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Time to go apple (martini) picking

Apple-picking season is upon us, but for bargoers, that means picking the right place to have an apple ... martini. Don't just sip your standard mouth-puckering martini; we've picked bars serving more intriguing apple libations.

Pomme Pomme, \$12: The interior at La Pomme Rouge—French for "the red apple"—draws upon the apple as an icon for temptation. Paintings of Adam and Eve hang on the wall, but the serpent can be found coiled around the stem of your glass of Three Olives Green Apple vodka, Cointreau, apple schnapps and a dried apple-chip garnish. *La Pomme Rouge, 108 W. Kinzie St.; 312-245-9555.*

CranApple Cooler, \$9: Laid-back bargoers at Lincoln Park's Goodbar pick this cooler made with your choice of vodka, muddled cranberry sauce and apple juice. Quaff this cran-apple treat, concocted by the people behind bartrix.com, at the bar on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. *Goodbar, 2512 N. Halsted St.; 773-296-9700.*

Apple-Tini, \$10: Order what sounds like a standard apple 'tini at Martini Park, and you'll even get a look at orchard offerings. Here, your cocktail of Ketel One vodka, apple liqueur and a splash of fresh apple juice comes with one of the cutest garnishes we've heard of yet: a baby apple. *Martini Park, 151 W. Erie St.; 312-640-0577.*

Appletart, \$10: Apples in desserts are delicious, but they're downright dreamy in your drinks. Try Ketel One Citroen vodka, apple liqueur, cinnamon schnapps, lemonade and cranberry juice served over ice and see if you don't crave another cocktail instead of a piece of pie. Or, swap your bushel of apples for an apple-y brew when you order the Spiked Apple Ale: Bud Select, creme de cassis and apple cider (\$10). *Rockit Bar & Grill, 22 W. Hubbard St.; 312-645-6000.*

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