

MEN OF STYLE

BY KATIE BIANCO AND MICHAEL MCCARTHY, WITH JENNIFER BARGER

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THESE ARE THE MEN OF THE DMV WHO MAKE SARTORIAL SWAGGER LOOK EASY. IT'S NOT BY BIRTHRIGHT OR LUCK: THEY TAKE FASHION SERIOUSLY. THEIR DAILY ATTIRE, WHETHER FOR WORK, A ROAD TRIP OR ROOFTOP COCKTAILS, IS A STATEMENT ABOUT WHO THEY ARE AND HOW THEY WANT TO BE PERCEIVED. EACH DAY REPRESENTS A CURATED CALLING CARD. THE LOOKS SPORTED BY OUR MEN OF STYLE DEFINE THE CURRENT STATE OF FASHION IN DC AND GIVE US EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE EXCEPTIONAL TASTE IS HERE TO STAY.

Blazer, \$798, and pants, \$298, both by Ted Baker; shoes, \$315, by Hugo Boss; shirt, \$265, by Eton; all at Bloomingdale's, Tysons Corner. Pocket square, \$30, and bow tie, \$60, both at Bloomingdale's, Tysons Corner. Cuff links, \$388, by Chopard, and Chopard watch, \$9,750, by Jaeger Le Coultre, both at Liljenquist & Beckstead Jewelers, Tysons Galleria.

ANDREW STOVER THE EXPERT

"I like to push boundaries," says sommelier and wine marketer Andrew Stover. "There's nothing as boring as the same old over-extracted, overly alcoholic California chard." That's why you'll find eclectic wines from lesser-known regions on the lists he creates for restaurants like Boe and Sei, as well as in the stock he sells via his wholesale and retail sales company, VINO 50: Grape American Road Trip (thewinecoach.com). Think a Pennsylvania gruner veltliner, a Texas albariño or even British bubbly "I go for the unusual and weird, as long as it's well-made," says Stover.

Stover also likes to stand out via his wardrobe, favoring a professional but edgy combo of velvet blazers, skinny-fit trousers and leather slip-on sneakers (a trade secret for someone constantly on his feet). "I get a lot of my clothes in Europe when I'm on wine-tasting trips," says the dramatically coiffed Stover. "The cuts are slimmer and cooler than U.S. ones." In DC, he picks up colorful pants from Massimo Dutti in Georgetown and John Varvatos shoes and shirts at Saks.

ON HIS STYLE

"I have an in-your-face personality, and I try to dress to express that while still being appropriate. I love textured jackets, interesting color combos and picking up clothes when I'm traveling."