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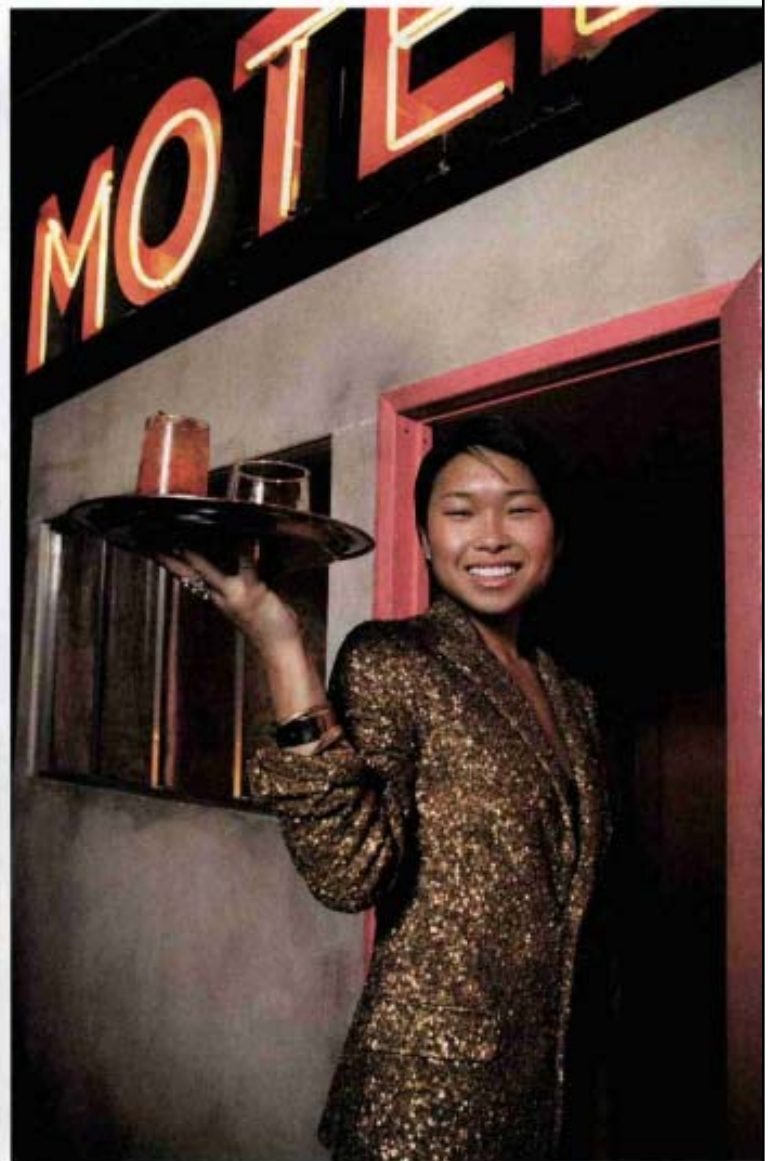
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Looking for the perfect Sazerac? Thirsty for an ice-cold southern brew? Wondering where to get your whiskey fill? Consider this your **ULTIMATE GUIDE** to drinking well from Virginia to East Texas.

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★ LEFT PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Barista Jennifer Jurs at Hope and Union, bartender Jenny Pittman at Proof on Main, FIG owner Adam Nemirow, a mocha at Morning Times. THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Beer and bbq at The Pit, coffee at Hope and Union, cocktail art at Holland House, behind the bar at Patterson House, skillet cornbread at The Pit, copper mugs at Husk.



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It's no secret that southerners are serious about their drinks. And in compiling this list of our 100 favorite places to drink in the South, we had to practice some serious southern-style restraint. To narrow our scope, we focused largely on spots that do several things well—impeccable cocktails, stellar wines, inspired brews. And in terms of geography, we didn't venture north of Alexandria, Virginia, or west of Dallas. The range of styles and flavors represented shows the incredible diversity of the South's drinks culture, and whether or not you live in this part of the country, this list will surely provide plenty of inspiration for your imbibing wish list.

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BEST WINE LISTS ★



MILLER UNION

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999 Brady Ave., Atlanta, GA; 678-733-8550; millerunion.com

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MUSS & TURNER'S

The folks at Muss & Turner's describe their wine menu as "overly simplified yet purposefully unique," and that's exactly why we appreciate it. There are more than 25 well-priced wines by the glass, organized by categories like "Light, Beau-

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RESTAURANT EVE

The wine list at Restaurant Eve reads more like a novel dedicated to every great wine bottled over the past three decades, including some that are difficult to find anywhere else in the entire country, let alone the South.

110 S. Pitt St., Alexandria, VA; 703-706-0450; restauranteve.com



★ Ice buckets ready for wine and Manhattans ready for drinking at FIG.

ST. JOHN'S RESTAURANT

Housed in a former hotel and brothel, St. John's Restaurant achieves all sorts of deliciousness with its farm-fresh dishes and internationally eclectic wine list that includes multi-vintage verticals, lesser-known varietals and even a Sauvignon Blanc from Israel. Plus, nearly a quarter of the 250-plus bottles are priced under \$50.

1278 Market St., Chattanooga, TN; 423-266-4400; stjohnsrestaurant.com

TRUMMER'S ON MAIN

Originally built as a hotel in 1869, this restaurant boasts an impressive wine collection that's housed in their

8,000-bottle-capacity cellar and includes more than two-dozen local Virginia offerings. 7134 Main St., Clifton, VA; 703-266-1623; trummersonmain.com

WATERMARK RESTAURANT

Since opening in 2005, Watermark has left an indelible mark on Nashville's food and drinks scene, boasting what's arguably the largest wine list in the city, which means wine lovers of every stripe will find something that suits their tastes.

507 12th Ave. S., Nashville, TN; 615-254-2000; watermark-restaurant.com

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