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Best After-Midnight Dining

MERCHANT'S

525 COLUMBUS AVE. AT 85TH ST. 721-3689;
112 SEVENTH AVE. AT 17TH ST. 366-7267

Open seven nights a week until 4 a.m., Merchant's is the perfect end to any night out. Sneak off to a late night rendezvous at this cozy spot for some serious wining and romantic dining. Catering to all, Merchant's prides itself on being a "non-attitude location." Whether you prefer sipping champagne cocktails by a fire or sampling grappa at an outdoor cafe, Merchant's offers an atmosphere and a drink for every taste.

There is even an all inclusive Sunday brunch for a reasonable \$9.95 for those who are early to rise. Late partyers stop by at all hours for some light grub, a hip social scene and some of the best martinis around town. Don't leave without having an "alternative" — not your typical vodka or gin — martini. The famous James Bond Martini is a sure shot! The best news: Merchant's will open a third New York City location at 1125 First Ave. at 62nd St. in November.

