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Drink Like Churchill at Black Hound Bar and Lounge

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Not to bludgeon the speakeasy idea (**regarding Wednesday's post**), but, there is a new one in town, and this time, it has popped up in the Financial District. Enter, Black Hound Bar & Lounge, the latest in stealthy craft cocktails by Jeremy Strawn of **Mulberry Project** and **Death & Co.**, and gourmet bar bites by Mexican chef Antelmo Ambrosio.

The theme runs along the line of literary, political, and artistic greats, which their cocktails mirror in name. This includes an ode to Ernest Hemmingway, and no, it's not the Hemmingway Daiquiri thank goodness. Instead, drink the Moveable Feast, a Sazerac Rye, Amaro Montenegro and Luxardo Fine combination that begs to for a snack like Ambrosio's truffle macaroni and cheese or tuna tartare to give it some sustenance.

They also have a Winston Churchill-inspired drink called Painting as a Pastime, which uses vodka, pistachio syrup, ginger and lime. I don't buy that Churchill would have been particular to this combination given he was more of a brown spirits or gin man, but it sounds good just the same.

Despite the drink, you might be able to picture Churchill sitting here, given the lounge's dark wood accents, the ceiling covered in antique mirrors, and the plush leather bar stools big enough to hold his heft. Also, what better place for the former prime minister of England than in the neighborhood dedicated to money and business relations. Now, you too can make like this great man, or Hemmingway, or any other creative type, and do that other thing they do best, throw one back.