

# Haute Cocktail Alert: Introducing the Fashionable Pornstar Martini

One writer decodes the allure behind the chic set's new favorite drink.



If there's one thing we can all agree on, it's that gatekeeping culture is becoming increasingly harder to conceal. So it's only fitting, the time has come to break my silence on my favorite cocktail. Enter: the Pornstar Martini. The cocktail has long been reserved for fashionable Parisians and aristocratic Londoners. But no more. It's time to let cocktail fanatics on this side of the pond in on the fun, and we're doing it by scouring New York City for the few places that are ahead of the cocktail trend that you can sip on this delicious cocktail.

Yes, you read that correctly. The Pornstar Martini is as provocative as its name suggests. It's bold, it's daring, and it's unapologetically sexy. So what makes the chic set's drink so special? For starters, with a blend of vanilla vodka, tangy passionfruit juice, and tart lime, the cocktail boasts a complex and indulgent taste that decidedly tantalizes tastebuds. The garnish, passionfruit or vanilla pod, add an element of chic sophistication and a touch of refinement. And despite its risqué name, the pornstar martini has been a ubiquitous fixture at chic *boîtes*, trendy bars, and A-list nightclubs for years reinforcing its enduring popularity and appeal.

In Paris, the club and restaurant *Silencio des Prés*, the epitome of sophistication and style situated on *rive gauche*, just celebrated its tenth anniversary. Inspired by David Lynch's iconic club *Silencio* in the film *Mulholland Drive*, the venue leans into the same mystery and allure of the cocktail. Mixologist Remy Savage shares his secret tip on perfecting his Pornstar Martini. "Adding apple to the cocktail can provide a slightly tart and crisp flavor that complements the sweetness of the passion fruit and vanilla," adding, "its unique flavor profile and presentation which was served with an Half passion fruit is the reason behind the popularity of the drink and Americans are in for a treat."

Now, I can already hear New York martini connoisseurs scoffing at the mere mention of this cocktail. "It's not a real martini!" they'll say. "Where's the vermouth? Where are the olives?" But you know what? C'est la vie! The Pornstar Martini is its own thing, and it doesn't conform to anyone's rules. It's a rebel, which, aside from its sweet yet tangy taste, is the other reason I fancy the drink. Below, you'll find the spots in Manhattan to indulge and immerse yourself in the luxe and louche attitude that comes from being a Pornstar Martini drinker. You're welcome in advance.

### *Hotel Chelsea Lobby Bar*

Tucked inside **MICHELIN Guide Hotel** selection Hotel Chelsea, the Lobby Bar elevates the typical cocktail experience. Skilled mixologists masterfully craft a unique iteration of the pornstar martini that's far more than a drink; it is an experience. With a harmonious blend of premium ingredients and creative flair, the Lobby Bar's take on the drink is nothing short of exceptional. "It's a playfully sophisticated riff on the modern London classic Pornstar Martini cocktail," says Brian Evans, director of bars for Sunday Hospitality.

