Dining Out In New Milford: EIRON RA

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Ah it's time to kick wour feet up and pour yourself a drink! Get out your tanning oil and the largest beach hat you have. One of the easiest ways to transport yourself to a far away land is to make yourself a delectable cocktail.

Whether you're a fan of wine, beer, or hard liquor any one can transport you to that spirit's origin. Swirling a Burgundian Pinot Noir can take you to the quaint city of Dijon. Sipping an Anejo Tequila can take you to the bustling area of Jalisco, Mexico.

Tending bar is one of my new passions; I love playing around and experimenting with flavors and colors. And don't even get me started on the world of garnishes. Garnishes not only give us a hint on the flavor of the drink but also dresses up a cocktail, exciting our senses.

Whether you're hosting a BBQ, or hosting a staycation, pick a part of the world you would like to explore and indulge in all that it has to offer.

For example, if one of your favorite foods is pizza, you could make an Italian themed meal. Start by making a Spritz with one of the many Italian aperitifs or a Malfy Gin Spritz which is much easier to make than it sounds. Just grab a glass- a stemmed glass will look prettier) Pour in 2 oz of the Aperol or gin and top with sparkling wine and club soda. Garnish with an orange slice or lemon slice and if you really want to feel fancy, stir in some edible glitter.

For your second or third course send yourself to the Italian countryside with a crisp Greco di Tufo or a Nebbiolo. Lastly finish your trip with a chilled Limoncello or a Grappa.

This may not be the same as exploring Italy, but tasting, smelling, and feeling the beautifully crafted spirits, allows you experience the passion and love that is evident in the beverage. The same passion, love, and excitement that we feel when we explore a new country or culture.

At the Iron Rail we like to take trips to many different parts of the world, and we can't wait for you to join us.

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