

Elegance in a Glass

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Flavored vodkas have been all the rage for quite some time now. With all the flavors available, all the amazing combinations possible, they just never seem to get boring. And then the martini gets bumped up to a whole new level of sophistication. Enter Van Gogh's decadent Espresso Vodka, an espresso-infused vodka packed with rich coffee flavor to perfectly complement the traditional vodka "kick".

I'm a bit of a vodka martini fan, myself, though my tastes tend to lean towards the salty and bitter (Absolut Peppar filthy martini, straight up, 3 olives, please) rather than sweet and rich when it comes to my libations. This mouth-watering martini, however, may make me change my regular drink order permanently. It contains four of my favorite flavors: coffee, chocolate, cherry, and vanilla. This lovely "designer martini" is great anytime, but if you're watching the calories, this might just be all the dessert you'll need.

CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRY & ESPRESSO MARTINI

- 2 oz Van Gogh Espresso Vodka
- 1/2 oz creme de cacao liqueur
- 1/2 oz cherry liqueur
- 1 drop vanilla extract

Over crushed ice in a chilled martini shaker, add all the ingredients. Shake well, strain, and pour into a chilled martini glass. For a more festive look, rim the martini glasses with sugar and cocoa, and garnish with a fresh cherry. Enjoy! ❁



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