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## 9 NEW TEQUILAS THAT PROVE AGING IS A MAGICAL THING

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### 1. Pasote Añejo

Introduced in early 2016 by 3 Badge Beverage Corporation of Sonoma, Calif., Pasote is a collaboration between founder August Sebastiani and third-generation master tequilero Felipe Camarena. While Pasote offers blanco and reposado, it's the añejo (\$55) that stands out (don't get us wrong—the clean fruit-forward taste of the reposado is also worth seeking out). Aged for 18 months in American oak, the tequila mellows and offers hints of baking spices, orange peel and a lovely sharpness found in aged whiskeys but is clearly tequila. It's packaged in handmade glass bottles emblazoned with a hand-screened graphic of an Aztec eagle warrior, which is as cool as the tequila is fantastic.

**PASOTE / AÑEJO**