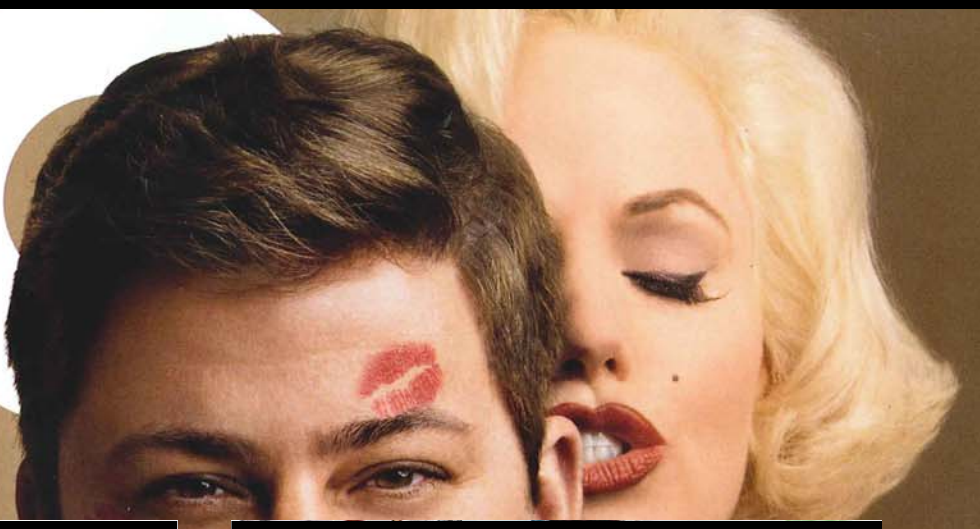




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### Drink Like a Chef

If you want a great cocktail, don't go to the liquor store—head to the grocery

→ Take a look behind a serious bar these days and you'd think you were walking the aisles at Whole Foods: Kaffir-lime leaves, pomegranate molasses, pickled vegetables, and even balsamic vinegar are but a few of the upscale products being called into service by your better bartenders. Assuming you are not yet ready to brew your own bitters or cure some manzanilla olives, here are five easy-to-use ingredients that will immediately upgrade your cocktails.—DAVID LYNCH

a cayenne-pepper kick. They're an ideal alterna-veggie for a Bloody, but Field prefers them in dirty martinis that incorporate some brine.

● **McSweet** of Maple Valley, Washington, is another source of pickling artistry; it was founded by a guy who was frustrated in his search for proper **cocktail onions** and decided to make some himself. Drop in an onion and a martini becomes a Gibson, but they're also a good way to start off a meal: Just empty a jar of McSweets onto an antipasto platter.

● **Amaro** means "bitter" in Italian, and the **amarena cherry**, which grows throughout the Mediterranean region and usually comes packed in sugar syrup with a touch of brandy, boasts a pleasing tartness and a deep ruby color. The



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