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The intoxicating blueberry-minty Garden Mojito from Terrain Cafe in Bethesda is among 10 fresh spring cocktails we think you'll love. [PAGE 112](#)

# 10 Spring Sips

Move over, old-fashionedes and dirty martinis. Let's celebrate the change in season with invigoratingly light cocktails. **BY JACQUELINE MENDELSON**

- 1 **LA ROSA** **WHAT** Código Rosa tequila, rose water, hibiscus, lime, agave, chili lime rim **WHY** The wine barrel-aged tequila adds just a hint of sweetness—the perfect complement to the housemade rose-infused tres leches cake. **WHERE** *Cielo Rojo, 7056 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park*
- 2 **LA VIE EN ROSE** **WHAT** Vodka, pomegranate liqueur, lemon, Champagne, raspberries **WHY** You'll be seeing life through rose-colored glasses as soon as this bubbly coupe hits your lips. **WHERE** *Duck Duck Goose, 7929 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda*
- 3 **SPICY LITTLE THINGS** **WHAT** Tequila, grapefruit juice, lime, serrano chili syrup, grapefruit soda **WHY** A mildly piquant paloma with a dried-serrano garnish. **WHERE** *Hello Betty, 940 Rose Ave. (Pike & Rose), North Bethesda*
- 4 **CLARIFIED PIÑA COLADA** **WHAT** Coconut milk, pineapple, lime, rum **WHY** A single sniff of this luminescent tropical chiller will take you straight to the islands. **WHERE** *Hip Flask Rooftop Bar, 7707 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda*
- 5 **BLACKBERRY BLOSSOM** **WHAT** Butterfly pea-infused gin, elderflower liqueur, blackberries, basil, lemon, demerara, egg whites **WHY** Purple eye candy in a liquid nitrogen-chilled coupe. **WHERE** *Julii, 11915 Grand Park Ave. (Pike & Rose), North Bethesda*
- 6 **FROSÉ** **WHAT** Dry rosé, vodka, strawberries, lemon, sugar **WHY** Who needs dessert when you can slurp a pale pink wine slushy that packs a punch? **WHERE** *Millie's Spring Valley, 4866 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.*
- 7 **GARDEN MOJITO** **WHAT** White rum, blueberry syrup, blueberries, lime, mint, club soda **WHY** An effervescent highball for green thumbs to sip before browsing the curated selection of garden items for sale next door. **WHERE** *Terrain Cafe, 7228 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda*
- 8 **IN THE AIR** **WHAT** Green tea-infused shōchū, pisco, pomegranate juice, lemon, simple syrup, cherry blossom air **WHY** Yes, we said cherry blossom air. Dehydrated petals are frothed with a hand blender to top this crimson-tinted trompe l'oeil. **WHERE** *Zinnia, 9201 Colesville Road, Silver Spring*
- 9 **CHEVY CHASE GIN & TONIC** **WHAT** Gin, Mediterranean tonic, rose water, orange essence, citrus, mint **WHY** A refreshing warm-weather botanical classic, best enjoyed on the outdoor patio. **WHERE** *Opal, 5534 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.*
- 10 **THE LILA** **WHAT** Gin, Manzanilla sherry, vermouth, butterfly pea-infused simple syrup, lavender bitters **WHY** Come for the discounted tapas at sangria hour, stay for this lilac-hued take on a dry martini. **WHERE** *Spanish Diner, 7271 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda*

