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FOOD

Cocktails

They'll light you on fire

Vietnam, 211 North 11th Street; 215-592-1163; www.eatatvietnam.com.

WINNER FOR: signature cocktail. The Flaming Volcano as served up by Vietnam Restaurant has everything—gin, vodka, brandy, rum, more rum. That extra rum is a shot of 151, placed in the middle of the volcano vessel (the drink itself fills a surrounding moat) and set on fire. The FV has been on the Vietnam menu for 10 years, but its popularity has grown apace with the city's lounge scene. (Vietnam is in the process of expanding its lounge, too.) The Flaming Volcano comes with two straws, though Vietnam owner Benny Lai says he'll down one solo— and not order another drink for the rest of the night.

1 oz. Gin

1 oz. Vodka

1 oz. Brandy

1 oz. White rum

1/2 oz. Grenadine

8 oz. Vietnam fruit juice (Reconstitute one can frozen orange-banana concentrate with one bottle banana liqueur and water)

Pour liquors, grenadine, and then juice over ice in a 15-ounce bowl.