

# DUJOUR

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## DRINK *DUJOUR*: HAUNTING SPIRITS

Pumpkin butter, apple cider and more create three festive cocktails for the season

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The air is crisp, the pumpkins are carved, the [haute Halloween treats](#) are purchased—go on, you deserve a stiff drink. Nearby restaurants are happy to oblige.

"Halloween is a celebration of so many symbols," says Remi Laba, co-owner of New York's Bagatelle restaurant. "We found that the Calico Jack's fig-aged whiskey base captures the dark side of this god-forsaken day, warming the blood with a dark feel, yet yummy taste." Très creepy.

Served over skull-shaped ice cubes, the Calico Jack certainly does embody the spirit of the season. Visitors dining at Bagatelle over Halloween weekend can enjoy the restaurant's annual decorations for an even more festive holiday, and it's far from the only restaurant embracing its ghoulish side. This year, even more restaurants are offering limited-edition drinks and menu items meant to invoke goblins and ghosts.

"Aside from using pumpkin butter, the Pumpkin Head cocktail incorporates fall-friendly spices like cinnamon, and the ginger ale adds a spicy note," says Johnny Swet, partner at Jimmy at The James New York. "We also added other fall cocktails to the menu that incorporate similar flavors, such as walnut and maple syrup."

Over at David Burke Kitchen, beverage director Connor Burke tapped a seasonal favorite for their holiday drink offering, the Bobbing for Caramel Apples. "For me, apple cider is the best fall drink," said Burke. "Any time we can work it into a cocktail around Halloween is fantastic." And it's far more civilized than actual bobbing for apples.

The creepy concoctions can be made at home, too, with the following recipes. Try if you dare.

## PUMPKIN HEAD

1 oz. Tito's vodka

1 oz. Drambuie liquor

1/2 oz. Lime juice

1 oz. Orange juice

Bar spoon of pumpkin puree

Combine ingredients and shake with ice, then strain into a tall glass.

Add ice and stir in hard cider, then garnish with an orange slice.

(pictured right)

