



Rachel's  
Ginger Beer

## Craft Curated, No Booze

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▶ Forget soda and bitters. Shelve the Shirley Temples. Low- and no-alcohol craft drinks have burst onto the Seattle scene.

Anna Wallace, of **Seattle Seltzer Company**, carbonates a tincture of celery seeds and stalks with lime juice. The result: a bright, kicky soda that **Rain Shadow Meats** pairs perfectly with its charcuterie in the newly energized Pioneer Square area. Nearby, persimmon soda—and whey and lime—spice up the menu at **Bar Sajor**, 2012 James Beard Best Chef Northwest Matt Dillon's new project. Slide up to the bar for a draft kombucha, drinking vinegar, or kvass (a fermented-bread drink with trace amounts of alcohol). The eatery features an equally bold rotating menu, which includes curios like tea eggs.

**DRY Soda** founder Sharelle Klaus thought consumers deserved a healthier alternative to classic sodas, so she made one in 2005. Stop by her Pioneer Square tasting room (or get a four-

pack at a grocery) to see what she makes with just four all-natural ingredients per blend. **DRY's** flavors, such as pear, cherry, and cucumber, have a quarter to a third the sugar of mainstream brands.

Seattle even celebrates craft beverages in Pike Place Market. **Rachel's Ginger Beer** opened a cocktail-slinging soda fountain there last summer, featuring seasonal specials like strawberry rhubarb and Asian pear.

But for really unique souvenirs, visitors often gravitate to **Jones Soda**, which ships cans and bottles with custom labels. Shoppers upload text, choosing among flavors like a classic root beer and the 30-calorie "stripped" Chipotle Pineapple, and get a very sweet surprise. ●



◀ certificates of various maritime accomplishments.

On the east side of Lake Washington is the Puget Sound's most remarkable wine country experience: Woodinville, home to some 90 tasting rooms. Start the day at the Warehouse District with a taste of Washington Riesling at **Efeste**, then meander across the street to the industrial strip for a chance to truly meet your maker—think a cop-turned-winemaker at **Guardian Cellars** or **Darby Winery's** Darby English. From there, head across North Woodinville Way for a taste of grenache blanc at **Two Vintners**, Old World varietals at **Pomum**, and more. In all, you can sample 40 wineries within a single mile in the area.

Middy move on to the Hollywood Schoolhouse area, where more than 20 wineries pour forth. Don't miss the eastern Washington wineries that have recently established tasting rooms here, including Red Mountain's **Fidelitas**, and Walla Walla's **Amavi** and **Dusted Valley**. Slide in for a sample of the Doyenne cab-syrah at **DeLille** then sate yourself with a



▲ **Guardian Cellars**

bite at **The Commons**.

Before night falls head west on Woodinville-Redmond Road for a taste at industry stalwarts such as the enormous **Columbia Winery**, gorgeous **Novelty Hill** and **Januik**, and the high-scoring **JM Cellars**. If you're fortunate enough to be there select evenings June through September, settle onto the lawn at the state's oldest winery, **Chateau Ste. Michelle**, for a sip and a concert from Sarah McLachlan, John Legend, and more. ●



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