Pedro Ximénez. Then the dried chile notes of the Ancho Reyes weigh in. Finally, on the finish, the slightest heat from the Habeñaro Shrub can be appreciated.



- 1 1/2 oz. Kinsman Rakia Apricot Brandy
- 3/4 oz. Pedro Ximénez Sherry
- 1/4 oz. Ancho Reyes
- 4 Drops Bittermans Habeñaro Shrub
- Orange peel for garnish

1. Chill a cocktail glass with ice and water
2. Combine all ingredients, except the garnish, in a mixing glass with ice and stir to chill
3. Strain into chilled cocktail glass
4. Express the orange peel over the drink and discard the peel

Cheers!

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# Tennessee Chocolate



Here I go offering another cocktail crafted with Nelson's Green Brier Tennessee White Whiskey\*. As I've written previously, it is single distilled from a mash of corn, barley and wheat which gives it some subtle, but distinct, differences from other premium white whiskeys. I think Nelson's Green Brier is slightly sweeter and contains a malt/chocolate note, but still present is the 'bite' you would expect from white whiskey. A lot of recipes try to cover up the 'bite' of white whiskey with fruit juices or other sweeteners. I wanted to highlight the hint of chocolate without increasing the sweet. While I consider this a dessert cocktail, it isn't cloying and allows the 'bite' to add character to the party. Adding 4-5 drops of Bittermens Mole Bitters will decrease the sweetness and increase the complexity.



- 1 Oz. Nelson's Green Brier Tennessee White Whiskey
- 1 oz. Frangelico
- 1 oz. Crème de Cacao
- 1/4 oz. Ancho Reyes
- Optional 4-5 drops Bitterman's Mole Bitters

1. Chill a cocktail glass with ice and water
2. Combine all ingredients to a mixing glass with ice and stir to chill
3. Strain into chilled glass

Cheers!

\* Doc Elliott's Mixology receives no compensation for brands mentioned.

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# Green Brier Grin



I met the Nelson brothers, of Nelson's Green Brier Distillery, at this year's San Antonio Cocktail Conference and visited with them again at TOTC. Their Belle Meade Bourbon is one of my favorites and with it I have created a number of cocktails. I first tasted their Nelson's Green Brier Tennessee White Whiskey\* at the San Antonio

Cocktail Conference. It is single distilled from a mash of corn, barley and wheat which gives it some subtle, but distinct differences from other premium white whiskeys. First, I think Nelson's Green Brier is slightly sweeter and has a malty/chocolate note. Still present is the 'bite' you would expect from white whiskey. Previously, I was not a fan of white whiskey, but liking theirs, I have set out to design some cocktails using Nelson's Green Brier Tennessee White Whiskey.

I may have just had chocolate on the brain, or maybe it was molé, but the chocolate note I mentioned made me think of chilies and thus Ancho Reyes liqueur. Add in Carpano Antica Vermouth and now it becomes something rich and complex. Being determined to gild the lily, I wanted to push the herbal flavors of the vermouth. So, I got esoteric and added Bigallet's China-China Amer. The Carpano has wonderful essences of dried fruits and bitter marmalade along with a little cocoa and red wine. All of which are enhanced by the China-China's orange peels and bittering herbs bringing a little truffle like earthiness to the party. This combination complements rather than overwhelms or conceals the unique flavors of this white whiskey. Here's the recipe that makes

me smile!

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- 1 1/2 oz. Nelson's Green Brier Tennessee White Whiskey
- 3/4 oz. Carpano Antica
- 1/2 oz. Ancho Reyes
- 1/2 oz. Bigallet's China-China Amer

1. Chill a cocktail glass with ice and water
2. Add all ingredients, except the garnish, to a mixing glass with ice. Stir to chill.
3. Strain into chilled cocktail glass

Cheers!

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