What’s Yer Persian?
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ACROSS
1. _____ Collins
4. Bartender’s staple
7 & 9. Indistinguishable alternatives on Purim
10. What you do to grapes to make wine
11. The Book of Esther, say
12. Type of 17 Down
14. Like bicarb
18. Carrier of drinks
21. Hoppy, hoppy beer (abbr.)
22 & 24. Indistinguishable alternatives on Purim
25. “_____ , Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet . . . .”
26. Champagne . . . not!

DOWN
1. The days during which, once upon a time, there was a tavern where we used to raise a glass or two
2. Plied the wine-dark expanse
3. Age of Ahasuerus when E.T. came out
4. People whose empire did not extend from India even unto Ethiopia
5. Rocks that look like this
6. Tribe that inhabits crosswords
8. Company that insures crosswords
9. These two, on a bottle of retsina
13. Top shelf : well :: well : _____?
15. Where the really cool music is
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17. 12 Across, say (and around and around we go)
18. Chain selling fermented refreshments (abbr.)
19. What Ahasuerus did from India even unto Ethiopia
20. The region from India even unto Ethiopia, say
23. How to solve this clue (abbr.)