

DRINK OF THE WEEK



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The Valitinie will be available at Fantasy Springs Resort Casino in Indio Friday through Sunday.

Your sweetie will swoon over this strawberry cocktail

Strawberries and spice, and everything nice — that's what the best cocktails are made of. Valentine's Day is quickly approaching, which means it's the perfect time to treat your special someone to a sweet, succulent delicacy.

Forget chocolates. Enter the Valitinie, a special drink on the menu at POM, The Bistro and Players Steakhouse at Fantasy Springs Resort Hotel and Casino in Indio. This mouth-watering potable is the brainchild of beverage manager Daniel Thomas, and includes fresh muddled strawberries, Godiva White Chocolate and Absolut Vanilla Vodka.

Too "girly" for you? Don't worry, boys there's a manly version of the tasty concoction for you. The Chocolate Strawberry Martini, which is made with Godiva chocolate, Absolut vodka, and — you guessed it — fresh muddled strawberries, will also be available this weekend.

Or, try it at home:



The Valitinie

- 1¼ oz. Absolut Vodka
- 1¼ oz. Godiva White Chocolate
- ¼ oz. strawberry liqueur
- ½ oz. Absolut Vanilla Vodka
- 4-5 fresh muddled strawberries

Instructions: Muddle fresh strawberries with Absolut Vodka and Vanilla Vodka. Add the rest of ingredients into an ice-filled mixing glass. Shake and strain into a cocktail glass, garnish with a sliced strawberry.



The Chocolate Strawberry Martini

- 1¼ oz. Absolut Vodka
- ½ oz. Absolut Vanilla Vodka
- ½ oz. Godiva Chocolate
- 4-5 fresh strawberries

Instructions: Muddle fresh strawberries with ingredients in an ice-filled mixing glass. Shake and strain into a chilled cocktail Glass. Garnish with a cocoa sugar rim.

Thomas' tip: "The fresher the ingredients the better."

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