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Experienced bartender with nearly a decade in hospitality, specializing in hotels, upscale bars, and private events. Skilled in craft cocktails, wine pairings, and high-volume service while delivering exceptional guest experiences. Recognized for excellence, including serving as a private bartender for *The Real Housewives of Orange County*, earning 2nd place in a Porsche of Irvine competition, and contributing to Red Bar winning Department of the Year. Seeking a part-time role at a distinguished restaurant or hotel to bring expertise and continue growing professionally.

Skills

- **Upselling & Sales Strategies** – Maximizing revenue by recommending premium spirits, craft cocktails, and high-margin items.
- **Event & Banquet Bartending** – Skilled in catering to large-scale events, weddings, and corporate functions with precision and professionalism.
- **Menu Development & Cocktail Innovation** – Creating unique, seasonal, and signature cocktails to enhance the drink menu.
- **Speed & Efficiency Under Pressure** – Maintaining high-volume service while delivering quality drinks and excellent customer interactions.

Work History

Bartender

Hyatt Regency Irvine, Irvine, CA

October 2023 - Current

- Served high customer volumes during special events, nights, and weekends.
- Organized bar inventory and storage procedures to keep stock within optimal levels and meet expected customer demands.
- Expertly set up and broke down bar stations, adhering to hotel procedures and ensuring seamless event execution.
- Collaborated with event coordinators and catering teams to ensure smooth beverage service and guest satisfaction.

Bartender

Paséa Hotel & Spa, Huntington Beach, CA

February 2021 - September 2023

- Created a welcoming and engaging atmosphere, delivering top-tier customer service that earned multiple positive Tripadvisor reviews.
- Adapted seamlessly across diverse service settings, including high-end banquets, fine dining at Lorea, and high-volume rooftop bar shifts.
- Leveraged sales expertise to upsell premium spirits and cocktails, increasing average order value.
- Contributed to seasonal menu updates, crafting innovative cocktails that enhanced the guest experience.

Lead Bartender

Redbar at Hotel Irvine, Irvine, CA

September 2016 - June 2020

- Consistently scored in the 90th percentile on secret shopper evaluations by mastering service standards, ID verification, and flawless cash handling.
- Featured in *LA Travel Magazine's Mixology Masters* article for innovative cocktail work with Porsche of

Irvine.

- Led interactive seasonal mixology courses for groups of 12, enhancing guest engagement and brand experience.
- Trained and mentored over 20 bartenders and barbacks, ensuring seamless team performance and adherence to best practices.
- Recognized as Employee of the Month multiple times for outstanding service, leadership, and contributions.

Lead Bartender/Server

Sayaka Restaurant, Riverside, CA

February 2016 - October 2017

- Owned responsibility to provide service for five different sections of the restaurant including bar, dining room, sushi bar, teppanyaki tables, and banquet parties
- Assisted servers with custom cocktails by thinking quickly and preparing special orders without delay
- Performed closing duties including thoroughly cleaning, sanitizing, and replenishing bar supplies