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# Changes at the L'Ermitage Include a New Cocktail Program

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Old standby, The Writer's Bar at L'Ermitage in Beverly Hills is now owned by the hip Viceroy Group and will be experiencing many cosmetic changes in the coming months, but most recently, they have rolled out a new cocktail menu with small plates.

Just to be clear, this is NOT a happy hour, but cocktails will be rotated every few weeks and include special drinks of the day. Recent concoctions such as the Tropical Elder with pineapple infused vodka, St. Germain elderflower liquor and Crème de Banana is a refreshing change from a daiquiri. Bar Tender Josh Golden was 'stolen' from the W Hollywood by the new management, and is very exacting about his drink recipes. "The ingredients need to be all fresh. If there is one thing off, the entire drink is wrong," he says.

Along with bar manager and mixologist Stephanie Ruhe, they are also crafting Moscow Mule's with Reed's Ginger Beer; India Fizz with Broker's Gin; and the Bertha which looks just like a pisco sour but uses Hacienda Mexicana Blanco rather than pisco – and their signature one giant slow melting ice-cube.

Nibbles include Japanese chicken balls or Swedish yakatori; mini-onion tarts and tater tots with Guerrier cheese. Until now, there was not a good excuse to dine at the restaurant, but they have a visiting Chef Troy Thompson who will be running the kitchen at Iron Chef Morimoto's when he opens in Hollywood at Santa Monica and Vine this December. After that, a celebrity chef will man the kitchen at L'Ermitage and we can let you know who – just not yet, so stay tuned. [The Feast]

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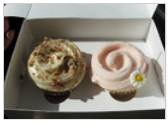
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