



Absinthe Minded

Oysters and Absinthe in Williamsburg



Pack a bag. Or don't.

But we're about to send you on a voyage into the heart of...
Brooklyn.

And when you arrive at your destination, you'll find a place of
untold riches.

That is, assuming you measure wealth in oysters and absinthe.

Welcome to *Maison Premiere*, a new Williamsburg watering
hole that's styled like an old French Quarter brasserie, only one
with designs on amassing the country's largest absinthe
collection, now open.

If you've ever wanted to live out the lyrics to "House of the Rising
Sun," or experience New Orleans in the 1890s, welcome home.
Expect: libertine living, cognac toasting and really, really old-
school jazz.

Walking in, you'll be greeted by the most welcoming of sights: a
colossal U-shaped marble bar. Behind which you'll find a
collection of strange and foreign artifacts. The most relevant to
you: an old absinthe and cold-water delivery tap that's crowned
with a miniature Napoleon statue. (As if there were any other
kind.)

With authentic anise spirit acquired, you'll keep working your
way around the bar, eventually slipping behind a pane of opaque
glass and into the kind of back room that other back rooms
aspire to be. Within: access to a huge outdoor cocktail garden,
proper muffledettas and an ice-packed raw bar where they'll be
live-shucking 25 different varieties of oyster.

And one cherrystone clam with a serious inferiority complex.