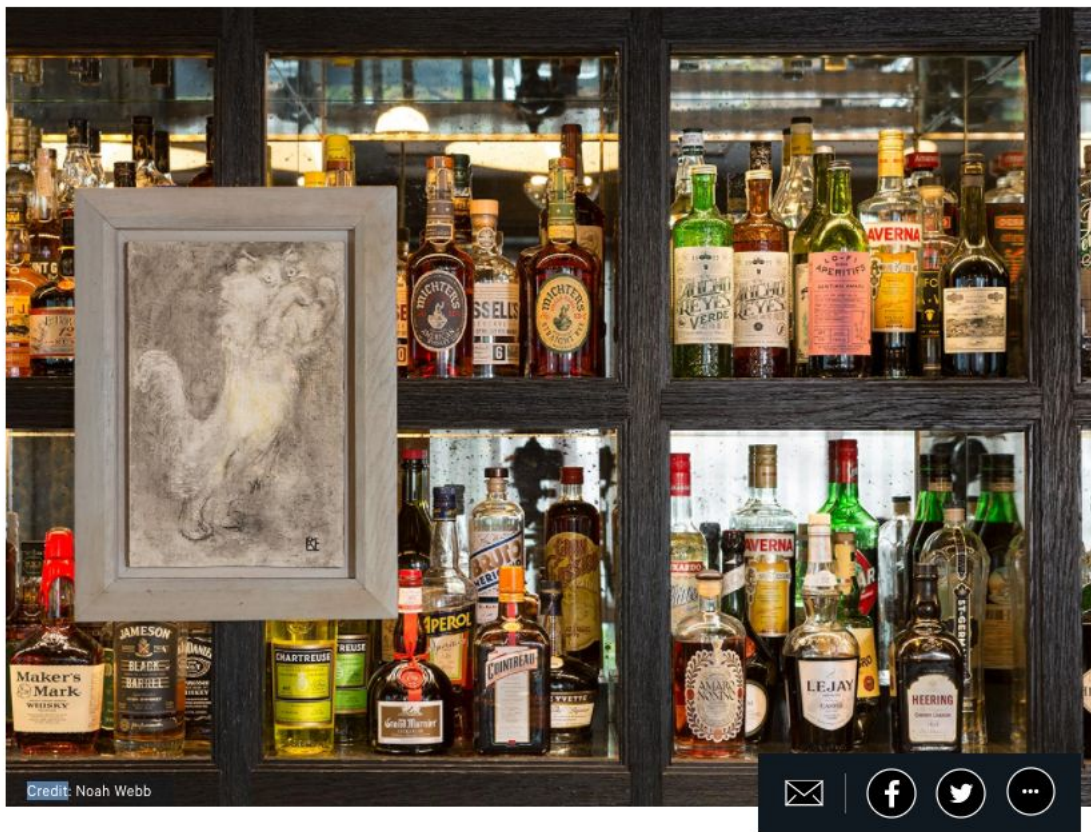


San Francisco's Most Important Bar Openings of 2017

FROM AN ÜBER-CHIC HOTEL ROOFTOP BAR TO A BREWERY WITH A POPULAR PATIO



Credit: Noah Webb

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San Francisco clearly needed a few drinks in 2017. The year saw incredible growth, with bar openings spanning the seven-by-seven miles from White Cap's surfer-chic vibe and craft cocktails in the Outer Sunset to Anchor Public Taps' vintage look and seasonal beers in Potrero Hill. Wine also got the spotlight for unique pairings (Parigo in the Marina) and bubbles with a side of joie de vivre fun (The Riddler in Hayes Valley). Here's a toast to 2017's best new bars in San Francisco.



Credit: Courtesy of White Cap

White Cap

The lucky Outer Sunset is home to this friendly cocktail tend started by surfer buds Matt Lopez and Carlos Yturria. It's not a surfer-themed bar per se (no Beach Boys on the soundtrack), but the bar's low lighting with a blue and white design evokes the Pacific waves just a few feet away. White Cap's libations are split between rotating themed cocktails and a regular roster, all designed by Yturria (*The Treasury*). His drinks stick with simple three- or four-ingredient concepts — usually involving his beloved sherry — and pack more flavor than the descriptions suggest.

Must-drink: Maple Hammer (a smooth concoction of George Dickel rye, bitters and maple-walnut reduction served on a big cube); the refreshing mezcal, manzanilla sherry and aloe Heat Gun cocktail

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