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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 Violet Liqueur**  
(Germany; Vision Wine & Spirits LLC, Secaucus, NJ)  
22% abv, \$32.

Appearance-wise, BT Violet is more bluish than violet/purple and is, for all intents and purposes, opaque. The opening aromatics are lovely, delicately floral, a touch pine-like/cedary, with subtle traces of citrus peel; with further aeration, the bouquet settles in as the flowery aspect fades substantially. Entry is sweet, but not syrupy, floral/botanical in nature, with that deft hint of citrus again; midpalate flavor profile loses a little momentum from the entry. Finishes pleasantly, moderately flowery, medium sweet.

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★★★/Recommended

