

## MORE DRINK WINNERS



### Bartender of the Year: MATT SEITER, SANCTUARIA

Sanctuaria bar manager Matt Seiter is dedicated to spreading the good word of liquor-dom. Seiter has tales to tell about every bottle sitting on Sanctuaria's shelves, but what about the booze bios in his own personal stash at home? We stopped by to find out.

— Interviewed by Ligaya Figueras

#### LAUCHE KUMMEL

"This is some old booze from the 1940s. I got it unopened, but I had to open it to see what it tasted like."

#### ELIJAH CRAIG 12-YEAR-OLD BOURBON

"This is from the first barrel that Sanctuaria picked. The second barrel, we just got in. It's bottled exclusively for Sanctuaria."

#### BEAM AND BUD

"I don't make drinks at home. I don't keep juices. I drink stuff straight. I like Jim Beam and Budweiser. A shot of Jim Beam and a Bud. Sip back and forth."

#### REHORST GIN

"This is the gin I sip on. I have bottles from the first, second and third release. This stuff is freaking phenomenal."



#### CAMUS BORDERIES XO COGNAC

"A Camus brand ambassador came to Sanctuaria one night. He brought out an open bottle of Borderies and gave it to me. It's \$150 to \$160 a bottle. I poured tastings for everybody at the bar. He goes, 'Why'd you do that? That was for you.' I said, 'What am I going to do? Take it home and drink it by myself? Those guys [at the bar] would probably never have the chance to taste it.' A couple weeks later he sent me a full bottle saying, 'Thanks for sharing and for the support.'"

#### ELIJAH CRAIG 20-YEAR-OLD SINGLE-BARREL BOURBON

"It's the first bottling of their 20-year-old [whiskey]. I tasted it right out of the barrels. It's the best whiskey I've ever had in my life. There's just a little drop left. I guess I'm saving that for hard times."

#### WILLETT KENTUCKY BOURBON

"This is from a 21-year barrel. It's straight out of the barrel; no water added. There were only 15 bottles made; this is bottle No. 12. I paid \$180 for the bottle. It's the second best whiskey I've ever had. It's being saved for a death, a birth or if I ever get married."

#### MOSCOW MULE MUG

"It's the original Moscow Mule mug from the Cock'n Bull in Hollywood – the original place for the Moscow Mule."

Bartender of the Year  
**MATT SEITER, SANCTUARIA**  
**2nd:** Ted Kilgore, Taste by Niche  
**3rd:** TJ Vytalil, Blood & Sand  
**Honorable mention:** Seth Wahlman, Eclipse

#### Favorite pub

##### LYWELYN'S PUB

Various locations, llywelynspub.com

**2nd:** O'Connell's Pub

**3rd:** John D. McGurk's Irish Pub and Garden

#### Honorable mention:

Dressel's Public House

#### This place makes the best cup of coffee in town

##### KALDI'S COFFEE

Various locations, kaldiscoffee.com

**2nd: (tie)** The Mud House and Northwest Coffee Roasting Co.

**3rd:** Sump Coffee

#### Honorable mention:

222 Artisan Bakery

#### When I need just one more, I head here for a nightcap

##### SANCTUARIA

4198 Manchester Ave., St. Louis, 314.535.9700, sanctuariastl.com

**2nd:** Baileys' Chocolate Bar

**3rd:** Brennan's Wine, Food & Tobacco

#### Honorable mention: (tie)

Fox & Hounds Tavern and Gettemeier's Bar & Grill

#### This is sports fans' home base

##### LESTER'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL

Various locations, lestersrestaurant.com

**2nd:** The Post Sports Bar & Grill

**3rd:** Mike Shannon's Steaks and Seafood

#### Honorable mention: (tie)

Stadium Sports Bar and Grill and St. Louis Sports Zone

#### This place does happy hour right

##### MODESTO TAPAS BAR & RESTAURANT

5257 Shaw Ave., St. Louis, 314.772.8272, modestotapas.com

**2nd:** Llywelyn's Pub

**3rd:** Nick's Pub

#### Honorable mention:

Café Mochi