

Après Action.

After a day skiing New Zealand's Queenstown, if the friendly locals don't warm you up these six great bars will

BEST BEER BAR

Wash down a Monteith's New Zealand Lager at Ferburger, where the communal tables create a social atmosphere. Hip and happening, rows of snowboarders, ski instructors and ski bunnies can be seen tucking into scrumptious burgers and alternative beers, including Speight's, Heineken, Amstel and Tiger. The menu offers the best burgers in the southern hemisphere with gluten-free bread and tofu and tempeh vegan options. **Ferburger, 42 Shotover St, tel: +64 (3) 441 3528**



BEST COCKTAIL BAR

Bar of the moment is the dimly-lit New York-style Bardeaux which attracts an interesting set who behave like angels until midnight when the crowd gets cranking. Get there early to secure the comfy lounge by the open fire then order the best mojito in town, mixed by Italian barman Angelo. Next door at Mini Bar (owned by the same crew), barman Chris Skyner is known for making a party out of even the smallest crowd.

Bardeaux
Eureka Arcade off the Mall,
tel: +64 (3) 442 8284



BEST MULLED WINE

Come winter, locals race off the mountain for Brazz, a vibrant pub located in the heart of Queenstown. From 5-7pm is happy hour with beers starting at NZ\$3.50 (AU\$2.80). But it's the signature Brazz's Mulled Wine made from hot red wine, brandy, star anise, cloves and orange juice at just NZ\$7 (AU\$5.50) that has folks returning time and again.

Brazz
1 Athol St, The Village Green, tel: +64 (3) 442 4444



BEST LIVE MUSIC

Skybar offers an eclectic play list, from Johnny Cash to the latest indie bands from the UK. There's a menu of premium spirits and liqueurs and the interior is equally tantalising, with a stylish fireplace. Says ski instructor Mike Enright: "Skybar is my favourite because of the staff."

Skybar, 26 Camp St,
tel: +64 (3) 442 4283

BEST WINE BAR

Upstairs at The Bunker, one of Queenstown's swankier establishments, is an indoor-outdoor bar set around a fireplace and a cityscape skyline. Warm up around the fireplace and sip vintage Australasian wines. They also showcase the best Central Otago pinots, plus several reserve wines that are something special. "We've also invented a few new cocktails," owner Cameron Mitchell says proudly. Previously a manager, Mitchell loved the business so much he bought it. **The Bunker, Cow Lane,** tel: +64 (3) 441 8030



BEST ROMANTIC ATMOSPHERE

Get intimate at the House Bar at Eichardt's Private Hotel, the town's first and most historic lakefront hotel. Relax on the bar's comfy leather sofas around the beautiful fireplace and sip on Central Otago's pinots over delicious tapas of squid, chorizo sausage and lamb skewers. The interiors, service and drinks are first class and they serve the nicest lunches in town. Afterwards, stay on in one of five sumptuously furnished rooms. **House Bar, Eichardt's Private Hotel,** Marine Parade, tel: +64 (3) 441 0450