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WHERE TO DRINK & DINE IN NYC

The 2013 New & Notable Bar & Restaurant List

Most restaurant rankings focus on food and atmosphere. For us, at *W&S*, that's not enough. We also want to be assured there's going to be something good to drink. A mixologist worthy of her title; a wine list proffering bottles we rarely see—or better yet, have never heard of—and a staff to guide us through them. Certainly the food

has to be good, but wine and spirits are an integral part of the equation. So after dining around town with a close eye on what's in our glasses, we present to you with the most exciting new openings of the last 12 months, the places you'll want to be dining—and drinking well—in 2013.



The Marrow

You could drink a Jean-Louis Chave Crozes-Hermitage at *The Marrow*, or a Taupenot-Merme 2000 Charmes-Chambertin. There's an intriguing clutch of West Coast wines as well (Bedrock Heritage zin, Copain syrah and Oregon pinots), and plenty of Italian choices. But, tempting as they may be, there's really no reason to move beyond the first three pages of *The Marrow's* bottle menu, densely stocked with German and Austrian whites. A Dönnhoff riesling will have no problem playing to chef Harold Dieterle's bi-cultural menu—one side Italianate, to honor his mother; the other, Germanic, his father's heritage—as it weaves through a salad of leafy greens and cuts into cuttlefish and herring salads alike. Maybe step up to a 15-year-old Kruger-Rumpf Munsterer Dautenpflanzler Spätlese if you want the duck schnitzel, with its hazelnut-strewn spätzle, or the juniper-braised lamb neck. This isn't to say the Italian selection isn't as spectacular—Jill Roberts, the beverage manager, knows her way around Italy, too, after a stint at *The Harrison*. It's just that the space—a cool, loud room with large glass windows looking out on a West Village corner—is not the first place you might look for a list deep in wines only geeks drink. Then again, neither is *Kin Shop*, Dieterle's Thai restaurant, where general manager Alicia Nosenzo wrote a list that landed them in these pages last year. —TARA Q. THOMAS

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