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Alumni Club

Thursdays: \$2.50 Stoli and Malibu cocktails; \$2 Coors Light drafts. 871 E. Algonquin Road, Schaumburg

America's Bar

Tuesdays/Fridays: \$5 U-call-it martinis; \$3 U-call-it mixed drinks; \$4 bomb shots. 2308 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates

Cadillac Ranch

Fridays: \$3.75 Jim Beam Black cocktails. 1175 W. Lake St., Bartlett

Chandler's Chop House & Banquets

Every day: \$2.50 house wines; \$3.50 Absolut martinis and cocktails. 401 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg

Crystal's Party Bar

Fridays: \$2.75 bottles of Miller products; \$4 Absolut and Absolut-flavored cocktails. 800 S. Route 31, Crystal Lake

Dick's River Roadhouse

Mondays: \$1.50 domestic drafts; \$2.50 Coors Light 24-ounce stadium cups. 702 N. River Road, Mount Prospect

Famous Freddie's

Thursdays: \$2.50 Coors Light bottles. 510 S. Park, Fox Lake

Finn McCool's

Mondays: \$1.50 domestic drafts; \$2.50 Coors Light 24-ounce stadium cups. 72 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake

Fox & Hound

Tuesdays: \$2 pints. 910 W. Dundee Road, Arlington Heights

Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria

Thursdays: \$2 domestic drafts; \$3 import drafts. 1893 Walden Office Square, Schaumburg

Peggy Kinnane's

Every day: \$4 Cadarozas tequila shots; \$6 Cadarozas margaritas. 8 N. Vail Ave., Arlington Heights

Penny Road Pub

Tuesdays: \$2 domestic bottles; \$2.50 pints of Bud, Bud Light; \$2 well drinks. 545 Penny Road, South Barrington

Stonewood Ale House

Sundays: \$2.50 Bud Light pints; \$12 tabletop tappers; 4/\$10 bucket of beers. 601 Mall Drive, Schaumburg

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wine stacked up high. In addition to the chairs at the bar, there are various high-top tables scattered about the room. The black walls are covered with artwork that appears to have spilled over from the gallery situated nearby. Also, do not miss the lounge somewhat hidden in the back of Flight 112. It is there that you will find various couches to relax on as you enjoy your drink of choice.

Liquid consumption: I will admit that my knowledge of wine is fairly limited. In fact, I really did not know much about the beverage until I tended bar at a few catered parties. It was only then that I finally had to figure out the difference between a pinot noir, merlot, chardonnay or a pinot grigio. If you do know what I am talking about, rest assured, Flight 112 has what you're looking for. The ever-changing wine list is sure to delight and impress even the most judgmental wine drinkers with choices such as Blackstone Rubric, Vermonte Primus, Terra Barossa, King Estates, Bridlewood Viognier, Gruet Brut, Nachtgold Eiswein and many more.

Myself, I'm a beer guy, and Flight 112 takes its beer list just as seriously as its wine. I can honestly say that I have never been taken aback by a wine bar's beer choices — until now. During my visit, I spotted some of my favorite local breweries: Two Brothers, Three Floyds and Bell's. Other brewers I recognized included Left Hand, New Belgium, Allagash

and Dogfish Head. But then I spotted beers I had never heard of before. Buffalo Bill's Oatmeal Stout Blueberry? North Coast Scrimshaw? Southern Tier Old Man Winter Ale? Sign me up.

Food: As is the necessity with wine bars, you will find planks of cheeses and cured meats to choose from. According to Flight 112, its specialties are Cambodian beef/chicken skewers and mushroom bites. Also available on the menu are flatbreads (spinach and goat cheese, ham and apples and smoked salmon), paninis (prosciutto, veggie and grilled cheese), soups and salads.

Crowd: Do look for a crowd of

young and old who appreciate their wine. But now that the cat's out of the bag, I would not be surprised if beer lovers began to frequent Flight 112 as well.

Service: The service at Flight 112 was outstanding. The staff was extremely excited about the bar and more than happy to share their insight on alcohol, be it a brew that I had never heard of, the finer points of malt liquor or thoughts about cheap champagne.

Sounds: Music was not very prevalent at Flight 112, but if you perk up your ears, you can hear some tunes. I overheard some Prince, Wham! and Duran Duran playing throughout the bar. Yes, Wham!

Parking: Depending upon the time of day, you might be constricted when it comes to available parking. There are parking spots along the street as well as lots and a garage for the train commuters. Just check the signs, because once nighttime hits, most spots are fair game.

Overall: After my visit to Flight 112, it was readily apparent to me that the staff there is extremely passionate not just about wine, but beer as well. The wine and beer lists are constantly changing, giving one a perfect reason to keep coming back, not to mention that the prices are more than reasonable. The atmosphere is perfect for those who want to relax, have a great drink and enjoy one another's company. And if people start to complain that you're visiting Flight 112 too often, just tell them you're next door getting a "haircut."



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The pulled pork sandwich looks delicious — and it'll only set you back \$10.00.



Irene Brady, of Lombard, enjoys a glass of wine.