



STIRRINGS GINGER ALE WINS TASTE TEST

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Ginger ale makes the perfect holiday two-fer. It's a party staple, turning fruit juice into a bubbly punch, giving the giggles to your favorite hard liquor, or by itself as soda with a kick. And it's also a traditional remedy for people who have scarfed down too much of Grandma's fruitcake or otherwise overindulged.

Among the 16 brands in local stores, some of the big names in mixers peppered the top five.

But one brand was the clear favorite: Stirrings (\$5.49 for four 6.3-ounce bottles, Andronico's). Where many of its competitors suffered from too much sweetness, Stirrings ginger ale had a "nice citrus brightness" and "mild" but "natural" ginger flavor. "Nice bubbles, clear, clean," said one taster.

Stirrings Ginger Ale received the highest score of 16 brands tasted during a blind taste test conducted by the newspaper. Stirrings received 75 points (out of 100), 11 points higher than the #2 ginger ale.

