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Napa River Inn (1884) Napa, California

The Fink

Signature Drink: O.G. Mai Tai

Visitors to Napa, California, can find the region's best cocktails within a historic setting at The Fink, a playful cocktail bar founded in 2023 at the historic Napa River Inn. The bar occupies one of Napa Valley's most historically-significant commercial spaces: the foot of the grain silos within the warehouse and storage buildings of the Historic Napa Mill, which has anchored Main Street in Napa, California since 1884. The bar's historic building dates to 1944, when the building served as the Napa Milling Company. The mill installed the iconic 84-ft-tall grain silos to allow feed materials stored in the silos to be mixed in bulk quantities. Today, these imposing silos can be seen across downtown Napa, and visitors to The Fink can appreciate these elements from the building's industrial heritage as part of the bar's historic ambiance, as the venue maintains the character of this important piece of Napa's agricultural and industrial history. Guests literally drink where history happened, within the same brick walls that housed government-bonded wines over 130 years ago, where riverboat captains planned routes, and where Napa Valley's agricultural center was developed.

In 2023, Napa Valley vintner Judd Finkelstein, owner of Judd's Hill Winery, transformed the space into The Fink. Finkelstein designed the bar as a boathouse that pays homage to the late 1800s, when the Historic Napa Mill was Napa's commercial center, and river commerce dominated regional business.

There is not just one signature drink, but the O.G. Mai Tai may be the perfect embodiment of the bar's historical narrative. This house-made creation features authentic ingredients, including house-made orgeat syrup, and a carefully selected blend of two Jamaican rums, plus one from Martinique. The bar is known for its sophisticated ambiance, and offers a unique experience that combines the best of Napa's wine culture with innovative mixology.

Napa River Inn was inducted into Historic Hotels of America in 2004.