Cock - tales
by Quady
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This little book of drinks is dedicated to the new breed of bartender, one who works from the premise that cocktails should be savored - like fine wine. Although their numbers are small they are leading the way, setting higher standards and spreading the word that a visit to a bar can be about more than absorbing alcohol. This little book celebrates the spirit of their drinks but all of these drinks can be made by the amateur mixologist as well as by the professional. These drinks are made to entertain. The alcohol level is an important consideration in choosing a drink. Is it the
middle of a warm day, or the first drink after work, or the starter drink before a wine dinner? To assist we grouped our drinks according to alcohol level.

**Light and Refreshing**  **Aperitifs**  **Cocktails**

*Light and Refreshing* drinks are mostly long drinks and make good thirst quenchers. *Aperitifs*, from the Italian word “apeiro” (to open), have typically a little herbal character which wakes up the taste buds, are mostly wine and are served “on the rocks” which dilutes their strength. Typical *Cocktails*, (made largely with distilled spirit) can dull the taste buds along with the drinker. Our versions of classic *cocktails* contain more wine and less spirit. They are tastier, gentler and more complex, and won't sedate you, as fast.

*Laurel & Andrew Quady*
**Electra Slushie or Granité**

The coolest way to enjoy Electra

With only 4-5% alcohol, Electras freeze beautifully. At our summer-time winery parties there is always a crowd around the slushie machine. But a machine is not necessary. Just pour the wine into a bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and place the bowl into a freezer until the wine crystallizes. It will break up easily into an attractive granité like consistency. The frozen wine can then be scooped into a glass and garnished in various ways.
ELECTRA MIMOSAS

New twist on an old idea

Fill a chilled flute three quarters full with the juice of an orange: either regular or blood orange.

Top with Electra and add a fun garnish.

Nice way to start the day !!
THE ELECTRA MARTINI

With this Martini you can have “Electra into the Morning”

Fill a chilled martini glass with ice.

Fill with either:
   Electra or Red Electra

Garnish as you choose.

Thanks to Joel Diner
(co-owner with wife, Marine of Denver’s Pesce Fresco)
you can have a “Light Martini”
ELYSIUM COOLER
Great patio drink - make it in a pitcher

One half chilled Elysium
One half chilled tonic water
Lemon wedge

ESSENSIA SPRITZER
bubbly ~ citrusy ~ refreshing

4 parts sparkling water
1 part Essensia

Fill a glass with ice
Add sparkling water
Top with Essensia
Stir or not
Garnish as you choose
GINGER VYA

Ginger Ale for grown-ups

2 oz. chilled dry Vya
1 tsp. chilled sweet Vya
1 tsp. grenadine syrup
4 oz. ginger ale

Pour the vermouth, grenadine and ginger ale into a collins glass almost filled with ice cubes. Stir well, garnish with an orange slice, and serve.
**Vya Cooler**

Herbal Vya and Quinine = refreshing, refreshing, refreshing

2 oz. chilled dry Vya  
1/2 tsp. grenadine syrup  
3 oz. chilled tonic water

Pour grenadine and half of the tonic water into a collins glass and stir. Add ice cubes and dry Vya. Fill with remaining half of tonic water and stir again. Add a twist of lemon peel or orange spiral or mint leaf or a combination. Dangle the garnish over the glass if you like.
THE VYA

Perfect marriage of Sweet and Dry Vya
Wakes up the taste buds!

Combine in a shaker with ice:
1 1/2 oz. Dry Vya
1 1/2 oz. Sweet Vya

Shake well and serve - either on the rocks in a bucket glass or strained and straight up in a martini glass.

Garnish with a twist or slice of orange or lemon.
DEVIAN'T SPARKLERS

To start: pour 3 oz. chilled sparkling wine into a chilled flute

DEVIAN'T ESSENSIA SPARKLER:
Add 1 oz. each chilled Essensia, Deviation, and 1 tsp. grenadine.
Garish with cherry or strawberry.

DEVIAN'T ELYSIUM SPARKLER:
Add 1 oz. each chilled Elysium and Deviation. Garnish with a cherry.

DEVIAN'T FIZZ: Top with chilled Deviation and 1/2 tsp. grenadine. Garnish with a cherry.
Devised by Marissa Gierlich - Street Restaurant, Los Angeles
A little sweet, a little bitter, a little crazy, & oh so different

In a champagne flute or other interesting glass drinking vessel, place:

1 sugar cube
2 dashes Angostura bitters
1 oz. Deviation
Top with something bubbly
Garnish with an orange wedge

And as Marissa says

"Toast to all that is good, and devious, in life!"
**Deviant Sparkling Menage a Trois**

Three wines get intimate - make a scandalously good drink.

Fill a chilled flute glass in the following order with:

3 1/2 oz. chilled sparkling wine
1 1/2 oz. chilled Elysium
1/2 oz. chilled Essensia
1/2 oz. chilled Deviation

This ruby colored sparkler has a romantic flavor of citrus and pomegranate with a delicate hint of rose.
Sweet Vya Fizz

Spicy sweet bubbles

When Josh Wesson (founder of Best Cellars and a judge of our dessert pairing competition) declared on tasting Sweet Vya, "This would be good with sparkling wine," the Vya Fizz was born. Sparkling wine is the medium and Sweet Vya the message.

3 1/2 oz. chilled sparkling wine
1 oz. chilled Sweet Vya

Fill a champagne flute about 1/2 full, add Sweet Vya and top with remaining sparkling wine.
**THE "OMG"**

Laurie's tipple of choice!

2 oz. Sweet Vya  
1 oz. Extra Dry Vya  
3/4 oz. Essensia  
Dash of green Chartreuse

Combine all ingredients in a shaker with ice. Shake and serve on the rocks with an orange twist. Or, stir with ice and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange twist or, if you desire, flame the orange oil.

Created for Laurie by Troy Daigle, Beverage Manager  
Craft Restaurant, Dallas
**"Burmesse Bandito"**

Cardamom & Dry Vya add a new dimension to Champagne

3 cracked green cardamom pods
1 oz. Vya Extra Dry
1 Demerara sugar cube
Chilled dry champagne or sparkling wine
Garnish with lime circle & mint leaf

Crush cardamom pods. Add Vya and keep crushing. Let above mixture stand while chilling champagne flute. Put sugar cube in champagne flute. Strain Vya mixture over the cube. Top with sparkling wine.

From Justin Gvi, a recent discover of Vya, who "...once had a cardamom infused peach champagne cocktail at Oleana’s in Boston" and fashioned this drink it its memory.
THE BRIGHTON BEACH

It's all about balancing the flavors

2 oz. Rum
1/2 oz. Deviation
1/2 oz. Sweet Vya
Dash of bitters

Combine with ice, stir, strain,
garnish with a piece of orange.

Andy devised this drink from my memory of a drink mixed by
Fraser Creighton, charming mixologist, at the Drake’s Hotel
in Brighton Beach, UK.
THE DARB
from Robert Heugel, The Anvil Bar & Refuge, Houston & drinkdogma.com

1 oz. Junipero Gin  1 oz. Marie Brizzard Apry
1 oz. Vya Extra Dry  1/2 oz. Fresh Lemon Juice

Shake with ice and strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a long lemon twist. Cut a section of the peel off as if you’re going to do a flamed orange peel. The goal here is to spray a good layer of oil across the top of the drink.

Per Robert “I find the finished cocktail to strike a good balance of sweet fruit and bright acid, which are both supported by the strong gin and highlighted with the spice from the vermouth.” See Drinkdogma.com for “The Darb’s” history.
**Devious Cocktail**

by Gary Regan (aka "The Professor")
Author of "The Joy of Mixology & Creator of ArdentSpirits.com
A talented mixologist worked his magic here.

2 oz. Deviation
1 oz. Armagnac
Fresh lemon juice to taste (go easy)
1 lemon twist for garnish

"The Professor decided to marry Deviation with Armagnac, a French brandy from the Gascony region because it has a sterling sharp quality that cuts through the sweetness of the Deviation and there are often prune notes in the oft overlooked spirit that marry nicely to the flowery tones of the wine. Fresh lemon juice completes the scene."

Fill a cocktail shaker 2/3 full of ice and add all of the ingredients.
Shake for approximately 15 seconds, strain into a chilled cocktail glass and add the garnish.
Essensia Margarita

Essensia takes the place of Triple Sec
Maries with Tequila

1/2 oz. Essensia
1 1/2 oz. Tequila (El Jimador Reposado)
1/2 oz. Agave Nectar
1 1/2 oz. Fresh lime juice to taste.

Combine above in shaker with crushed ice and shake. Pour into a pint glass with a salted rim.

Thank you to: Casey Robison & Christine Prentice of Barrio, Seattle
Essensia Daiquiri

Essensia adds a new dimension to the classic Daiquiri

1/2 oz. Essensia
1 1/2 oz. Dark Rum
1/2 oz. Fresh Lime Juice
1/3 oz. Bar Syrup

Combine all ingredients in shaker with ice. Shake well and strain into a chilled martini glass.
**PURPLE HAZE**

From a Chicago fan

1 oz. Vodka
1/2 oz. Elysium
2 oz. Electra (white)
Orange twist and mint leaf

Combine all ingredients in shaker with ice. Stir and strain into a chilled martini glass. Garnish with a lime leaf and orange twist or whatever suits your fancy.
Fallen Leaves

Thank you Ava Collins for this killer drink

Adapted from a recipe sent by Ava Collins
Abacrombie Restaurant, Baltimore Md.

1 1/2 oz. Calvados or Applejack
1 1/2 oz. Sweet Vya
1/2 oz. Dry Vya
1/2 oz. Cognac

Stir with ice, strain, serve up in chilled martini glass.

Garnish with a strip of lemon.
Fifty-Fifty Manhattan

Marriage made in heaven: Rye Whiskey and Sweet Vya

1 1/2 oz. Rye whiskey
1 1/2 oz. Sweet Vya
4 Dashes Peychaud’s Bitters

Combine ingredients in shaker.
Shake with ice.
Strain into beautiful glassware.
Garnish with Maraschino cherry.
**Vya Bentley**

From Vya fan, Julie Sunstein
Sweet Vya spices with apple

2 oz. Sweet Vya
1 oz. Applejack
Dash Grenadine
Lemon strip

Combine all ingredients with ice, stir and strain into a martini glass.

Garnish with lemon strip. Try to get a little of the lemon oil into the drink.
Vya Martinez

Supposedly invented in Martinez, California

1 1/2 oz. Old Tom Gin
1 1/2 oz. Sweet Vya
2 dashes maraschino liqueur
1 dash orange bitters

Stir with ice and strain into Martini glass.
Garnish with lemon strip
Vya Whisper Dry Vodka Martini

Vya Whisper Dry adds a subtle fresh nuance to clear cold vodka

1 part Whisper Dry Vya
3 parts cold Vodka
1 Shake Fee Brothers Orange Bitters

Combine ingredients with ice. Stir gently until very cold. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass.

Garnish with olive or strand of lemon.
**Vya Wet Martini**

"I love to drink Martinis, one or two at the most. Three I'm under the table and four I'm under the host."

Dorothy Parker

1 1/2 oz. Gin
(Choose a flavorful balanced gin, such as: 209, Tanqueray 10 or Citadel
1 1/2 oz. Vya Extra Dry
2 Dashes Fee Brothers Orange Bitters

Combine ingredients with ice.
Stir gently until well chilled.
Strain into a martini glass and garnish with 1 or 2 large Queen olives.

Variation: Classic Vya Martini - Use 2 oz. gin and 1 oz. Vya Extra Dry
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