

# HOT HAUNT

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**N**ESTLED INTO A COZY CORNER OF the Grand Hyatt Aspen and just a short stroll from the gondola, lies Aspen's best-kept après ski secret. Furnished with oversized chairs and couches, a dual-sided fireplace, and an outdoor firepit, the Grape Bar attracts local rippers, part-time cruisers, and blue-square tourists. In the mood for a California Pinot Noir? Try a glass of Lockwood. If chardonnay's your thing, sip a beautiful Georges Duboeuf Pouilly-Fuissé from France. On the budget? You can't miss with

the \$6 Dollar Wine selections. And with more than 25 beers, 50-plus Agave spirits, and specialty cocktails like the Grape Bar Margarita, the place caters to all tastes. A selection of skinny cocktails—each with fewer than 150 calories—will help even the tightest stretch pants fit for another season. Live music and food specials complete the après-ski scene. Ski boots and smiles are not required but are highly encouraged.

*Grape Bar, 415 E. Dean St., 970-429-9108.*



**BOTTOMS UP:** Left, a glass of Lange Estate Winery and Vineyards 2009 Pinot Noir; below, Girard Chardonnay 2009

