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10 best... Chilli sauces

Nothing adds a bit of zing to a marinade or bite to a burger like a spicy sauce. Here's our pick of the bunch. Just make sure you keep a fire extinguisher handy...

[1] COMPLETELY CHILLI

A delicious concoction from St Ives boutique spicers Completely Chilli that is sure to get your taste buds tingling. The hot spices are brilliantly balanced with the cider vinegar, giving it a unique, almost bitter edge. **£3.50, completelychilli.co.uk**

[2] ANNA VALLEYS

Fiery, sticky, and with hints of fruit and honey, this small-batch blend is well known among chilli "hot heads". Go on, give it a try - if you dare. **£2.75, annavalleychillies.co.uk**

[3] COTTAGE DELIGHT

Staffordshire producers Cottage Delight can always be relied on to produce good preserves and tasty sauces. This one is rich in fresh chilli flavours, with a piquant hit in the finish. **£1.97, cottagedelight.co.uk**

[4] CALDERIUMMM

Fancy something a little fruity? This plum, chilli and red wine vinegar infusion is just the thing. Great as a pouring sauce, perfect as a salad dressing. **£3.50, calderiummm.co.uk**

[5] FRANKS

Made using super-hot, sun-aged cayenne red peppers, this sauce has the potential to overpower but is superb for dabbing on sandwiches or burgers. **£1.69 bespoke-foods.co.uk**

[6] BUSHA BROWNE'S

This 19th-century Jamaican blend is the wise old man of hot

sauses, boasting a rich history of Irish and Jamaican cooks. Scotch Bonnet peppers are balanced with a touch of mango so as not to overpower the palette. Delicious and rather moreish. **£2.45, chilliworld.com**

[7] VICIOUS VIPER HOT SAUCE

Even the hardest chilli eaters might struggle with this super-hot little number produced by US chilli-nut-turned-sauce-maker John Hard. Make sure there is milk to hand if you're going to put a drop in your Bloody Mary. **£6.95, chilifarm.co.uk**

[8] THE UPTON CHENEY CHILLI COMPANY

This offering from a farm in Gloucestershire gives an initial taste of mango and lime, which soon gives way to chilli, leaving a fiery kick and a finish that will give your tastebuds a workout. **£6, uptonchilli.co.uk**

[9] MALAY TASTE

With bags of flavour, this hot sauce could be used as a dip, condiment or marinade. Imagine a very hot salsa with lots of background sweetness and a stinging heat. **£2.29, waitrose.com**

[10] THAI TASTE

Thailand is a Mecca for fans of hot sauces and this one doesn't disappoint. A great punchy taste with strong garlic flavours and a bargain, too, at less than a quid. **99p, tesco.com**

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