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Fire and Ice at Bartini

pepper for heat. 46 Club St (8138, 4342, www.bartini.com.sg). **Chinatown, Sun-Wed 4pm-midnight; Thu 4pm-1am; Fri & Sat 4pm-2am. Drinks \$10-\$30.**

Kinki Rooftop Bar

Best transporter This winning open-air rooftop bar makes us feel a little like being in some gritty Tokyo side street, in a good way. We like to sit perched on barstools that look straight onto weather-beaten walls spunked up with graffiti, 'Godzilla crossing' road signs and a corridor lit by red Asakusa-type lanterns. The menu strikes a different chord from the underground, home-run feel of this place: a little less than half the drinks menu is Japanese, while the cocktails have Western elements shaken in. The house special, Spicy Hachimitsu (\$16), is a refreshingly spicy martini glass that mixes vodka, honey umeshu, a tinge of wasabi gomme, fresh lemon and Japanese cucumber. **Roof, Customs House, 70 Collyer Quay (6533 3471, www.kinki.com.sg). **Raffles Place, Mon-Thu & Sat 5-10.30pm; Fri 5-9pm. Drinks \$11++ to \$16++.****

New and Old World bottles, with more than 50 available by the glass from \$5 each. The Cos d'Estournel 1991 and Dom Perignon are two rare finds. The food menu casts a wider net: from sandwiches and pizzas to duck confit and peanut butter-glazed fish fillet. #01-08 Marina Square, 6 Raffles Blvd (6338 1829, www.thetastingsroom.com). **City Hall, Mon & Tue noon-2pm, 7-11pm; Wed 10am-10pm; Thu 11am-noon, 4-11pm; Fri noon-3pm, 7-11pm; Sat & Sun 9am-10pm. Main courses \$8.90-\$25.90.**

The Naked Finn at A Curious Teepee

Pop-up izakaya and cocktail bar This temporary restaurant is only around for one more month. Run by the former Klee boys, you won't go wrong ordering up the omakase of small plates, and the strong, well-mixed cocktails - in particular, the Kiwi Martini (\$18): fresh kiwi is pounded, not pureed or slushed up, so sipping on it is like taking in fruit confetti from a martini glass.

The fibrous texture is retained and there is an additional depth of freshness in this drink that slushies lack. Watch out, though - you can't taste it, but the refreshing drinks are packed with two ounces of alcohol, instead of the conventional one ounce. Go to TimeOutSingapore.com for the full story. #02-24

*SCAPE, 2 Orchard Link (6820 1680, www.acuriousteepee.com). **Somerset, Tue-Thu 6-11pm; Fri & Sat 6pm-1am. Cocktails \$18-\$25.**

Serenity Spanish Bar and Restaurant

Say saludo to 24 new sangrias Already into its third year, the waterfront Spanish tapas restaurant has been keeping things fresh in the kitchen, constantly introducing new bites to the menu.

But this time, it's things behind the bar that have been upgraded. The highlight is seen in the list of crowd-pleasing sangrias. They are shaking up 24 versions, including the Pink Panther (red wine, raspberry schnapps, mint, tonic and mixed berries); and another that incorporates both Spain and Brazil, the Caipirinha Sangria (red wine, cachaça, lime and brown sugar). Beer guzzlers, fear not: they have also added 12 bottles of brew, including Madrid's Mahou. #01-98/99 VivoCity, 1 HarbourFront Walk (6376 8185, www.serenity.com.sg). **HarbourFront, Sun-Tue 11am-11pm; Wed & Thu 11am-midnight; Fri & Sat 11am-1am. Cocktails \$10-\$19.**

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Bars

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Quirk-laden urban bar

The owners of L'Entrecôte and Sabio have described their new venture as 'Jules Verne meets Banksy for escargot and a beer'. Clearly they are going for the urban-cult vote with their ground-floor shophouse bar and lounge on Club Street. Not content with the quirky collage-of-speakers-fronted bar, zigzag-patterned floors, hand-carved, life-sized tigers and art deco grills and frames, the walls - full-length paste-ups by urban artists - will get replaced every six to eight weeks. They've opened with a big pop too: Delamotte champagne is served by the magnum (\$145 bottle, \$15 glass), alongside draught Swiss beers and a playful contemporary menu of dishes like 'Drunken' Snail Croquettes (\$15) and 'Plate of Meat' (\$46) - lamb chops, Wagyu beef and roast chicken on one plate. 83 Club St (6220 4083, www.83clubstreet.com). **Chinatown, Mon-Thu noon-midnight; Fri noon-2am; Sat 5pm-2am. Drinks \$7-\$18.**

Bartini

Club-class cocktails Channel NewsAsia presenter Patrick Fok has joined up with three friends to open what they boast to be the only bar on Club Street dedicated to cocktails and mixology. With many similar haunts around the city picking up a snobby reputation, Bartini seems set on avoiding this and has games like Jenga and Four Square (the board game, not platform) making appearances on tables, and a chill lounge set up towards the back, projecting football and rugby matches. We must say though, burly sport fanatics are not known for rooting for their team with a fancy cocktail in hand. Luckily they are serving San Miguel (pint \$13) on tap and have plans to import hard-to-find bottles. It's also a good thing that tables have been set up in the front for those who would, in fact, like to sip on the creative concoctions. We'd recommend the Fire and Ice (\$20), a *mélange* of watermelon liquor, vodka, fresh watermelon and red chilli



Serenity's Caipirinha Sangria

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