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## Q&A WITH BELVEDERE BRAND AMBASSADOR, GARTH FOSTER

**What are the current and upcoming trends in cocktails?**

Overseas, we are seeing a revival of the "cocktail hour". This classic phrase from last century celebrated the

tipping point between a working day and an evening of leisure. The cocktail was both a sophisticated reward for completing the responsibilities of the given day but also an artistic source of inspiration for where the evening might take you – cocktail hour is the perfect time for a Belvedere Intense Martini.

Another emerging trend is shared cocktails, either between two or three people, but sometimes as many as 15. Mike Enright, Merivale Group bars manager, is doing this particularly well at Ivy Pool bar with custom-designed shared cocktails presented in replica clam shells. Shared service engages the group who are out together and brings a sense of festivity to the occasion.

**If you were to create a madison cocktail what would it be in it?**

It would be a cocktail made for sharing, as I see the magazine being quite interactive and including pieces that readers can communicate about. It would have a floral element to highlight beauty, summer fruits representing fun and health and a high-quality spirit for

sophistication. Say... Madison Avenue: Belvedere Pink Grapefruit Vodka stirred through macerated watermelon, chilled rosebud tea, cranberry and citrus juices, and a splash of Veuve Clicquot champagne.

**What are your top cocktail-making tips and tricks?**

Always use Belvedere vodka! Remember that every alcohol has a personality. Always make sure when working with it that you allow this personality to come through – never try to hide it. Whatever the cocktail, remember the four "Ss": strong, sweet, sour, savoury. If it doesn't taste the way you would like it to, alter one of these things.

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