

TOAST NATIONAL VODKA DAY WITH THESE RECIPES

It's vodka's official day, so drink up!

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Cucumber Gimlet

3 slices of cucumber
Club soda 1.5 ounces Bully Boy Vodka
1/2 ounces simple syrup
1/2 ounces lime juice

Preparation

Muddle three slices of cucumber in a tumbler and stir. Add ice and top off with one ounce of club soda.



Courtesy Ultimat Vodka

The Ultimat B & V

1 1/2 oz. Ultimat Vodka
2 oz. Beets & Bacon Essence*
1.4 full-bodied red wine such as Malbec
2 bar spoons Worcestershire Sauce
1 bar spoon balsamic vinegar
5 black peppercorns
Whole Allspice
5 fresh basil leaves (+5 for garnish)

Preparation

For beets and bacon essence: Slowly boil 1lb of peeled and sliced red beets and 1/2 lb. of slice naturally smoked bacon in 4 pt. of water until water evaporates to 1 1/2 - 2pt. and the beets are soft. Remove & muddle beets. Mix with the essence again. Strain through a fine strainer.

Then, in a mixing cup, muddle peppercorns and Allspice. Add remaining ingredients and shake with ice. Double strain into highball glass filled with ice and basil leaves.