# APÉRITIF & SWEET WINES

COCKTAIL MENU



Welcome to the timeless world of apéritif cocktails. Andrew and Laurel Quady's Vya Vermouth, sweet Muscat wines, and dry amontilladostyle sherry are excellent bases for drinks that contain plenty of "spirit" without any of the proof. These aromatic, complex wines make low alcohol cocktails that are alluring and satisfying—perfect companions for late afternoons and long evenings of enjoyment.

The wine-based aperitif has a long tradition around the world as a palate opener and an ideal way to ease into the evening. The old-school "vermouth cocktail"—as in 200 years old—is enjoyed simply with vermouth and the addition of aromatic bitters. The cocktails on these pages are a glimpse of classics and originals meant to inspire delicious apéritifs today.



# OH, SO DELICATE

2 oz. Essensia Orange Muscat Wine
2 oz. Vya Whisper Dry Vermouth
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> oz. Rosemary Honey Syrup\*
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> oz. Fresh Squeezed Grapefruit Juice

3 Drops Rosewater

**Rosemary Sprig** 

Combine ingredients with ice. Shake. Strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a rosemary sprig or rose petal.

\*Rosemary Honey Syrup:

1 cup Honey 1 cup Water

**5 Rosemary Sprigs** 

Combine over heat. Stir until dissolved into syrup. Turn off heat. Add rosemary sprigs. Let stand for 25 minutes. Strain.

### THE BAMBOO

1 ½ oz. Vya Extra Dry Vermouth
1 ½ oz. Palomino Fino Sherry
(or other amontillado sherry)
2 Dashes Orange Bitters
2 Dashes Angostura Bitters
Lemon Twist

Pour Vya Extra Dry and Palomino Fino into a mixing glass filled with ice. Add the bitters. Stir well. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Twist a lemon peel over the drink to release its essence. Garnish with an olive.

# T H E ADONIS

1 ½ oz. Palomino Fino
 (or other amontillado sherry)
 3⁄4 oz. Vya Sweet Vermouth
 3⁄4 oz. Vya Extra Dry Vermouth
 2 Dashes Orange Bitters

Combine ingredients in a glass and stir well with ice. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass.

## FALL FIZZ

1 tsp. Brown Sugar 1/2 oz. Fresh Lemon Juice 2 oz. Vya Sweet Vermouth 1 oz. Unfiltered Apple Juice Club Soda, Chilled

Lemon Zest

Add brown sugar to a rocks glass. Pour lemon juice over the brown sugar and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Pour in Vya Sweet Vermouth and unfiltered apple juice. Fill with ice. Stir gently then top with club soda. Garnish with lemon peel. Serve.

# VINTER ROSE

3 oz. Sparkling Rosé 3/4 oz. Vya Sweet Vermouth 1 Tbsp. Sage Infused Honey\* 1 Dash Rosewater Lemon Zest or Sage Leaf

Combine Vya Sweet Vermouth, sage honey, and rosewater. Stir with ice. Pour in to champagne flute. Top of with Sparkling Rosé, Garnish with lemon zest or sage.

#### \*Sage Infused Honey

Heat ¼ cup honey and ¼ cup water in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Turn off heat. Place 5-7 sage leaves in honey mixture. Steep for ten minutes. Strain.

# GINGER VYAFLOAT

2 oz. chilled Vya Extra Dry Vermouth 1 tsp. chilled Vya Sweet Vermouth 1 tsp. grenadine syrup 4 oz. ginger ale

Pour Vya Extra Dry, grenadine, and ginger ale into a glass almost filled with ice cubes. Stir well. Scoop ice cream into glass. Top with ginger ale. Garnish with a cherry and serve.

# MULLED

Serves 6

One 375 ml bottle Vya Sweet Vermouth One 375 ml bottle Vya Extra Dry Vermouth One Peeled and Sliced Orange ½ cup Essensia Orange Muscat

> 8 to 10 Cloves <sup>1</sup>⁄3 cup Honey 3 Cinnamon Sticks

1 tsp. Fresh or 2 tsps. Ground Ginger

Combine all ingredients in a large pot. Slowly warm the ingredients on low to medium heat (avoid boiling) for 20-25 minutes. Stir occasionally. Once the honey has completely dissolved and the stew is steaming it is ready to serve.

# DARK TRUFFLE

2 oz. Elysium Black Muscat Wine top with Milk Stout or Guinness

Shake Elysium with ice. Pour Milk Stout/Guinness in a pint or tall glass. Strain Elysium on top.

# WAKE UPTIME

1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> oz. Essensia Orange Muscat Wine

1 oz. Fresh Orange Juice Top with White Ale Orange Slice

Combine Essensia and orange juice in a pint or tall glass. Top with ale. Garnish with an orange slice.



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