

Old bartenders, new bars

A pour-by-pour guide to the incoming batch of cocktail destinations.

Mixologists are the inarguable draw at Bay Area cocktail hotspots, but generally speaking, they're still hired help. This winter, that trend will be shaken up, as **some of the region's best bartenders become bar and restaurant owners**. In some instances, these celebrated masters of spirits are collaborating with former bosses; in others, they're divorcing themselves from their past experience as powerless underlings. Either way, we'll soon see what happens when bartenders themselves start calling the shots. ■ CAMPER ENGLISH

