

## **Vieux Carré**

If you're a writer, don't move to New Orleans and expect to pen the "Great American Novel." You'll probably wind up spending much of your time visiting the hundreds of bars, drinking wonderful cocktails, schmoozing with interesting locals and passing out in all your clothes before you ever keyboard a single word. A scene from my new book-in-progress, *City of Spirits*, takes place in the Carousel Lounge, located in the Monteleone Hotel on Royal Street, in the French Quarter. Here is a recipe for a drink supposedly invented there. Hey, I don't write in New Orleans, but I've lost a few brain cells sitting at the revolving bar in the Carousel Lounge. And I loved every minute of it.

### **Ingredients**

- ¾ oz Cognac
- ¾ oz rye whiskey
- ¾ oz sweet vermouth
- ¼ oz Benedictine
- dash Peychaud's Bitters
- dash Angostura Bitters

### **Directions**

Stir and strain over rocks, lemon twist garnish