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Old Seelbach Bar

Michael Anderson, bartender at the Seelbach Hotel, won the Louisville Cocktail Competition last fall at Rye on Market with a variation on the Seelbach Cocktail.

### We asked Anderson about the origins of the drink.

The Seelbach Cocktail was created at the Old Seelbach Bar in 1917. It is said to have come about when a bartender reached for a patron's Manhattan to catch the overflow from a popped bottle of Champagne. Like many other classic recipes, the Seelbach Cocktail disappeared during Prohibition in the 1930s. In 1995, the hotel's restaurant director, Adam Seger, discovered the recipe and put it back on the hotel's cocktail menu. In short time, the Seelbach Cocktail has been established as a true classic cocktail and featured on menus all over the world.

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