



Restaurant Girl

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Autumn Cocktail Roundup

These days, cocktails have become as important as dinner, and a good mixologist as valuable as a top chef. Though some revelers are content to sling back beer year round, many enjoy autumn's produce in their potable (and alcoholic) forms. Think apples, tart cranberries, and fragrant pie spices. Serious bartenders around Manhattan have stepped up, offering out-of-the-ordinary cocktails that make it nearly as enjoyable to drink in this city as it is to eat.

dell'anima - This new West Village wine bar boasts a handsome selection of Italian wines and housemade grappas, but mixologist, L.R., also keeps up the cocktail end of things. In a fine homage to cranberries, he muddles fresh cranberries with orange bitters, bourbon and a dash of Galliano.

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