

The chandelier replaced the disco ball and Champagne became the chaser of choice as luxe lounges took the SF nightlife scene by storm this past year. Here are **10 swanky newcomers** that returned the art of drinking to its more civilized roots.

CHEF SCOTT HOWARD'S DARING VISION IS REALIZED WITH CARAMELIZED SCALLOPS ATOP A DRIZZLE OF RICH "MER NOIRE" SAUCE



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1. Bar 821

(Western Addition) 821 Divisadero St., 415-596-3986
WHAT: Northern Panhandle's petite sophisticate
ORDER: Luxury mojito (soju, nigori sake, lime, mint and Champagne)

2. CIP Lounge

(SoMa) 1225 Folsom St., 415-863-1290
WHAT: Strong cocktails and plenty of bubbly match the retro-chic decor
ORDER: Stamina Sipper (Svedka vodka, OJ and cola)

3. JohnColins

(SoMa) 90 Natoma St., 415-543-2277
WHAT: Set on a side street, this packed after-work scene transcends the usual happy hour
ORDER: John Colins (Jack Daniels, sour mix, honey and club soda topped with a black cherry and an orange slice)

4. The Knockout

(SoMa) 3223 Mission St., 415-550-6994
WHAT: All are welcome at this comfy, kitschy Mission watering hole
ORDER: Pimm's and soda

5. Le Bar Rouge

(SoMa) 657 Harrison St., 415-348-0900
WHAT: Decadent nightcaps star at Supperclub's sultry red lounge
ORDER: Black Cherry Drop (Effen Black Cherry vodka and lemon juice served with a sinker of Chambord and a sugared rim)

6. Lucid

(Union Square) 580 Sutter St., 415-398-0195
WHAT: The downtown bar gets an artistic makeover
ORDER: Crushed Velvet (Ketel One Citroen and Chambord served martini-style)

7. Mr. Smith's

(SoMa) 34 Seventh St., 415-355-9991
WHAT: One of the seediest stretches of the city gets Marina-friendly
ORDER: Absolut Lush (fresh raspberry purée, Absolut and Chambord topped with Champagne)

8. Otis

(Union Square) 25 Maiden Ln., number unpublished
WHAT: Exclusive mingling at this sometimes-members-only mini-boîte
ORDER: Fillmore Slim (Skyy 90 and fresh grapefruit juice topped with prosecco)

9. Sip Bar & Lounge

(North Beach) 787 Broadway, 415-699-6545
WHAT: A post-pasta stop specializing in cocktails with a caffeine kick
ORDER: Mint Chip Martini (Starbucks Espresso Liqueur, dash of Ketel One, crème de menthe and a splash of cream)

10. Sugar Lounge

(Hayes Valley) 377 Hayes St., 415-255-7144
WHAT: A sweet and sexy Hayes Valley newcomer
ORDER: Pink Rim Martini (Hangar One Mandarin vodka, Cointreau and fresh lime juice)