



WIGHT SAY I spend too much coffee shops. And others might soend too much time in bars. or not they're right, I'm happy m cutting that number in half. Not because I'll be drinking artados or saisons, but because eers, natural wines, and dialed-in s are cropping up all over coffee erus. Now the espresso joints ew love are turning into my ed spots to grab a drink at night. itment to quality booze mirrors of on to single-origin beans rise that those who put care into ng organic Kenyan coffee are out over biodynamic Riesling.

But this movement is also about the money. "Having high alcohol margins allows us to keep our coffee more affordable and get customers in the door more than once a day," says Andrew Trautman, one of the owners of Remedy House in Buffalo.

After having an exceptional 8 a.m. cortado the last time I was at Remedy House, I understood that. The minute I walked out, I was thinking about coming back for a post-dinner amaro. And probably a glass of light-bodied red.

But how does this dual identity happen exactly? And who else is making it work? Introducing the new breed of coffee shop. Actually, let's call them coffee bars.

- ALEX DELANY

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Here are some of our favorite coffee shop hybrids in the country and what to order when you're there

#### GET THE WINE

#### Methodical Coffee Greenville, SC

The Order: Tart Scarpetta Frico Lambrusco

#### GET THE BEER

# Figure 8 Coffee **Purveyors**

Austin

The Order: Live Oak pilsner

# GET ANYTHING

# Remedy House

Buffalo

The Order: Amaro, cocktails, beer, wine. We love this coffee shop for all the reasons.

#### GET THE AMARO

## W/NW/N Philadelphia

The Order: Whatever the bartender's into that night

## GET A COCKTAIL

#### Either/Or Portland, OR

The Order: The chocolaty Run



# Ask a Barista, er... **Bartender**

Angie Thompson, a drink maker at Methodical Coffee, talks shop

## Why turn the coffee shop into a bar?

Wine is like coffee's cool older cousin. The deeper we get into it, the more we learn about terroir, which helps us be more well-rounded coffee professionals.

#### Was there also an economic reason?

Totally. It's key to expand so we're not pigeonholed serving lattes. This guarantees more job security.

#### What's the response been?

One of our most loyal customers is a guy who works at a nearby Starbucks. He chooses to come to a coffee shop during his breaks to drink some wine! That's evidence that we're redefining what a coffee shop can be. -ELYSE INAMINE



