

# BEST BARTENDER: LINDSEY EDWARDS AT BUBBA'S SPORTS BAR

BY EDWARD STRATTON

Lindsey Edwards, who works at Bubba's Sports Bar in Warrenton, has been named best bartender for the 2019 Readers' Choice Awards.

Edwards, now 30, started bartending at the Portway Tavern when she was 22. Two years ago, she joined Bubba's, which is wedged between Fultano's Pizza and the Warrenton Mini-Mart on Harbor Drive.

"I had my second daughter and I decided to come back to work. I knew a lot of people here," she said of Bubba's. "I've always heard it's a great place to work, so I came and asked if they were hiring and got a job."

The clientele at Bubba's trends toward locals. Edwards takes a fairly straightforward and friendly approach to tending bar.

"I just really like meeting new people," Edwards said. "I enjoy especially with our regulars, when they come in, knowing exactly what they want and having it ready for them when they get in the door. Really, it's just a fun environment. Sometimes you can create relationships that last a long time."

Bubba's Sports Bar is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The bar is located at 78 E. Harbor Drive in Warrenton.



Lindsey Edwards has been a bartender for eight years — two of them at Bubba's Sports Bar.

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Brut Wine Bar owner Lisa Park pours a glass of wine.

Katie Frankowicz/The Astorian

# BEST WINE BAR, WINE SHOP: BRUT WINE BAR

BY KATIE FRANKOWICZ

When she opened Brut in October, owner Lisa Park hoped for several things.

She hoped people would like the wine bar; she hoped they would have fun trying new wines. She hoped it could be a place for visitors and locals alike.

"It's exceeded my expectations," she said.

Business has been steady. She sees a variety of ages and wine backgrounds at the bar — and, important to her, many locals who are repeat customers.

While Astoria has no shortage of bars to cater to a variety of moods, experiences and budgets, Park feels she created something new with Brut. While she does stock regional wines, much of her shelf space is dedicated to exports, wine people wouldn't often encounter at local restaurants.

At Brut, customers can drink wine by the glass, buy a bottle for the table, or sample a variety with a three-glass flight.

The flights are by far the most popular option Park offers.

"I think it's a way for people to have fun with it and not commit to a 6 ounce glass of wine," Park said. "If one is not your favorite, OK, you've tried it."

Though Park plans to expand seating options at Brut, she wants to maintain the wine bar's intimacy. She is also looking at ways to offer a wine-of-the-month club.

Most of all Park wants Brut to continue to be a way for her customers to explore wine or enjoy staples. There is no need to be pretentious about wine, she says.

"It's just juice and it's stupid to be snobby about it," she said.

It's meant to be enjoyed.

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