

The best summer cocktails

Six seasonal drinks you need to taste before summer ends. By Jenny Miller



Roman Candle at Double Crown

The Greenmarket's brief red-currant season provides the tart flavor base for this fizzy, ruby-hued sipper. Brawny aged rum, sweet maple syrup, and slugs of citrusy Lillet Blanc and sparkling wine balance the berry's mouth-puckering effects. 316 Bowery at Bleecker St (212-254-0350). \$12.



Rosa Verde at Cienfuegos

Aged rum packs a rich, boozy wallop in this summery punch, which pairs mellow flavors (watermelon juice, celery bitters) with bracing ones (hot pink peppercorns, crisp arugula). Enjoy a glass or several—the Rosa Verde can be ordered by the bowlful. 443 E 6th St between First Ave and Ave A (212-614-6818). Glass \$14, bowls \$38-\$110.



Green Mary at Rouge Tomate

This almost virtuous cocktail, a take on the classic Bloody, blends late-season farmers' market finds like green tomato and tomatillo with jalapeño and pickled onions to create a spicy, verdant juice. You'd swear it was a health tonic—until you taste the vodka. 10 E 60th St between Fifth and Madison Aves (646-237-8977). \$14.

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Corn Cocktail at En Japanese Brasserie

August's dwindling corn crop means this luscious nip isn't long for this world. Ripe, sweet local kernels are dried in-house and blended with sake, cream, salt and sugar; the resulting libation is milky and rich, like a boozy, vegetal milk shake. 435 Hudson St at Leroy St (212-647-9196). \$13.



Spring Rickey at Raines Law Room

This easy-sipping, effervescent concoction is as pleasant to behold as it is to drink. Tart muddled raspberries dye the tippie—a blend of ambrosial elderflower liqueur and Deefeater Summer gin, infused with black currants and hibiscus—a deep, sultry red. A squeeze of lime and a dose of club soda cut the sweetness. 48 W 17th St between Fifth and Sixth Aves (no phone). \$13.

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