

Kosher Liquor guidelines by Rabbi Malik
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Types of liquor that DO NOT require a *hechsher* (kosher certification symbol):

- **Beer**: unflavored domestic, German, English, European, & Canadian beers & ales
- **Gin**: unflavored (UNLESS it includes grapes)
- **Rum**: unflavored
- **Scotch and Irish whiskey** (UNLESS beverage has been aged in sherry or port casks)
- **Tequila**: silver, white, & blanco tequila
- **Vodka**: unflavored, domestic, & produced from 100% neutral grain spirits
- **Whiskey**: unflavored domestic & Canadian whiskeys

Types of liquor that DO require a *hechsher* (reliable kosher certification symbol):

- **Beer**: flavored (including hard lemonade)
- **Bourbon**
- **Gin**: flavored, sloe gin
- **Rum**: flavored, dark, or spiced
- **Scotch and Irish whiskey** that has been aged in sherry or port casks
- **Tequila**: ajejo, dark, gold, repesato, & aged tequilas
- **Vodka**: imported vodkas
- **Whiskey**: imported (unflavored & flavored), flavored domestic & Canadian whiskey
- **Wines, wine coolers, liqueurs, cordials, flavored spirits, brandy, cognac, grappa, ouzo, vermouth & any other liquors are made with grapes**

For a list of permitted brands of liquor, go to:
<http://www.star-k.org/cons-appr-liquor.htm>