- 1. Patron Extra Añejo heavy bourbon barrel influence. Solid made tequila. The best of the big brands!
- 2. Pasote Extra Añejo one of the best brands that was previously made at NOM 1579 by Master Distiller Felipe Camarena. Just switched distilleries and tequila enthusiasts are nervous about future production.
- 3. Fortaleza Añejo made by Guillermo Sauza, 5th generation Sauza. His family played a huge role in bringing tequila to the US. Fortaleza is the best of the best.
- 4. Tepozan Añejo One of my favorite Añejos.
- 5. G4 Reposado G4 represents ingenuity. One of the lightest reposados in color. Showing how some of the darker reposados are manipulated with color. G4 is amazing and very green, fresh tequila.
- 6. El Tesoro Reposado Made by Carlos Camarena. Made traditionally with a Tahona. Nice balance between agave and barrel influence.
- 7. Fortaleza Reposado \$65 Reposado that is worth every penny. Whenever someone needs a recommendation this is it!
- 8. ArteNom 1414 Reposado ArteNom is an interesting concept. They go to their favorite distilleries and have the master distiller creat an expression that's special to them and different from their regular product. This one is a Reposado made at NOM 1414. It is funky, interesting and an example of what a special release bottle can be.
- 9. Fuenteseca Cosecha 2018 one of the best blancos ever made and widely considered a top 5 blanco ever! A whole ton of flavor here. Beautiful example of how a blanco tequila is the true expression of tequila and how it's very sippable unlike common opinion.
- 10. Cascahuin Plata 48 overproof blanco, tequila has to be at minimum 80 proof for the US and no more than 110 proof. Cascahuin is constantly one of the most sought after brands.
- 11. Yeyo Blanco an agave bomb! Super affordable blanco that is made also at NOM 1414. Very affordable at \$30-\$40.
- 12. Casamigos Reposado one of the worst brands... this is an example of how you can nose this tequila to any of the above and smell the additives and the manipulation added. These are the brands that market and push "sweet and smooth" tequila to consumers. A tequila is not meant to be smooth. It is a complex spirit with tons of flavor and many different flavor profiles.