



Spirit Vault Launches October 23 With On-Device Recipe Capture and a Friendly Ghost

The new iPhone and iPad app turns a photo, some text or a link into a cocktail recipe you can check, scale and mix. When you're missing a bottle, it suggests what to use instead.

NEW YORK, October 23, 2026 — Small Vision today launched Spirit Vault Cocktails, a cocktail recipe app for iPhone and iPad, available now on the App Store. Spirit Vault brings recipes in from photos, text, links and QR codes, keeps them in one vault synced through iCloud, and helps when a recipe calls for a bottle that isn't on the shelf. All of the app's AI runs on the device, so a person's recipes and bar never leave it.

Recipes from anywhere. Favorite cocktails tend to end up scattered: a card in a drawer, a page in a book, a link from a friend. Spirit Vault reads a photo of a recipe card or a book page, text pasted from a note or an email, or a recipe on the web, and picks out the name, ingredients, amounts and steps. The app's own rules read every amount, never the AI model, so a measurement can't be made up. Nothing is saved until the person has checked it. For anyone starting fresh, a catalog of 101 classic cocktails, from the Negroni to the Ramos Gin Fizz, is a search away.

Missing a bottle? Ask the Spirit Guide. Mark the ingredients you don't have, and the Spirit Guide suggests swaps, with adjusted amounts and a line on how the drink will change. Its suggestions come from a hand-built table of substitutions, and Apple Intelligence fills in for more unusual ingredients. It also works in the other direction: tell it what's on your shelf, and it shows what you can make right now, or with one more bottle.

Meet The Guide. Every vault is haunted by The Guide, a friendly ghost who



appreciates a good drink. Tap "Ask The Guide" on any recipe, and it writes a short note about what's in the glass, entirely on the device.

"My all-time favorite cocktail app was Highball, by Studio Neat, but it hasn't been updated in eight years. I wanted something that could pick up that mantle and deliver a modern experience built around legibility, easy importing and a dash of fun," said Jason Hawkins, founder of Small Vision.

Key Features

- **Import recipes from anywhere:** Snap a photo, paste text, share a link or import a friend's Spirit Vault recipe card. Spirit Vault picks out the name, ingredients, amounts and steps for you to check, and a recipe that runs across pages can take a few photos.
- **The Spirit Guide:** Get swaps for missing ingredients with adjusted amounts, see what you can make from what's on your shelf, and save a swap as a variation of the recipe.
- **Guide Notes:** The Guide, the app's resident ghost, writes a note on what's in the glass, entirely on the device.
- **101 classic cocktails:** Add the ones you love to your vault, or write your own.
- **Make it your way:** Scale servings from half a drink to a crowd, switch units, browse as a list, a deck of cards or a stack, sort by spirit or color, and make the text bigger right from the recipe.
- **Share a round:** Send a recipe as a card with a QR code, as text, or as a Spirit Vault file (.boo).

Pricing and Availability

Spirit Vault is available now on the App Store for iPhone and iPad running iOS and iPadOS 27 or later. It's a one-time purchase with no subscription. The launch price is \$9.99 for a limited time, then \$14.99. Recipes sync through iCloud between a person's devices. Spirit Guide features that use Apple Intelligence need a supported device. Please drink responsibly.

Download on the App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/app/id6760215379> Press kit: [link]



About Small Vision

Small Vision is the independent studio of Jason Hawkins, a developer with more than 15 years of experience building apps for Apple platforms, including time at Vimeo, The New York Times and ForeFlight. Learn more at small.vision.

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About the Developer

Spirit Vault is made by Jason Hawkins, an independent developer who publishes apps under the name Small Vision. Jason has more than 15 years of experience building apps for iOS, iPadOS, macOS, tvOS and visionOS. He's worked at Vimeo, The New York Times, ForeFlight and more. When he isn't writing code, he's practicing his filmmaking skills and taking photographs.

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Spirit Vault is available as a beta via TestFlight here: <https://small.vision/spirit-vault-test-flight>

