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Tropical Vodka for the Long, Cold Winter

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Is it possible to indulge in a little hair o' the dog while at the same time feeling healthy about it, as well as doing right by the environment?

A week ago, I would have said no way. But that was before I tasted Ocean Vodka, a certified organic spirit from (get ready for it...) Hawaii.

I'll pause while you re-read that.

Okay. Back to business.

Sure, vodka is, in the popular imagination, associated with either (a) ice-cold Russian or Polish nights and (b) ice-cold martinis consumed by a certain icy British spy. But Hawaii? The land of leis and luaus? Not so much.

But one sip of this spirit and you'll become a believer. It's made from organic sugar cane and deep-sea water from off the coast of Hawaii that's been desalinated, but still retains a fair bit of magnesium, potassium, and calcium. The result is a remarkably velvety vodka with sweet, subtle hints of coconut and a finish that sings with flashes of apple and spice. Keep in mind, however, that this is an unflavored vodka, and these aspects of it are merely hinted at, nuances that lift this vodka up above the fray.

It's available as a special liquor order through the PLCB, and is being served at [The Prime Rib](#) and the [Union League](#). Personally, I'll be enjoying my bottle throughout the remainder of the winter, likely sipped from an ice-cold shot glass on my couch — because I can't think of anything that will warm me up better than vodka distilled in Hawaii.

And yes, I'll also probably convince myself that I'm being healthy while drinking it, too.