

# Time Out

## New York

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### Merchants N.Y.

*112 Seventh Ave between 16th and 17th Sts (366-7267). Subway: 1, 9 to 18th St. 11:30am-4am.*

hour-and-a-half wait for the hearth area.) Copper accents on the ceiling and in the Arts and Crafts-style light fixtures. Low warm lighting. Fresh flowers. Barstools with backs.

**Bartender: 10**

Bobby: "Supposedly I'm an actor." So cute you want to take him home (and our guess is, the beauty sitting at the bar has). Admits to dating clientele. Plays music requests on stereo. General policy is every third drink free.

**House red wine: 8**

Domaine Caton Cabernet, 1994, \$4.50 a glass.

**House specials: 10**

Drinks: "A multitude of margarita!" Smooth, sublime and served by the pint (\$6).

Celeb specials: Johnny Depp, Linda Evangelista, Ethan Hawke, Drew Barrymore, Susan Sarandon, Eddie Vedder, Brooke Shields.

**Music, fun and games: 7**

Great stereo system. MTV playing on two TVs.

**Bathroom: 7**

Very green. Very clean. Only one toilet directly next to a full-length mirror, which can be humbling.

**Crowd: 8**

Neighborhood types who are friendly and open to conversation with strangers. "My home away from home," said one woman who comes alone.

**Likelihood someone will buy you a drink: 8**

Patrons are "always" buying newcomers drinks, according to one group at the bar.

**Likelihood of scoring a date: 5**

Said one regular, "It's a great place to take a date, not a great place to find one." We're giving customers a 50-50 chance as long as Bobby's available.

**TOTAL SCORE: 80**

**Aroma: 7**

Equipped with smoke eaters. Working fireplace.

**Aesthetics: 10**

Tri-level: nonsmoking section upstairs, curved bar on the main floor, fireplace in a living room-type setting downstairs. (Warning: In winter, there's an

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