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(Photo courtesy Sorso Wine Room)

Cocktail cachet at Jade Bar
5700 E. McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley
800-405-1964, sanctuaryoncamelback.com/dining/jade-bar

Classic and craft cocktails come with vertiginous views at Jade Bar at Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa. Nestled on Camelback Mountain, Jade Bar is known for stunning panoramas visible through floor-to-ceiling windows, and for fostering some of the country's top chefs and bartenders.

Every Saturday at Jade Bar, bartenders hold Mixology 101 classes and share the history and techniques behind innovative cocktails. Private sessions are also available. "What we've been evolving into is what I like to call a teaching bar," says Eddie Garcia, lead mixologist and bartender. "Jade Bar was once the center of the cocktail world in Arizona, so we have a great tradition of nurturing professionals here, and we're passing that onto our patrons. That is the nature of the hospitality business, after all."

At Jade Bar, there are arguably more classic drinks on the menu than other establishments. After all, what's old is new again. "We try not to do any spins on anything," Garcia says. "There's really only seven or eight drinks that have ever been made, and everything else is a revamp."

The classics work well for the bar's clientele, a mix of worldly resort guests, resort members, celebrities and locals.

Vino taps at Sorso Wine Room
15323 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale
480-951-4344, sorsowineroom.com

Sorso Wine Room (located in Scottsdale Quarter) offers a choose-your-own-adventure experience. Owners Mark and Lauren Teahen created a wine bar to explore wines and relax (*sorso* is Italian for "sip"), where guests choose from 32 different world wines, available in a range of self-pour sizes. The bar's exposed black piping on the ceiling and vino vending machine (yep, wine on tap!) give it a rustic-meets-industrial chic.

"Our guests can serve themselves and explore wines at their leisure. We also offer around 150 bottles and 14 house wines by the glass," Lauren Teahen says. "The list is ever-evolving."

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Another ROUND?

Five more places to raise a glass around the Airpark

By Niki D'Andrea

Bitters Bar & Food (cocktails): The 17 craft cocktails on this menu each have the word "Bitter" in the title, but every one is oh-so-sweet. Recommended: The Bitter Ex (habanero vodka, falemum, lime and mango); Bitter, Old and Fashionable (bourbon, hazelnut, orange and chocolate bitters). 1455 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, 480-550-5088, bittersbar.com.



The Bitter Ex cocktail at Bitters Bar & Food
(Photo by Niki D'Andrea)

Growler U.S.A. (beer): With more than 100 beers on tap, Growler U.S.A. is bound to have a brew for



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Boutique beer at McFate's Tap + Barrel
7337 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale
480-994-1275, mcfatebrewing.com

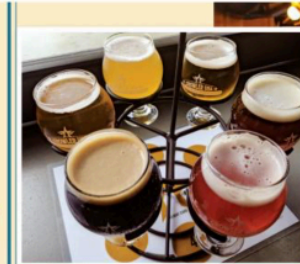
Palates that prefer hops over grapes get placated at McFate's Tap + Barrel, which showcases stouts, porters, sours, lagers and IPAs – all of an Arizona variety.

"Everyone from college students to North Scottsdale residents frequent this spot for beers like the Fatality IPA and the

McFate Brewing specializes in small-batch beers.

Hatch green chile beer," general manager Mike Brushnahan says.

Since its inception in 2012, McFate has brewed more than 300 kinds of small-batch beers. Some local favorites and award-winners include the McFate Hatch Chile Gatos (a blonde ale), McFate's Irish Red, and McFate Maria's Fine Malt Liqueur.



(Photo by Niki D'Andrea)

A flight of beer at Growler U.S.A.

any taste. Recommended: Mudshark Candle Burner (American IPA), and whatever's on their nitro taps (typically stouts). 5415 E. High Street, Scottsdale, 480-454-4354, growlerusa.com/craft-beer-pubs/az-phoenix-high-street.

O.H.S.O. (beer): Pet-friendly patios and a vast selection of craft beers (including several O.H.S.O. brews) keep this O.H.S.O. location



(Photo by Mike Butler)

A vast selection of craft beers (including several O.H.S.O. brews) keep O.H.S.O. packed.



(Photo courtesy Postino Kierland)

Postino's wine program spotlights more than 27 varietals from around the world.

packed. Recommended: O.H.S.O. Popcycle Blonde; O.H.S.O. Hoppy. 15681 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale, 480-948-3159, ohsobrewery.com.

Postino Kierland (wine): The wine program here is exceptional, spotlighting more than 27 varietals from around the world. Recommended: Downtown Red Blend and Downtown White Blend (Arizona); Opta (encruzado) or Twisted (touriga), both from Portugal. 7030 E. Greenway Parkway, Scottsdale, 602-899-1111, postinowinecafe.com

Terroir Wine Pub (wine): An ever-changing and expansive wine list drives this thriving neighborhood wine pub. Recommended: Pick your server's brain; there's always a fresh selection of wines to navigate. 7001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, 480-922-3470, terroirwinepub.com. ■