

Jane's Jungle Juice

(aka Jane's Jiggle Juice)

By: Jane

Don and I were vacationing on Kauai and had been out playing on the beach at Polihale all day. We showered (that took a while). It was now happy hour and Don went to grill the Huli Huli chicken.

We didn't have any limes or lemons, so I grabbed the bottle of orange/pineapple juice from the fridge and the 4 bottles of rum that we bought at the local market in Koloa. I started experimenting to come up with a tropical libation. A small splash of Orgeat (Almond) Syrup (about 1/4th ounce) that we bought in the coffee section of the market rounded it out. It is not the most complex cocktail, but it must have been improvised well enough because we came back for a few more rounds.



Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 oz Pineapple Juice
- 1 1/2 oz Orange Juice } Or 3 oz Orange/Pineapple juice blend
- 1 oz Malibu Rum with Coconut Liqueur
- 1/2 oz Light Rum (Bacardi white rum)
- 1/2 oz Capt. Morgan Spiced Original Gold Rum
- 1/2 oz Meyer's Dark Rum
- 1/4 oz Orgeat / Almond Syrup (Torani or other such brands)

Preparation: Shake all ingredients in a cocktail shaker for 30 to 40 seconds with cubed ice and strain into a rocks glass. Top with fresh cubed ice. Add a straw and garnish with a slice of orange.

Note: Using the orange/pineapple blend instead of mixing separate orange and pineapple juice helps home bartenders get consistent results. It also means you only need one bottle of juice in the fridge.

About the Name: Don's grandfather told him that World War II American soldiers in the Pacific would improvise by using commonly available materials in the surrounding jungles for fermentation, distillation, and flavoring. They called their alcohol concoction *Jungle Juice*.

Since I blended the limited available ingredients to come up with a smooth tropical creation, I figured this must be my version of a tropical Jungle Juice. Jane's Jungle Juice was born!

Now, most bar patrons have a favorite or two when it comes to cocktails. PP is a Rum Barrel or Cobra's Fang drinker typically. I couldn't figure out why PP would order a Jane's Jungle Juice until I caught him staring at my... let's say when all my physical attributes were in motion

as I shook the cocktail. He readily confessed to his “*drink and a show*” behavior and ordered another but this time with extra shaking.

I motioned for Don to come over and he proceeded to make PP’s drink for him, with extra shaking as he requested. That made PP a bit...uncomfortable. He is back to drinking Rum Barrels or the Cobra’s Fang. The Jane’s Jiggle Juice name stuck, and I’m okay with that.