



"I drew this evolution chart, adding cut & paste graphics, in 1992 for my 1st book proposal for the BOOK OF TIKI. It took 8 years until the book was published in September 2000, (with a cleaner version of the chart).

The sequence of formative events and influential personalities holds true to this day. Back then, before the book put them on the map, Don, Vic & and Steve had been all but forgotten. Today, thanks to the diligent digging of dedicated Tiki brethren, their names stand for the golden age of Tiki.

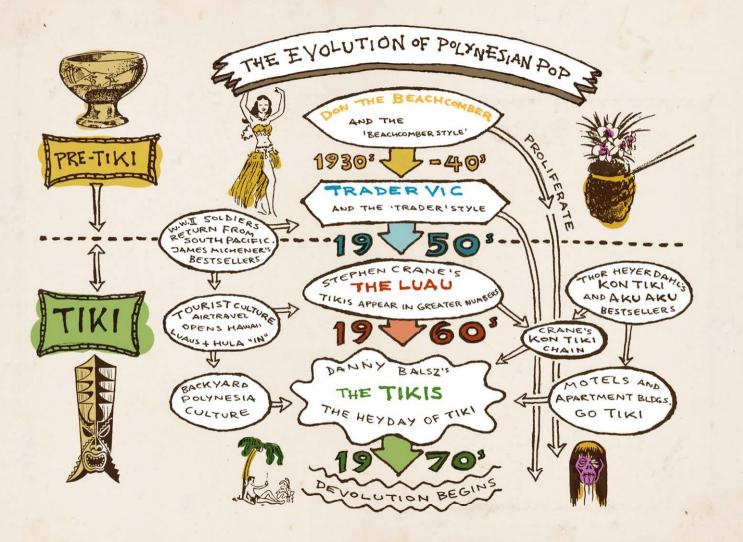
This chart is a quick "Tiki history at-a-glance" guide for Tiki lovers. It does not include the Tiki Revival, as it had yet to be inspired by such research."

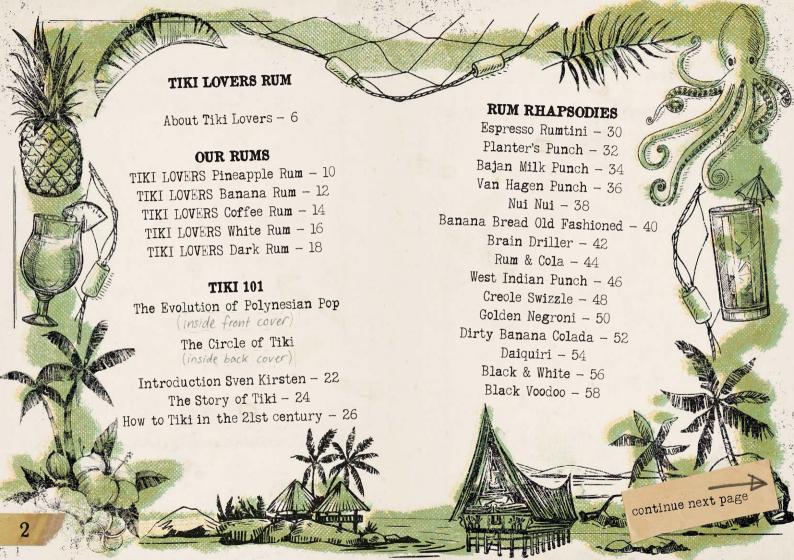
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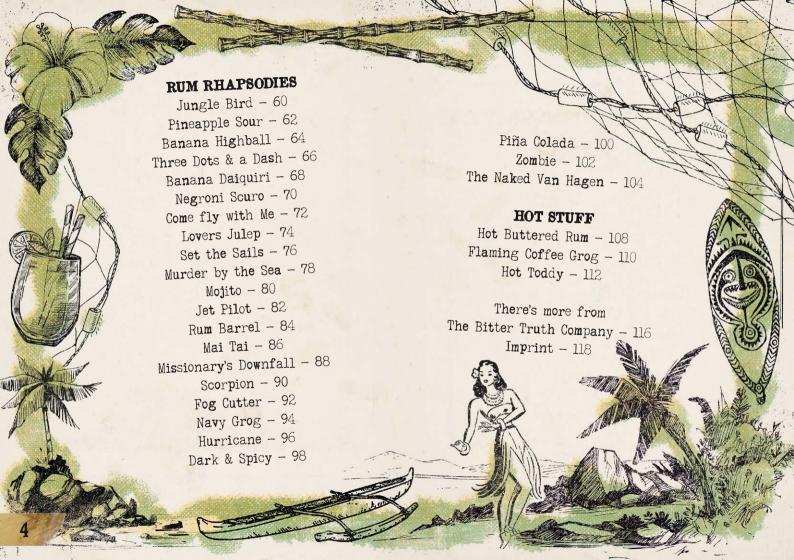


Passion for Rum





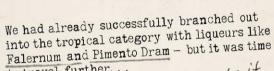




TIKILIVERS



is the Rum brand created by Stephan Berg and Alexander Hauck who are also the masterminds behind The Bitter Truth products.



to travel further...

We love Rum - You will taste it.

While being on the road as ambassadors for our brand, we often experienced Tiki cocktails that were only so-so.

We realized that the rums used in the drinks were lacking character. It was then that the idea was born to create blended rums that are ideal for the use in Tiki/Tropical cocktails.

Throughout Stephan's earlier years as a seafarer, he traveled the tropics and experienced rum-making first hand in the Caribbean islands of Jamaica, Trinidad, Cuba and Barbados. It was there he learned about the heritage of rum-making, blending and ... drinking.

Alexander, a designer, bartender and passionate Rum aficionado, was an early admirer of Polynesian art & pop culture — even more so after his first visit at the "Mai-Kai" in Fort Lauderdale, a Tiki temple built in 1956 which is still in existence.





It was there that he - intoxicated by Polynesian dance performances and Tiki drinks - scribbled down his first idea for the label of their new rum brand: Tiki Lovers Rum!

Better Rum. Better Locktails.



TIKI LOVERS Rums are all natural and at higher proof for more intensity, flavor and taste!



Our Rums

LUVERS



... has its roots in the past, when Caribbean distillers were macerating fresh pineapples in high proof sugar cane spirit, thereby adding an extra dimension of fruity layers to the rum.

Created in 2015, TIKI LOVERS Pineapple is based on all-natural extracts of tropical pineapples sourced from South America. The fruits are harvested at the peak of ripeness and their sweet and seductive juice extracted by pressing. The unfermented juice is then stripped of some of its water content to emerge as a complex pineapple extract that does not water down the blend of rums.



The rum blend is composed of aged & unaged Jamaican pot-still rum from Hampden Estate and Worthy Park, 3-year-old Barbados Rum from Foursquare Distillery, aged in former Bourbon Whiskey barrels, and some young column still rums from both Trinidad and Guyana.



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Banana Rum

For TIKI LOVERS Banana Rum, superior Caribbean pot still and column still rums, craftily made in Jamaica. Barbados and Trinidad, are blended with the all-natural flavors of sun-ripened bananas.

Fresh, fruity, and crisp, TIKI LOVERS Banana Rum offers complex aromas of ripe and dried bananas, that blend exceptionally well with the rum base, creating a spirit, which is light but bursting of flavors.



Perfectly balanced, with the rum shining through beautifully, TIKI LOVERS Banana Rum is the ideal base for tropical drinks such as the Banana Daiquiri and rum-based drinks that need a fruity twist.





... unites a bold blend of well-matured rums, sourced from famous distilleries in Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad, and Guyana, with rich flavors of roasted all-natural coffee beans.

With clear notes of chocolate, vanilla, and roasted nuts, the coffee proves to be an ideal companion to the rum blend, without overpowering the character of the rum.

Even though TIKI LOVERS Coffee Rum is eminently tasty on its own, it also enriches many mixed drinks, such as the Daiquiri or Right Hand Cocktail. Or why not try it with your favorite Cola?





TIKI LUVERS White Rum



... is a delicious blend composed of aged and unaged Rums from the Caribbean, with the backbone of TIKI LOVERS White Rum coming from the lush and fragrant shores of Jamaica.

Our chosen unaged rums are pot-still distilled at Monymusk and Worthy Park and are heavy with esters, creating the impression of rich banana flavor and cooked fruits.



The blending process, a fine art for centuries, includes rum, aged up to 5 years, from Trinidad's most famous distillery. The Rum is stripped of color by charcoal filtration, but maintains its full flavor.

In a final flourish, a crisp, fresh and crystal-clear column still rum from Trinidad is added, creating a premium white rum, at a sumptuous 50% Vol. with complex fruit and floral notes.



TIKI LUVERS Dark Rum



... is bottled at a hefty English proof. At 57% Vol. it is the perfect marriage between unaged Jamaican pot-still rum from the famous Hampden Estate and rum from Barbados, aged between 2 and 3 years, distilled at Foursquare Distillery.

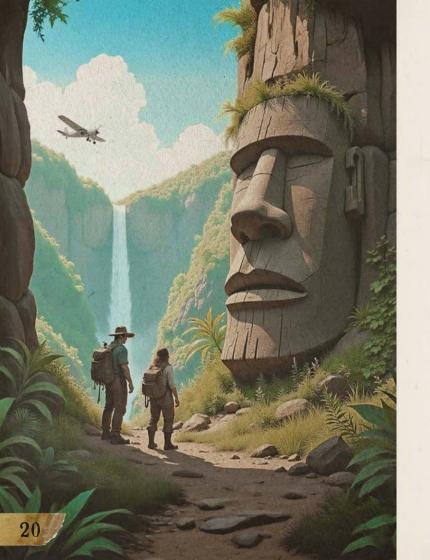
The barrels of the chosen Barbados Rum age on tropical shores, exposed to the sea breeze, warm climate and are high on evaporation rate, leading to a more complex and balanced spirit.

The final touch is asmall blend of fresh column-still rums from Trinidad and Guyana for ultimate complexity, rounded-off with 3-5 years-old Trinidadian Rum.



TIKI LOVERS Dark Rum was created in 2011. It is a complex and rich rum with hints of vanilla, dark fruit, molasses and spice.



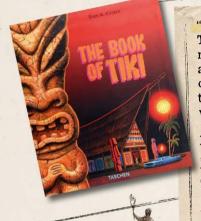


7iki 101



"Sven Kirsten was conceived on a freighter of his grandfather's Hamburg-Chicago Line. Following the call of the big world, he moved to California at the age of 25. Kirsten studied at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles and began shooting music videos in the late 1980s for The Cramps, Tom Waits, Sergio Mendes and others. After years of hunting Sergio Mendes and others. After years of hunting down pieces of the puzzle of Polynesian Pop, Kirsten has developed a singular insight into the Cult of Tiki and has become the country's most eminent Tiki archeologist."

Cinematographer Sven Kirsten is the author of the "Book of Tiki" (widely acknowledged as the bible of Tiki) and several other publications deepening the research on his favorite subject of Polynesian Pop culture.



Dear Tiki Lovers,
please follow our
urban archeologist
into an exciting world of
adventure. Let's set the
sails and embark to the
South Seas in search of
the mythical island of
Bali Ha'i. Your captain
Mr. Kirsten will get you
sea-legs instantly. Ahoy!

"Tiki Modern" explores
Tiki style's relation to
mid-century modernism
and "Tiki Pop" is the
complete chronicle of
the America's obsession
with Polynesia.

His most recent book, "The Art of Tiki", is a passionate study of the Tiki idol as an art form. For the first time, contemporary Tiki art is united and presented equally with what inspired it, original mid-century Polynesian Pop.



THE STORY OF TIKI

"Anyone who has ever seen them is thereafter haunted as if by a feverish dream."

Karl Woermann

Sven Kirsten

(Venerable Art Historian, about Oceanic Statuary)

Such are the words of a true Tiki lover.
Little did Karl know that 50 years
later his love would be shared by a
whole generation of Americans who
worshipped the Tiki as their god
of recreation.

While bamboo bars and tropical watering holes had been popular in American cities from the 1930s on, it was not until the mid-50s that the Polynesian idol commonly called the Tiki became the ambassador of South Sea escapism.

The post-war public's taste had evolved into a fascination with exotic cultures, and as Hawaii was about to become a member of the United States, its art and sculpture was utilized to decorate Polynesian—style bars and restaurants.

In doing so, American proprietors and their designers used their own imagination to embellish the traditional tribal models, and a new pop culture was born. The whimsical Tiki image proliferated in the form of statues, motel signs, menu covers and cocktail mugs.

The contrast of primitive-looking Tiki carvings with mid-century modernism provided a unique esthetic friction unlike any design style before it.

After Tiki fell out of fashion in the 1980s, urban archeologists unearthed its remnants piece by piece, gradually resurrecting the forgotten culture.

Invigorated by the craft cocktail revival, a new generation of Tiki lovers is now partaking in its primal spirit in new Tiki hideaways all over the world.



HOW TO TIKI

in the 21st Century

Sven Kirsten

While Tikistyle is based on a fantasy, it is not a free-for-all of exotic influences.

Modern Tiki has a lot of leeway to play with pop culture ideas, but an authentic Tiki environment should always be recognizable as such.

This means first of all that the figure of the Tiki, in carved and in rendered form, should be present. A bar does not became a Tiki bar just because it serves Tiki cocktails.



The Tiki lover knows his Tiki STYLES. Modern artists were not concerned with the mythology but with the ART of Oceanic sculpture, inspired by the creativity of how the original island sculptors rendered the human form in a myriad of ways.

The different islands of the Polynesian triangle brought forth different forms of Tikis.



Ultimately, the goal of the Tiki lover is to create the romantic atmosphere of exotic ports of call on remote tropical islands.

These bars were decorated with souvenirs and mementos that sailors brought back from their travels in the South Seas, from mythical lands of strange rituals and beautiful wahines.

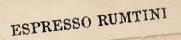
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ers, weapons, of island maidens
and images of island maidens
flesh out the mood.

Even the occasional Asian or
African souvenir is not out of place
- as long as the predominant theme
is that of the South Sea island
paradise. This is where Tiki and
the Tiki lover feel at home.





Rum Rhapsodies



50 ml (1 2/3 oz) 30 ml (1 oz) 2 dashes 2 dashes 1 barspoon Tiki Lovers-Coffee Rum freshly brewed Espresso The Bitter Truth-Chocolate Bitters The Bitter Truth-Orange Bitters Sugar Syrup (1:1 Sugar : Water)

Shake ingredients with ice and strain into a chilled cocktail glass.







The 'Award Winning' VAN HAGEN PUNCH

30 ml (l oz) Tiki Lovers-White Rum 30 ml (l oz) Tiki Lovers-Pineapple 15 ml (l/2 oz) Tiki Lovers-Dark Rum

15 ml (1/2 oz) The Bitter Truth-Golden Falernum

30 ml (l oz) fresh Lime-Lemon Juice Mix (l:1)

30 ml (1 oz) fresh Orange Juice 30 ml (1 oz) Pineapple Juice

30 ml (1 oz) Passionfruit Juice

30 ml (1 oz) Guava Juice

15 ml (1/2 oz) homemade Honey-Cinnamon-Mix 2-4 dashes The Bitter Truth-Aromatic Bitters

Prepare honey syrup: Add 500 ml (1 pint) honey to same amount of hot water with 3 tablespoons of ground cinnamon. Stir and let cool down. Multiply recipe to your needs. Mix all ingredients and refrigerate. Present in punch bowl and serve on ice cubes. Sprinkle with some nutmeg if you like. // Cheers!

"BEST COCKTAIL AT TIKI OASIS ARIZONA 2019"



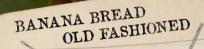


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Tiki Lovers-White Rum
Tiki Lovers-Dark Rum
The Bitter Truth-Pimento Dram
The Bitter Truth-Aromatic Bitters
fresh Lime Juice
fresh Orange Juice
Cinnamon Syrup
Vanilla Syrup

Pour all ingredients into a blender and blend at high speed for a few seconds. Pour into a tall glass and add crushed ice to fill.





60 ml (2 oz) 2 dashes 10 ml (1/3 oz)

Tiki Lover-Banana Rum The Bitter Truth-Black Cherry Bitters Maple Syrup

Build in rock glass over ice and stir. Garnish with cherry and crispy

banana chip.











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40 ml (1/3 oz)
50 ml (1/3 oz)
7-8 large dashes
4 handful

Tiki Lovers-Dark Rum
50 ml (1 oz)
51 fresh Lime Juice
52 The Bitter Truth-Golden Falernum
53 Sugar Syrup (1:1 Sugar: Water)
54 The Bitter Truth-Creole Bitters
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Place the mint at the bottom of a tall glass and carefully break the leafs and stems to release the oils.

Add crushed ice and add all other ingredients (except bitters) and swizzle well.

Sprinkle the bitters on top to create a 3 layer experience and garnish fancy.



45 ml (1 1/2 oz) 30 ml (1 oz) 30 ml (1 oz)

Tiki Lovers-Pineapple Aperitif Bitter Liqueur Sweet Red Vermouth

Build in rock glass filled with ice and garnish with an orange peel.

















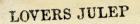












50 ml (1 2/3 oz) 10 ml (1/3 oz)

Tiki Lovers-White Rum Tiki Lovers-Dark Rum

30 ml (1 oz)

about 20

fresh Lime Juice

20 ml (2/3 oz) 3 dashes

Sugar Syrup (1:1 Sugar:Water) The Bitter Truth-Orange Bitters

Mint Leaves

Place mint and sugar in a tin cup. or tall glass and carefully crush the mint. Add crushed ice and all other ingredients and swizzle well until the container catches frost on the outside. Garnish with a mint sprig and powdered sugar



















Tiki Lovers-White Rum 60 ml (2 oz) Brandy

30 ml (1 oz) Gin

fresh Lemon Juice 15 ml (1/2 oz) 30 ml (1 oz) fresh Orange Juice 15 ml (1/2 oz) Orgeat Syrup 15 ml (1/2 oz) Cream Sherry (float)

Shake all ingredients, except cream sherry, with crushed ice and pour into a tall glass. with crushed ice and pour mod a suff of Add ice to fill and float sherry on top.



















FLAMING COFFEE GROG

Tiki Lovers-Dark Rum 15 ml (1/2 oz) 151-proof Demerara Rum Tiki Lovers-Grog Batter 15 ml (1/2 oz) freshly brewed hot Coffee 1 tsp 180 ml (6 oz) Orange Peel 3 strips Sugar Cube ground Nutmeg pinch of ground Clove ground Cinnamon pinch of pinch of

Hot!

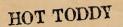
Put the sugar, batter, spices and orange peels in a preheated, heat-proof glass or mug, add the coffee, and stir it until the batter dissolves. Place the rums in a fireproof ladle, carefully ignite with a match. Then pour the flaming rum into the glass. Garnish with a cinnamon stick.



Tiki Lovers Grog Batter:

Combine 30 ml (1 oz.) of softened sweet unsalted butter, I ounce of honey with a teaspoon of vanilla syrup, a teaspoon of The Bitter Truth - Pimento Dram and 1 teaspoon of cinnamon syrup. Makes 18 servings.





60 ml (2 oz)

2 tsp

Tiki Lovers-Dark Rum

Water

fresh Lemon Juice 60 ml (2 oz) 20 ml (2/3 oz)

The Bitter Truth-Aromatic Bitters

1 small piece of Ginger, peeled and sliced

Lemon Peel 1 strip of

Honey

Cinnamon Stick

ground Nutmeg

Heat the water over a low heat with the spices, peel and bitters. Bring to a gentle simmer. Pour the rum into a heat save glass and pour over hot water and spices. Stir in the honey and lemon juice and adjust sweetness to your liking. Grate nutmeg on top.

HOT! HOT! HOT!





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Details "Circle of Tiki" chart:

Main Tiki Bar Elements (around 50 %)

Carvings and art from Polynesia like Tiki statues, posts, mugs, weapons, masks, Tiki utensils, ashtrays, Tiki lighters, menus, matches and other objects and art that depict Tiki (Polynesian ancestor figures). Also: Artefacts from Melanesia (Papua New Guinea) and Micronesia. Architecture like A-Frame meeting houses.

All these elements can show influences of three additional stylistic forces. In the pie chart you see three triangles that influence original mid-century Tiki art as well as todays revival Tiki style. Original Pacific art / Modernism & Picasso / Cartoons

Supporting Tiki Elements

(10 - 20 % each, depending on your preferences) These are split into four categories. Exotica, Pre-Tiki, Nautical and Mid-Century Pop.

EXOTICA - Explorers, Headhunters, Voodoo, African and Asian souvenirs.

PRE-TIKI - Hawaiiana, South Sea movies, Hula girls, Luau imagery, Palm trees, rattan, and tapa.

NAUTICAL - Trader and Beachcomber style, ship models, ship wheels, anchors, fishnet floats, shells, puffer fish, nets, travel and adventure objects and Kon-Tiki related stuff.

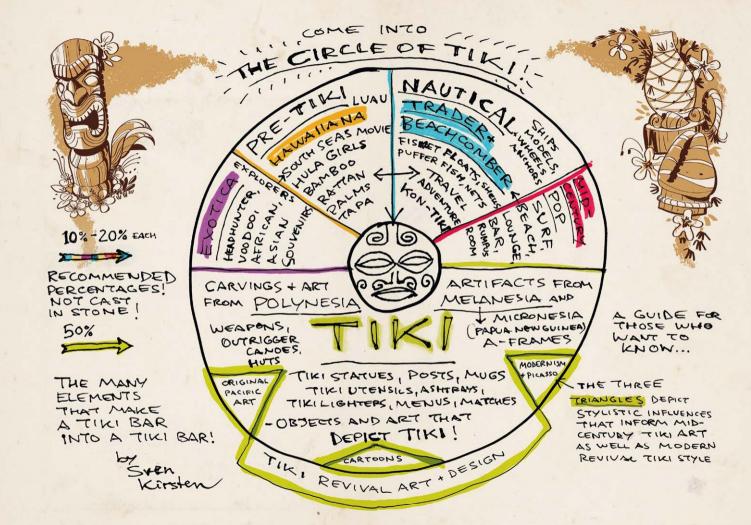
MID-CENTURY POP - Surf, Beach, Lounge and Bar elements. Rumpus Room items.



"A guide for those who want to know which elements make a bar into a Tiki bar. Very simply put, a Tiki bar distinguishes itself from generic tropical bars by using the Tiki figure as its main theme. This is the main fact that makes it unique among 20th Century decor concepts.

The focus on the main elements is important with a nice mix of the supporting ideas. Even though the Tiki genre is very creative open and playful it does have its heritage and history."







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