

Lord Verney's Usquebath

Ingredients:

1.5 liters of 80 proof vodka
1 lb. raisins
10 figs
6 dates
2 ounces Ceylon Cinnamon sticks
6 sticks licorice root (approx. 1 ounce)

Method:

Slice figs and dates in to medium size slices (removing date pits). "Bruise" the cinnamon sticks by placing them in a bag and rubbing vigorously so that the sticks scrape against one another and break up the outer surface. Split the licorice root to expose the inner surface. Add all ingredients to a container with a tight fitting lid. Mix well. Let stand for ten days, stirring the mixture two to three times a day. Rack to remove sediment (may take multiple rackings) and bottle.