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## LIQUEURS - INTERNATIONAL

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*Editor's note:* The dramatic, perhaps even seismic, resurgence in cocktails over the last decade has put the spotlight once again on high-end and super-premium hand-crafted liqueurs, the sweet, fruity, spicy or pungent distillates that in some cases have been around for centuries. Liqueurs appear in thousands of cocktail recipes, old and new and are considered indispensable ingredients to bartenders.



**Bitter Truth Pimento Dram  
Allspice Liqueur**  
(Germany; Vision Wine &  
Spirits LLC, Secaucus, NJ)  
22% abv, \$32.

Mahogany brown color; very good purity. Lovely, delicately bitter opening aroma is pleasingly tangy, bark-like, botanical, spicy, peppery, piquant, keenly allspice-like; secondary sniffs following another few minutes of aeration largely echo the initial findings, adding chalk, gum, road tar. Entry is sweet/sour, caraway seed-like, citrus rind-like, fresh; midpalate goes acutely bark-like, sappy, spicy, earthy, botanical, medicinal. Like nothing you've tried before and worth the visit.

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★★★★/Highly Recommended

