

# GARDEN & GUN

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## The South's Best New Bars

For a taste of the South's cocktail revolution, pull up a stool at one of these recently opened establishments



The Elysian Bar  
New Orleans, LA  
Est.: October 2018

The backbar rises like a fevered swamp dream—stylized trunks of cypress trees as envisioned by a mildly unhinged art deco artist. Situated in the 1875 rectory of a former church complex a few minutes' walk from the Marigny neighborhood's bustling Frenchmen Street (the complex is now a lovely new boutique hotel), the bar lures hotel guests and neighborhood residents alike each evening with light fare and drinks overseen by the talented team from Bacchanal Wine and chef Alex Harrell. Order an exquisite Sazerac or select from a list of refreshing aperitif cocktails, then find a seat where mood dictates: the garden room, the elegant parlor, or that otherworldly bar. – WAYNE CURTIS