



nolita House

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East Houston Street Pub Crawl

Coarse and utilitarian Houston is looking a bit shinier these days, if a little more coldly corporate. Joining the luxury apartments and soon-to-open Whole Foods at Avalon Chrystie Place are a handful of new bars that are almost upscale.



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Does Nolita House aspire to Soho House's level of sophisticated debauchery or mock it? The curated wine list and artisanal cheese plates—introductory, intermediate and adventurous—suggest a certain level of urbanity; rock-themed cocktails and the blare of Lynyrd Skynyrd suggest otherwise. But whether sipping a glass of Rioja (\$7) or slurping a London Calling (a flavorful clash of champagne, brandy, and maraschino cherries for \$9), each habitue is as well-behaved as the Shaker-inspired schoolhouse furniture. A space which once housed the rule-breaking Knitting Factory is now attracting a well-scrubbed crowd and keeping genteel closing hours.

•47 E. Houston St., between Mulberry and Mott Sts.; 212-625-1712; Mon-Thu, 5 p.m.-11 p.m.; Fri, 5 p.m.-1 a.m.; Sat, 11:30am -1 a.m.; Sun, 11:30am -11 p.m