

Love & Libations: Cocktails Inspired by Halloween



October brings on the spooky vibes. This month's column is going to focus on cocktails inspired by a couple of villains and a badass woman who are icons, especially during the Halloween time. The cocktails include a celebrity brand to as well as a simple alternative spirit. Their libations will get you to have a scary good time.

Halloween Cocktails For A Scary Good Time

Nothing beats curling up under a blanket and watching Friday 13th. If you are like me, you're probably wondering why the heck people even still go to Camp Crystal Lake. That's not to say that Jason hasn't traveled. He even made his way to New

York City. Some of the best moments in the series are when couples are making out and one of them goes to check out the noise. That's a sure sign that one of them won't be coming back.

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Jason Voorhees- Friday The 13th

The Voorhees is made with fresh strawberries for the bloody red effect. Simple garnish with strawberries and add a touch of sea salt to the rim. Sip a few of these while watching binging on the series. If one of you leaves the room and takes too long to come back, maybe Jason decided to crash your party.

The Voorhees

3 Big ripe strawberries, sliced

2 ounces of Casamigos Blanco (alternative: Casa Noble)

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon simple syrup

1 ounce lime juice

$\frac{1}{2}$ ounce triple sec

strawberry for garnish

Directions:

1) Muddle strawberries and simple syrup in the cocktail shaker until the berries are a nice liquid.

2) Add the lime juice, tequila, and triple sec to the shaker. Now shake until well blended. Pour into a chilled coup.

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Ellen Ripley- Alien

To this day, Ellen Ripley, from the movie alien is still one of the best-regarded heroines of horror movies. The character was eloquently played by Sigourney Weaver. It was the first time an actor was nominated for an Academy Award for a sci-fi or horror movie.

I call this cocktail the Ripley Weaver not only as a homage to Ripley but also to Weaver who is a badass woman. Weaver was in the same class as Meryl Steep at Yale and was told she wouldn't amount to much. It's safe to say she has proven people wrong. The libation brings together three French classics: Cognac, Crémant, and Cassis. A touch of bubbles to celebrate her power, the Cognac is her for smooth and calm nature taking on aliens, and the chassiss is all about her edge. Alien is fun to watch with a group of friends, I dare you to watch with the lights off.

The Ripley Weaver

6 ounces Crémant de Bourgogne

1 ounce of Cassis

$\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of D'usse Cognac (alternative: Hennessy Black)

Directions:

Pour the cassis and Cognac into a chilled coup glass then top with the Crémant de Bourgogne. Garnish with berries or nothing at all, this cocktail is so good it needs nothing else at all. Even the Queen Mother would approve.

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Freddy Kruger- A Nightmare on Elm Street

A Nightmare on Elm Street ruined sleep for plenty of people when the movie came out. Freddie Krueger became everyone's favorite villain to fear and love at the same time. He was

smooth and shady all at the same time. Some of his lines were brutal as he took out his victims. Kruger had a hard life which made him salty enough to become a killer.

If ever there was a cocktail that screams Freddy Kruger it's a negroni. The bitter yet balanced drink that so many people love. The twist on this drink is that it's made with Amaro versus Campari. This one would be fun to sip in bed while in bed with your partner. Snacks and a Freddy On Elm Street, just don't fall asleep.

Freddy On Elm Street

2 oz. Amaro Montenegro

1 oz. Aviation Gin (alternative: Blue Coat Gin)

1 oz. Sweet Vermouth

Orange slice

Directions:

Stir Amaro, gin and vermouth in an ice-filled glass, garnish with the slice of orange. One, two, Freddy's coming for you.

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