



Nightcap

BAR, THEN BED

WRAPPING UP THE NIGHT WITH TRUSS & TWINE'S DAVE CASTILLO.

As told to Carolyn Horwitz

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Not your typical bar food: rabbit confit with root vegetables and crispy sage. This is how *not* to Sonic.



We've all been there — out all night and craving something to line the stomach... and maybe just one more drink. But what should you have to keep the party going and (perhaps) help you feel human in the morning? We asked Dave Castillo, bar manager at Truss & Twine — which serves cocktails and food until 1:30 a.m. on weekends — to solve this conundrum.

“If you’ve been drinking, you probably want to have something hearty. Toward the end of the night, everyone loves our pretzel sticks. We make our own pretzels, and they’re wrapped in our own pastrami. After, they’re brushed with some mustard-grain butter, and we throw them in the oven so they’re nice and hot and greasy. They’re wonderful. I personally like something we just put on the menu a few weeks ago: a grilled cheese on brioche with some braised short rib. We make pickled Fresno chiles here, so we whip some of those

into an aioli, and there’s a little bit of that on there. The one I think that people love the most is the rabbit confit — rabbit cooked really slowly in its own juices ... The smell, when it starts cooking, people in the entire bar start craning their necks, like, ‘What is that?’ We serve it with some roasted root vegetables and mustard with a little bit of crispy sage on top. That and a couple slices of bread — how wonderful is it to get that at 12 or 1 in the morning?

“At the end of the night, something like that and a nice brown ale — it’s comfort food. Maybe have a beer instead of what you’ve been drinking all night, mellow it down a little.

“Don’t get me wrong — a shitty cheeseburger every once in a while is heaven, but you wake up the next morning and say, ‘Oh, I feel terrible for drinking so much, and I also ate that cheeseburger at 2:30 a.m.’ If you have the foresight to stop in here and get something better instead, it’s like a victory.”

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