

Trunk Show

A Vermont inn invigorates a classic cocktail



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> HYPERLOCAL IS THE FOCUS AT VERMONT'S convivial Red Clover Inn, a restored 1840s farmhouse on a hilltop just five miles from Killington Resort and Pico Peak. So as you might expect, foraged foods and ingredients from local farms dominate the menus at the inn's renowned restaurant and tavern. But here, even the cocktails have local flavor. "We try to educate our guests about Vermont products," says Thomas Laue, the inn's bartender. "We're doing a lot of old-fashioned cocktails but with local ingredients."

The bar's most popular cocktail, the Vermont Maple Manhattan, features a maple liqueur called Sapling (not to worry — pure maple syrup is a fine substitute in our recipe*). The maple adds a rich, earthy depth to the legendary cocktail, making it a friendly tippie even for nonbourbon fans. The fireside lounge is where you'll find guests and dedicated locals relaxing after a day of downhill or cross-country skiing, watching the sun set over the snowfields and Pico Peak in the distance, tipping back the first taste of the local feast that awaits them. **●**

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