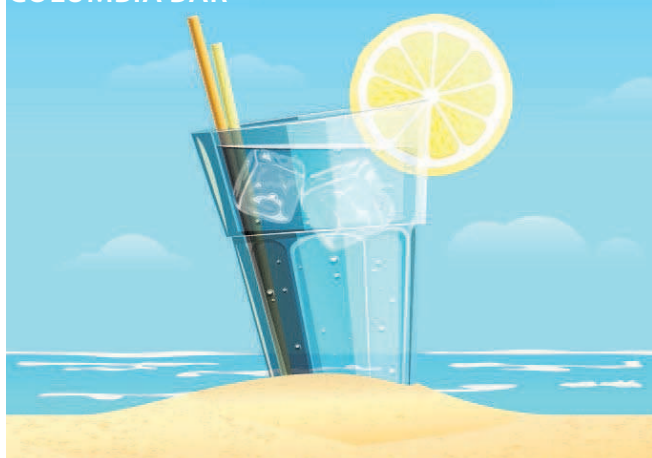


# GRAB BAG

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COLUMBIA BAR



## Salty Mermaid

By RYAN HUME

This bright blue cousin of the margarita is the invention of Astoria's own Merry Time Bar and Grill. The substitution of Blue Curaçao liqueur for Triple Sec not only lends a vibrant, electric blue hue to the drink, but it greatly expands the flavor profile, fulfilling the orange component while adding bitter notes to the backend.

This is sure to be a favorite summer sipper and a nice change up from the standard margarita.

### Ingredients

- 1.5 ounces of Cazadores or another silver tequila
- 1/2 ounce of Blue Curaçao liqueur
- 1/2 ounce simple syrup\*
- A splash of sweet and sour mix
- A few slices of lime
- Ice
- Margarita salt or Kosher salt
- Lemon wheel for garnish

### Directions

Lick the top lip of a pint glass with a lemon or lime slice and then dunk in the salt until the rim is completely salted. Muddle the lime wedges in the simple syrup at the bottom of a cocktail shaker. Add the te-

quila, Blue Curaçao liqueur, and sweet and sour mix; shake until cold. Fill the salt-rimmed pint glass with ice. Strain the drink into the glass and garnish with the lemon wheel.

\*Simple syrup is equal parts sugar and water. To make it, bring sugar and water to a boil and simmer for three minutes or until the sugar is completely dissolved. Cool completely before using.

—Recipe courtesy of Collette Wilson, bartender at Merry Time Bar and Grill, Astoria

## A GLIMPSE INSIDE

By MATT LOVE

### Franchere Wine Company

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Is it gauche to sample a \$22 bottle of Oregon pinot noir by drinking it from the bottle from the stoop of an Astoria home overlooking Youngs Bay?

In some circles, probably yes, but who knows? I don't run with that crowd.

But if that pinot is made by Mike Hinds, owner and winemaker of Franchere Wine Company in Silverton, then the answer is certainly yes, because Mike Hinds, who grew up in Portland, told me it was "fine" and because any wine produced by Franchere is the ultimate in authentic Astoria and deserves a hearty, throwback Astoria-kind of consumption.

And why is that? Because Mike Hinds is the great-great-great grandson

of Gabriel Franchère, a native of Montreal and a clerk in John Jacob Astor's fur empire. Franchère voyaged to Oregon in 1811 on the ship Tonquin, helped establish the original Fort Astoria, and spent three years exploring Oregon. He also wrote up his classic memoir of his trip in "Adventure at Astoria: 1810-1814," translated by Hoyt Franchère, Mike's grandfather. It remains a riveting account of the ill-fated Astor party and Peter Stark's recent bestseller "Astoria" is clearly indebted to it.

I recently perused the book again, naturally drinking a Franchere wine, and the historical synergy of that pairing is a truly enriching experience.

See, history can be fun

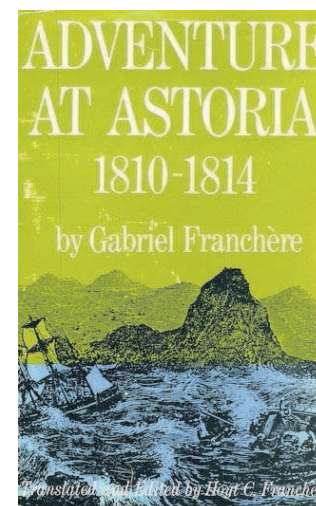


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"Adventure at Astoria: 1810-1814" by Gabriel Franchère and translated by his grandson Hoyt C. Franchère, recounts Franchère's time voyaging to Astoria on the Tonquin as part of the Astor party and exploring Oregon.

and slightly intoxicating.

I first met Mike last summer in Portland at an event promoting my book "A Nice Piece of Astoria." A wine connoisseur friend of mine paired it with the Franchere

pinot and the tandem went over smashingly well. I was so busy at the event, however, that I didn't get to try the wine! Luckily, Mike threw in a bottle for free and I finally tasted this pinot the next afternoon on my front stoop with a friend and a couple of deer a few feet away.

The wine was wonderful, and the unique Oregon story behind it was even better.

(Franchere Wine Company wines are available at the following North Oregon Coast locations: WineKraft in Astoria, Astoria Co-op Grocery, Laurel's Cannon Beach Wine Shop, Manzanita Fresh Foods, Blue Heron and Seaside Station.)

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### Crossword Answer

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## CANNABIS STRAIN REVIEW

**UpState** Exclusive specialty Strain Phenotype for Mr. Doobe's by Quality Growers

Strain: Indica Hybrid

### Strain Highlights:

- Earthy aroma
- Relaxing
- Euphoric

### Customers stated benefits for:

- Severe Pain
- Nausea
- General Relief

THC: 31.53%  
CBD: .21%  
Lineage: Unknown

TESTED BY: Confidence Analytics

Exclusive specialty Strain Phenotype for Mr. Doobe's by Quality Growers

**Mr. Nice** Strain: Indica Hybrid

### Strain Highlights:

- Sweet
- Earthy
- Pungent
- Relaxing
- Happy
- Strong Mellow Euphoria

### Customers stated benefits for:

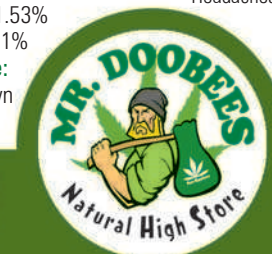
- Severe Pain
- Stress
- Insomnia
- Headaches

THC: 33.5%  
CBD: .94%  
Lineage: G13 & Hash Plant

TESTED BY: Confidence Analytics

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