



COCKTAIL MENU

Welcome to Shim's, Reno's first full-time Speakeasy in quite a few years. Named after the store from the 1960's, Shim's Surplus Supplies was originally established by Fred Shimkovsky in Oakland in 1940. Shimkovsky's son later moved his family to Nevada and opened the store on Sierra Street. Due to a flood the store relocated to 125 W 3rd Street where it continued to service the people of Reno. The term "speakeasy" gained wide currency during the prohibition era of the United States. So called, from the practice of speaking quietly and well about such a place in public, or when inside it, so as not to alert the police and neighbors.

Enjoy our offerings and speak easy of us.

VODKA

The origins of this neutral spirit are unclear with both the Poles and Russians claiming they invented it. One thing is clear though, it is Eastern European in origin and vodka literally translated in Slavic means "little water."

Citrus Flower Sour
Elderflower and almond come together in this crisp sour.

Grapefruit Crush
A simple crush of orange and grapefruit with Vodka.

BRANDY

The name brandy comes from the Dutch for burnt wine (brandewijn), referring to the application of heat in distillation. As most brandies are made from grapes, the best brandy producing countries have also been wine producing countries. The drink that was called "the liquor of the gods" by Victor Hugo (Cognac) has become known as a symbol of luxury.

Helios Sidecar
Brandy, blood orange, vanilla, and lemon combine to make this riff on the classic.

Diaspora Sour
A light, refreshing, and dangerously easy way of drinking brandy.

TEQUILA

A fermented beverage from the agave plant known as pulque was consumed in pre-Columbian central Mexico before European contact. When the Spanish conquistadores ran out of their own brandy, they began to distill agave to produce North America's first indigenous distilled spirits, which is now known as Tequila.

Bully for You
Coffee and tequila fused together in a sweet and spicy combination.

Italian Origin
Carpano Antica and tequila sweetened with pomegranate molasses.

WHISKEY

Gaelic in origin, meaning "water of life," Whiskey has had a rich history. It was used as currency during the American Revolutionary War and was responsible for an uprising in response to a federal excise tax imposed on it by Alexander Hamilton. The uprising was subdued on the orders of President George Washington. So it could be said that whiskey had a great part to blame for the origin of the Internal Revenue Service.

Mahogany Manhattan
A decadent combination of chocolate, raspberry, and cherry with whiskey.

Sunset Sour
The Classic: Whiskey sour with the addition of the tart, succulent, flavor of raspberry. (Courtesy of Shane Turner)

GIN

Seen as an integral part of a quintessentially English drink, the history of gin is actually Dutch, stemming from the spirit Genever. First introduced to the English during the Thirty Years War. Seen as the original "shot for courage/luck." It was taken to calm the nerves before a battle. It gained real favor, however, during the reign of William of Orange.

The Brumble
The flavor of gin is enhanced with the addition of raspberry and lemon.

Monkey Gland
If you like the flavor of anise, you will love this one. A sweet gin 'n' juice with an absinthe rinse.

RUM

Seen as the drink of pirate and scurvy sea dogs rum (or rhum) is a spirit made from molasses. Columbus first introduced sugarcane to the West Indie in 1493 and soon enough, rums were being produced throughout the Caribbean and South America. So let's 'Splice the Main Brace' and get some 'Grog' in you.

Two Hour Shift
Rum and Orange Liqueur elevated with black pepper and lime.

Rum Babalu
Rum, maple syrup, and ginger will quietly blow your mind.