

Barr Hill is Inspiring a Resurgence of the Bees Knees Cocktail

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Celebrating the Roaring 2020s With a Bee's Knees Cocktail

The Prohibition Era favorite is back on bar menus, with creative ingredients but the same inherent charm.



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The Bee's Knees cocktail — a simple sour composed of gin, lemon juice and honey that is one of the few enduring drinks to come out of the Prohibition era — is having a busy time of it.

If it's possible to trace the cocktail's resurgence, it might start with [Barr Hill](#), a Vermont distillery that finishes its gin with honey, thanks to the founder, who is also a beekeeper. In 2017, Barr Hill introduced Bee's Knees Week, an annual event that encourages bars to put the drink on their menu. Last year, nearly 2,500 bars around the country participated.

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