



## WE REALLY LIKE DRINK


Not in a bad way, mind. Quality rather than quantity.

We love cocktails, especially the history of the classics; the bar has a small library of books on the subject dating back as far as the 1890s which you can browse if interested.

We also love wine – our friends at the Wine & Spirit Education Trust know as much as anyone on the subject and have helped us put together what we think is a great value, pretty diverse and interesting selection of wines.

Then there is beer – sometimes the only right option. There are a huge range of different beer styles and flavours out there and we have attempted to reflect some of those on our list of bottled beers, and in the selection of our main tap suppliers the Meantime Brewery from down the road in Greenwich.

And of course not all spirits need to be drunk as cocktails – we have a selection of rum, whisk(e)y, tequila, cognac, liqueurs etc. which are fantastic just served on their own.



That is pretty much what we are about. You don't have to know the detailed history of everything you drink (though we will tell you if you have the time) but you do have to know that everything we have on our menu is the best we can find.



## THESE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE THINGS

Our bartenders are cocktail trained and knowledgeable, plus we have a library of cocktail books dating back to the 1890s, so we'd be happy to make anything else you'd like to try as well.

Prices are for our named spirits, but we're more than happy to make it with any alternative from our selection and can advise on particularly appropriate choices (for pricing, please see spirit section).

H = drinks designed by The Hide Bar's staff



# COCKTAILS

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## Winter Warmers

£7

- Mulled Wine** Merlot, spices, soft brown sugar and citrus fruit.  
*Classic winter warmer. Ours is a cracker! (£5.00)*
- A Walk Down Gin Lane** Bols Genever, Warm Milk, Orgeat.  
*An absolutely gorgeous drink, despite what you might think. We dare you to try it. With thanks to Seamus at bunnyhugs.org.*
- Tom and Jerry** Plantation Jamaica Rum, H by Hine, egg, milk and spices.  
*Invented in the 1820's, by sports writer Pierce Egan, this thick, soothing cocktail is ridiculously tasty.*
- Café de Manana** Casadores Blanco tequila with coffee, topped with a vanilla and agave nectar cream.  
*Need a pick me up after a long, hard day slogging through the snow? We've got just the thing... Concocted by Quentin Ertel at The Saint, Seattle.*
- Rum and Stout Posset (H)** Meantime London Stout, XM10 Rum, milk, cream, sugar and an egg yolk.  
*Warm beer? With egg? Really? It's crazy but it works amazingly well. It's rich, strong, revitalising and an absolute delight.*
- Christmas Cake Blazer(H)** Bourbon, Armagnac and Rum infused with cherries, raspberries and raisins, flamed with cinnamon and served with a shot of sherry.  
*It's got everything you need for a great Christmas, except for the family feuding...*
- Bombardino** Home made Marsala based egg liqueur, espresso, Prosecco Grappa Castagner topped with whipped cream.  
*A classic from the Italian slopes of the Alps, a proper bravery injection!*

## Sparkling & Aperitif

£7

### Amethyst drop (H)

Beefeater 24 gin, Maraschino, crème de Violette and Moscato d' Asti  
*Our entry cocktail for the Beefeater cocktail competition 2009. A 1940's - style aperitif with a citrus sweetness coming from the Moscato, and a real Violette drop.*



### Dandy cocktail

13 year old Van Winkle rye whiskey, Dubonnet, Cointreau and bitters  
*A classic from "the Savoy cocktail book" (1930). As good as a Manhattan, with a twist of Dubonnet, a French wine based aperitif.*



### French 75 (Hide formula)

Beefeater London dry gin, St Germain elderflower liquor, lemon, sugar, topped with Ayala Champagne  
*Originally concocted by the Franco-American World War I flying ace Raoul Lufbery who loved champagne, but wanted something with more of a kick, so he mixed it with cognac. The combination was said to have such a kick that it felt like being shelled by the powerful French 75mm artillery piece*



### Hibiscus Flower Bellini

Wild hibiscus flowers marinated in gin, topped up with Prosecco  
*A beautiful Bellini with marinated hibiscus flowers replacing the peach, with an added gin kick.*



### Rhubarb Negroni (H)

Whitley Neill gin, Rabarbaro Italian rhubarb aperitif, sweet vermouth and Campari.  
*Named after Count Negroni who liked his Americanos short and with a shot of gin. The perfect aperitif with an extra Italian twist.*



### Ruby Shoes (H)

Vanilla infused Appleton VX rum, Chambord black raspberry liqueur, raspberry purée, Prosecco.  
*One of our own, a totally glam party drink.*



### Seafood in Seville (H)

Hidalgo Amontillado seco sherry, Akvinta vodka and orange bitters.  
*A brilliant sherry and vodka based martini, a perfect match for fish, with a touch of rosemary*



### Westminster (H)

Limoncello, Liquor 43, lemon juice, champagne  
*Lemon and vanilla, lovely and fresh. One for the whole evening.*



## Martinis & Manhattans

£7.00

**American in London (H)** Knob Creek bourbon, infused with Earl Grey tea. Peach liqueur, Peychaud's bitters and sweet vermouth.  
*American bourbon (a great one) with a quintessentially English tea, sweetened with peach*



**Beginning of the End (H)** Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva rum, sweet vermouth, Amer Picon bitter orange aperitif, Palo Cortado Viejo 30 year old dry sherry, stirred.  
*One of our own design, based on the Fin de Siècle from the 1890s. Rich, rummy and slightly nutty, this is made with some fabulous ingredients from the top shelf.*



**Bermondsey Martini (H)** Jensen's Bermondsey Gin, hint of Noilly Pratt vermouth.  
*Not a gin you'll find in many bars. Local small batch, boutique gin - something special for the special people who chose to drink in SE1! Olive or twist. Gin by Mr Jensen of Bermondsey Street.*



**Chilli Raspberry Martini** Chilli-infused Wyborowa vodka, raspberry puree, fresh raspberries  
*Hot and slightly sweet, it leaves your mouth tingling!*



**House Manhattan** Sazerac Rye, served Perfect with a sweet & dry vermouth  
*If you're a fan of rye, we'd really recommend you try this with Sazerac 18 year old (£16) or in-between with Van Winkle 13 year old (£15). If you like it sweeter, then a bourbon such as our house Buffalo Trace (£7) also works brilliantly, but without the peppery bite of the rye.*



**Martinez** Jensen's Old Tom gin, Antica Formula vermouth, triple sec & orange bitters.  
*Thought to be the precursor to the Martini, this is made with sweet vermouth and is a much richer, sweeter drink that dates back to the 1880s. We make ours with an artisanal 'old formula' vermouth & an Old Tom style gin to follow the original as closely as possible.*



**Martini-que (H)** La Mauny aged agricole rum from Martinique, sugar cane syrup, sweet vermouth, orange and Angostura bitters, stirred.  
*For the real rum-lovers, this is a delicious, pungent, rummy, sipping drink. Tasty.*



**Snow Leopard Martini** Snow Leopard vodka infused with rosemary, Noilly Prat.  
*Really smooth, this martini has a fantastic nose from the rosemary and lemon, with a slight sweetness from the Lillet.*



## Daiquiris (Natural: just rum, lime and sugar) £ 7.00

### Barbados Daiquiri

**Doorly's xo rum:** *Light brown rum distilled from molasses. Aged in used whisky barrels then finished in Olorosso Sherry barrels. Doorly's XO is a fairly light bodied rum with a smooth smoky finish reminiscent of a good malt whisky.*

### Demerara Daiquiri

**XM 10 rum,** *The rums used to make XM Royal Gold are first aged to perfection in bourbon casks for over 10 years before being subject to a very demanding selection process. Only rums of the highest quality are selected for blending. Once blended, the rum is then filled into Sherry wine casks for a further 6 months.*

### Haiti Daiquiri

**Barbancourt 8 rum,** *is an agricultural rum, made from fermented sugar cane juice. Rhum Barbancourt is aged in Limousin oak barrels in the Domaine's chais, and it is in these oak barrels that it expresses its unique flavour and bouquet; a subtle blending of Haiti's sun and soil. Aged 8 years, five star rum, or "Réserve Spéciale", is excellent neat, or in this great Daiquiri.*

### Jamaica Daiquiri

**Appleton extra rum,** *Joy Spence's gift to the world, consisting of rums aged for a minimum of 12 years in oak barrels in the tropical environment of Jamaica. This so-called tropical ageing has the advantage of giving rum the characteristics of older rums in less time.*

### Martinique Ti Punch

**Trois Rivières Blanc rum,** *A strong white column still rhum perfect for the traditional Ti' Punch. 3 months before bottling, the rhum is stored in huge wooden tuns to be rounded out. It is reduced to strength with spring water and bottled on the estate.*

### Trinidad Agricole Daiquiri

**10 Cane rum,** *Trinidadian sugar canes are hand-harvested, and rushed to the nearby distillery where they are gently pressed; the cane juice is then fermented for 5 days in stainless steel to allow for slow development of aromas. It's then distilled twice in small batches in French pot stills to better enhance the cane aroma. 10 Cane is then aged for 6 months in vintage French oak barrels.*

### Trinidad Daiquiri

**Angostura 1919,** *A marvellous añejo made from a blend of light and heavy molasses-based rums aged for a minimum of 8 years in charred American oak bourbon barrels. It has a rich, golden-amber hue with excellent clarity. The rum exudes a complex bouquet brimming over with aromas of cocoa, molasses, caramel and vanilla. Within moments it opens up, revealing a generous and long-lasting array of toasty flavours. The finish is warm and very relaxing.*

### Venezuela dry Daiquiri

**Santa Teresa 1796,** *A magnificent Venezuelan rum aged in a solera system, 1796 has been an industry secret in top bars as one of the best South American rums in the world. A deserving winner of a Gold Medal and 'Best In Category' at the International Cane Spirits Festival 2007 & 2008.*

### Venezuela Daiquiri

**Diplomatico Reserva,** *fabulous Venezuelan dark golden rum, distilled from molasses in a copper pot still before 12 years of ageing. Rich, sweet and fruity, just how we like 'em. Fantastic quality for the money, Diplomatico was awarded a Gold Medal at the 2007 Ministry of Rum Tasting Competition.*

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£6.50

**American beauty** H by Hine cognac, menthe Pastille, Noilly Prat dry vermouth, grenadine, orange juice and Port.  
*One of the most interesting drinks from the Savoy cocktail book (1930), thanks to its unique taste!*



**Adam's Apple** Zubrowka Bison Grass vodka, Chambord, Apricot Liqueur, apple juice and lemon.  
*Originally from the Atlantic Bar, a long vodka drink with a host of fruit flavours.*



**Bajan Smile (H)** Mt Gay rum, Sailor Jerry Spiced rum, triple sec, orange, pineapple, mango and grenadine.  
*A classic rum punch.*



**Blood & Sand** Monkey Shoulder Triple Malt or your choice of Scotch whisky, Cherry Heering, orange juice, sweet vermouth, shaken.  
*Intriguing taste that's much better than the sum of the ingredients! First made in 1922 for the Rudolph Valentino movie premier of the same name.*



**Boston Tea Party (H)** A cocktail for two... bourbon, mint, pressed apple juice, lemon, maple syrup and soda water served in a teapot for two.  
*This one costs a little more at £10.*



**Bramble** Gordon's distillers cut gin, lemon, sugar and Crème de Mure  
*A modern make over of the classic gin fizz (Jerry Thomas 1862) created in the mid 1980s by Dick Bradsell at Fred's club in Soho.*



**Burning Treacle (H)** Bacardi 151° rum, homemade mint and cinnamon syrup topped with apple juice  
*Very strong, 75% abv rum, smoothed and made quaffable by the mint and cinnamon syrup and a light touch of apple. Flames.*



**Credit Crunch (£4)** Beekeeper gin, cranberry juice, lime, cucumber & triple sec.  
*Our contribution to keep you drinking through the hard times. A light, cucumbery cosmo-style drink with a crunchy piece of cucumber to garnish.*



**Dark & Stormy** Gosling's dark rum, lime juice, ginger beer, Angostura bitters.  
*The Bermudan national cocktail and the discerning sailor's choice.*



**Delicious Sour** Calvados, apricot brandy, sugar syrup, egg white and lemon juice.  
*A lost cocktail, this one just sings all things fruity, with many layers of flavours. Definitely lives up to its name. Can be made without the egg if you really want.*



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£6.50

### Diablo

Ocho Blanco tequila with Cassis, lime, orange and ginger beer.  
*Spicy, fruity and your new favourite drink. Also brilliant with La Penca Mezcal, giving it a much smokier flavour.*



### Dutch Courage (H)

Bols Genever, homemade grenadine, lemon, egg white and sugar  
*Genever spirit dating from 1820 in a house concoction; A drink from the past with a touch of the present.*



### Fig Caipirinha

Ypioca cachaca, lime, caster sugar, homemade fig jam and Crème de Figue  
*A twist of the national Brazilian drink with a long and refreshing fig finish made with a Double gold medal winning cachaça.*



### Fly Kiwi Fly (H)

42 Below Passion fruit vodka, Galliano Vanilla, camomile syrup and cranberry juice  
*Long and fresh drink for this bunch of Kiwi guys who make this brilliant vodka*



### Mai Tai

La Mauny agricole rum, Appleton VX and Goslings Black Seal rums, orange curaçaço, orgeat, lime juice, served over crushed ice.  
*One of the classic Trader Vic recipes, Mai Tai comes from the Tahitian for 'Out of this World'.*



### Maracuja Batida

Sagatiba Cachaça, passion fruit, lemon and passion fruit syrup. Blended.  
*Batidas are the other way of drinking Cachaça, aside from the caipirinha. Fruity and refreshing.*



### Mexico City (H)

Herradura blanco, Gran Marnier, lime and cranberry juice  
*This drink shows how a good highland tequila can improve the classic cosmopolitan recipe.*



### Mint Julep

H by Hine cognac, peach liqueur, mint, sugar and a fresh pineapple wedge.  
*Harry Craddock's version of the classic Derby drink, as from the Savoy Cocktail book, 1930.*



### Old-Fashioned

Buffalo Trace bourbon stirred with sugar, bitters and ice, but also great re-fashioned with calvados or rum replacing the bourbon.  
*Originally from the Pendennis Club in Kentucky around 1900. Traditionally served with just a strip of orange peel or we can do the American way with muddled orange and maraschino cherry. Our particular recommendation would be with Booker's, bottled straight from the barrel at 63.2%, allowing the drink to mature elegantly as you stir the ice in (£15).*



### Passion de Maya (H)

La Penca Mezcal, Passion fruit, lime and agave syrup  
*The sour passion fruit and smoky mezcal combine to give this drink a gorgeous, indulgent flavour and a long, long finish.*



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**Passionate Englishman (H)** Hendrick's Gin stirred with passion fruit purée, lemon and sugar.

*Rose and cucumber in the Hendricks makes this an aromatic gin-based version of the classic Old-fashioned. A good aperitif or G&T alternative.*



**Obama Sling (H)**

Eagle Rare single barrel Kentucky Bourbon, Galliano Authentic, orange and lemon zests, shaken and topped with Canada Dry ginger ale.

*An impressive and powerful sling, working well with both the Europeans and Canadians*



**Pisco 1960 (H)**

Peruvian Pisco Demonio des Andes, La Strega, lemon juice, Orgeat and egg white

*Inspired by one of the bartender's dad, this complex and playful drink will probably surprise you.*



**Pisco Sour**

Chilean Pisco ABA, fresh lime juice, sugar, egg white, blended or shaken hard. With a few drops of Angostura bitters on top.

*The traditional Chilean or Peruvian sour.*



**Russian Spring Fizz(H)**

Finlandia grapefruit vodka, Maraschino cherry liqueur, fresh raspberries, egg white lemon and sugar, topped with soda.

*Fun and fruity, a long refresher for warm spring evenings.*



**Sazerac**

Sazerac Rye Whiskey, La Fee Bohemien Absinthe, Peychaud Bitters, sugar, twist of orange.

*One of the earliest cocktails, officially recorded by Sewell Taylor using Sazerac de Forge et Fils Cognac at his Sazerac Coffee House in 1853, but made by Antoine Peychaud for many years before that. Also made with Cognac or a combination if you prefer.*



**Singapore Sling**

Beefeater Gin shaken with cherry brandy, Benedictine & lemon juice, topped with soda (with or without pineapple to taste).

*Created by Ngiam Tong Boon at the Raffles Hotel in Singapore around 1915. There are many versions, but the original supposedly excludes the pineapple.*



**Sweet Fairy (H)**

Krupnik honey vodka, absinthe, lemon and sugar.

*Think of a beautiful honeyed blonde, sweet and innocent, but with a devil-may-care streak running under the surface. Beautiful but naughty. And strong. And a bit green.*



**Tommy's Margarita**

Ocho reposado shaken with agave syrup and freshly squeezed lime. Served on the rocks, with or without a salt rim.

*Don't like tequila? Let us change your mind. We can also add fresh fruits.*



**Vin Santo Especial (H)**

Sotol, lime juice, sugar syrup and top of Vin Santo, garnished with a traditional Italian cookie

*A really unusual drink and unusual garnished, perfect for staring at the rain in this classic English summer time.*



# BEER

## NOTHING ORDINARY

We get our draught beers from the Meantime Brewery in Greenwich. They are produced in small batches, matured for long periods, never pasteurised and are just full of good stuff.

We also have a very diverse selection of bottled beers – if you want some advice, please ask the bartender. They are all worth trying. The bottles in the fridge always change so we may have something that's not on the list – please just ask.

# BEER

**Draught** (selection changes as we only have three taps...)

**Meantime Helles Bier**

**£1.90/£3.60**

4.4% abv

*Helles is the German word for 'light', as in light colour. This golden coloured beer is typified by a refreshing citrus hop aroma. Our house 'lager'.*

**Meantime Pale Ale**

**£1.90/£3.60**

4.7% abv

*English Goldings and American Cascade and Cluster hops provide the bitterness, whilst unique dry hopping with Cascade and Willamette hop gives it a truly great aroma.*

**Meantime Seasonal**

*Meantime love brewing strange and exciting beers and release a new beer every couple of months. These vary widely in style and strength. We'd love to tell you all about them, so please feel free to ask.*

## Bottles

**Asahi**

**£3.50**

Japan (5.0% abv) 330ml

*Japan's number 1 lager, straw yellow with a crisp citrus nose. Clean and dry.*

**Anchor Steam**

**£3.80**

USA (4.9% abv) 355ml

*Brewed in San Francisco, this versatile beer has a light amber colour and lovely biscuity palate. An easy drinking craft beer.*

**Coopers Pale Ale**

**£3.80**

Australia (5.8% abv) 375ml

*Naturally fermented in the 'Burton-on-Trent' style, a secondary fermentation creates the trademark sediment that gives 'Pale' its fine cloudy appearance. This cloudy residue can be stirred through the beer by tipping or rolling the bottle before drinking.*

**Duvel**

**£4.80**

Belgium (8.5% abv) 330ml

*Duvel is the most popular Belgian beer, a fact that in a nation of so many beers is testimony to its superb taste. Only brewed with the finest ingredients since 1871, Duvel undergoes a unique maturation process and secondary bottle conditioning.*

**Vedett**

**£3.60**

Belgium (5.2% abv) 330ml

*Vedett is Duvel's lighter brother. A light and well hopped premium beer.*

## Bottles - continued

**Monteith's New Zealand Lager** **£3.60**

New Zealand (5% abv) 330ml

*A clean, crisp lager made using a blend of local and European heritage hops. A staff favourite at The Hide.*

**Brooklyn** **£3.80**

USA (5.2% abv) 355ml

*A delicious, amber gold coloured lager which gains its subtle and complex flavour through dry hopping, the process of adding fresh hops during its long, cold maturation.*

**Innis & Gunn** **£3.80**

Scotland (6.6% abv) 330ml

*Aged for 30 days in American Oak Scotch barrels and a total of 77 days overall to gain depth, smoothness and a long malty finish. Woody and whisky'y!*

**Schneider Weisse** **£4.50**

Germany (5.4% abv) 500ml

*German-style wheat beer. Pouring a dark and cloudy gold colour, lovely banana & clove flavours lead to a long, refreshing finish.*

**Liefmans Kriek** **£5.50**

Belgium (6.0% abv) 375ml

*Liefmans fruit beers are justifiably world famous, brewed in open tanks to harness the natural airborne yeasts of the region. The cherries come from the annual harvest in July and make it sweet & sour.*

**Meantime Chocolate** **£3.80**

UK (6.0% abv) 330ml

*A silky-smooth beer, created using dark malts and dark chocolate. Pronounced vanilla notes fuse the chocolate and malts together to give a rich, warming flavour.*

**Meantime Union** **£3.60**

England (4.9% abv) 330ml

*Viennese style amber lager, dark and malty, it's half way between lager and dark beer – intriguing and we think really quite good...*

**Brewdog Punk IPA** **£4.00**

Scotland (6% abv) 330ml

*From the very rebellious Brewdog boys, this IPA is not your average beer. It's aggressive, mean and you'll absolutely love it.*

**Thomas Hardy's Ale** **£8.00**

UK, Devon (11.7% abv) 250ml

*Staggeringly powerful, uniquely rich and complex, the Overall Supreme Winner of the International Beer Challenge 2006.*

## Bottles - continued

### Stout

**Dorothy Goodbody's Wholesome Stout** **£4.50**

UK, Wye Valley Brewery (4.5 % abv) 500ml

*Rich, smooth, rewarding and full of the goodness of Hereford. This delicious stout was CAMRA's Champion Bottle Conditioned Beer of Britain in 2008.*

### Ale

**Black Sheep Ale** **£4.50**

UK, Black Sheep Brewery (4.4% abv) 500ml

*A premium bitter crafted in the traditional manner with handfuls of Golding hops producing a tantalising long and bitter finish. Founded by Paul Theakston in Masham Yorkshire in 1992, Black Sheep is already a classic.*

### Cider

**Aspall Draught Suffolk Cyder** **£4.80**

UK, Suffolk (5.5% abv) 500ml

*Only made from hand picked apples, Aspall's Cyder has the highest juice content of any cider. It is now brewed by the 8th generation of the founder's family.*

### Sharing Size

**Meantime London Porter** **£10.00**

UK, Greenwich (6.5% abv) 750ml

*Brewed to recreate a recipe from 1750, specially chosen to bring the flavours so loved by Londoners that demand for Porter made London the brewing capital of the world. "London Porter is a meal-on-its-own, a beer of Dickensian diversion and intricacy, full of smoke and coal and spice." Andrew Jefford, FT.*

**Meantime India Pale Ale** **£10.00**

UK, Greenwich (7.5% abv) 750ml

*IPAs are characterised by long maturation, massive hopping levels and high alcoholic strength which were necessary to ensure the beer survived the long months at sea to harbour in Calcutta. Meantime have authentically resurrected the style. "Meantime's bottled IPA is a quite brilliant match for beef or blue cheese." Roger Protz.*

### Specials

*We always have a special beer on offer. Please check the chalkboards or ask your bartender for more details.*



## WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN OUR BACK BAR

**There's lots of great stuff on there. Take a look and try something you've not seen before. Or ask the bartender – they will happily make a recommendation.**

Our full back bar selection is hand picked with a whole lot of love, so rest assured you are in safe hands. Our main aim is not to get you drinking more, but better. Understanding what we consume is now de rigueur with the way we eat, and yet we drink badly made spirits in poorly made drinks with abandon. We believe its time for a revolution!



# SPIRITS

## HOUSE SPIRITS

Mixer + £1.00, Dash + 50p. *Standard serve is 50ml, but we're happy to do 25ml if you ask*

		<b>50ml (25ml)</b>
<b>Wyborowa</b>	Meaning 'exquisite' in Polish, Wyborowa is a great clean-tasting grain vodka that has come out very well in our staff blind-tastings. <i>Poland, 40% abv.</i>	<b>£4.50 (£2.50)</b>
<b>Beefeater Gin</b>	A true London Dry gin made in Oval. Beefeater employs a 24 hour steeping process with the botanicals before distillation, ensuring well integrated flavours, of which orange is prominent. <i>London, England 40% abv.</i>	<b>£4.50 (£2.50)</b>
<b>Chairman's Reserve (light rum)</b>	A blend of double distilled pot and column distilled rum. Heaps of juicy fruits and honey with hints of vanilla and caramel. A pretty special house rum! <i>St Lucia, 40% abv.</i>	<b>£4.50 (£2.50)</b>
<b>Gosling's Black Seal (dark rum)</b>	The oldest business in Bermuda, a multi-award winning rum and the trade-marked spirit in a Dark n Stormy, this is a rich and tasty spirit. Great in a Treacle. <i>Bermuda, 40% abv.</i>	<b>£4.50 (£2.50)</b>
<b>Ocho Blanco Tequila</b>	100% blue agave estate-bottled tequila, from the Rancho La Rivera region. Ocho refers to the 8 years taken to harvest the Agave and the 8 <sup>th</sup> decade the family has been distilling. <i>Mexico, 40% abv.</i>	<b>£4.50 (£2.50)</b>
<b>Buffalo Trace Whiskey</b>	Hand-crafted and aged for at least nine years in new charred American Oak barrels, resulting in a light bronze colour with aromas of vanilla, mint and molasses. <i>USA, 45% abv.</i>	<b>£4.50 (£2.50)</b>
<b>Compass Box Asyla Whisky</b>	Gold medal-winning blend of grain and malt whiskies. It's an elegant and approachable whisky with richness, sweetness and softness. <i>UK, 43% abv.</i>	<b>£4.50 (£2.50)</b>
<b>H by Hine</b>	A blend of more than 15 brandies from Petite Champagne, the youngest of which is at least 4 years old. Floral and complex. <i>France, 40% abv.</i>	<b>£4.50 (£2.50)</b>

# Brandies

## Cognac

The very nicest way to end a meal, cognac is something the French are rightly proud of. Styles vary from the violet scent of a Borderies cognac, to the powerful 'rancio', almost like matured Christmas cake and leather, of a very old cognac. The very best cognac comes from the chalky soil of Grande Champagne (not related to the sparkling wine!) and is powerful and long lived, with a finish that goes on and on.

Delamain 1973, France	40%	£12.50
<i>A true expression of the superb cognac that comes from the chalky soils of Grande Champagne.</i>		
Delamain Vesper, France	40%	£10.00
<i>With an average age of 35 years and grapes from Grand Champagne this blend is full of vanilla and caramel. Wonderfully smooth.</i>		
Edgard Leyrat Fins Bois VSOP, France	40%	£4.00
<i>'A smooth rich palate and a floral aftertaste'</i>		
Hennessy Fine de Cognac (VSOP), France	40%	£2.90
<i>Blended from 60 eaux-de-vie from fin bois, and aged between 4-10years.</i>		
Hennessy XO, France	40%	£10.00
<i>The first XO (Extra Old). Full oak flavour, rich.</i>		
Hennessy Paradis, France	40%	£20.00
<i>A blend of hundreds of different eau-de-vie from the Hennessy Founders Cellar. Incredibly smooth, full-bodied and long lasting on the palate</i>		
Hine Antique XO, France	40%	£9.00
<i>Ultra dry cognac for those with a grown up palate.</i>		
Martell XO, France	40%	£10.00
<i>Spice and dried fruit with vanilla and caramel</i>		
Maxime Trijol VSOP Grand Champagne, France	40%	£3.80
<i>Gold medal winning cognac, with outstanding finesse and delicacy. Blended from cognacs 10-40years old.</i>		
Ragnaud-Sabourin Alliance No. 20 Réserve Spéciale, France	40%	£7.00
<i>Sophisticated and elegant cognac.</i>		

## Armagnac

From the region of Armagnac in Southern France, they are France's oldest brandies. Distilled to a lower level of alcohol, they retain more flavour than cognac. They make an excellent digestive served neat, or try in a Sazerac for a late night tippie. The best Armagnac is said to come from Bas Armagnac. We also have some vintage Armagnac; please ask for years and prices.

Baron de Lustrac Bas Armagnac 1968, France	40%	£6.00
<i>A delicious vintage Armagnac with rich wood, soil and leathery notes and a touch of old library book.</i>		
Baron de Sigognac Bas Armagnac VS, France	40%	£3.00
<i>The sandy hills of the core of Armagnac and seven years in oak deliver an elegant, rich brandy .</i>		
Baron de Sigognac Bas Armagnac 20 ans, France	40%	£4.50
<i>A very fine example of a Bas Armagnac.</i>		
Compte de Lauvia VSOP 8 year old, France	40%	£2.60
<i>A delicious Bas Armagnac with well-rounded fruit and accessible wood. Used in our house cocktails.</i>		
Domaine Boingnières Bas Armagnac Cépages Nobles, France	48%	£6.50
<i>Folles Blanche, ugni blanc and colombard. 90 points-The International Wine Cellar.</i>		

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Domaine Adrien Camut Privilège, France	40%	£6.00
<i>An assemblage of 15-18 year old calvados. Rich and full, with butterscotch, fudge and scrumpy.</i>		
Boulard Grand Solage Pays d'Auge, France	40%	£2.80
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## Brandies continued

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### *Brandies from around the World*

Millisemata Prosecco Valdobbiadene 2006 Grappa, Italy 39% £6.00  
*The prosecco grapes lend intense floral notes with tropical fruit flavours.*

Torba Nera 7 year old Grappa, Italy 40% £2.80  
*Tobacco and dark chocolate aromas mingle in the nose while the blend of grapes leaves a subtle spiciness on the palate*

ABA Pisco, Chile 40% £2.50  
*Fermented from Muscat grapes and double distilled in copper pot stills, ABA is remarkably smooth.*

Demonio de los Andes Pisco, Peru 44% £2.50  
*Using one of the more unusual pisco grapes, Albilla, Demonio is full of pineapple, banana and lime.*

# Brandies – Vintage Armagnac

## Armagnac

From the region of Armagnac in Southern France, they are France's oldest brandies. Distilled to a lower level of alcohol in an Alembic still, they retain more flavour than cognac.

The French have long known how good Armagnac could be. In the 1310s, Maître Vital Dufour wrote "*It sharpens the mind if one consumes it in moderation, brings the past to memory, renders man joyous above all, preserves youth and retards senility....*" Whether medicinally or for pleasure, Armagnac makes an excellent digestive served neat in a spirit tasting glass (not traditionally warmed or with water).

Our house Armagnac, used in many of our cocktails is the Comte de Lauvia 8 year old. It is predominantly blended with eau de vie made from the Ugni Blanc grape, giving strength and balance, but also with Folle Blanche which adds fruit and floral notes. That's all well and good, but if you really want to see what Armagnac can do, you had better try the vintages. Each vintage is a blend of spirits from a single year, drawn together to give a particular style depending on the year. We have a great selection of vintage Armagnac from Comte de Lauvia, some of which are detailed below. Whether it was put in a barrel the year you were born, or just because you like the particular characters of that year, we hope you appreciate whichever one it is.

Comte de Lauvia **1983** 43.3% abv. *A deep orangey brown colour, the nose is full of fruity aromas: grapes flower, Folle Blanche, and prune that carry onto the palate which is full in flavour and rich vanilla characters.* £ 7.00

Comte de Lauvia **1982** 43.4% abv. *Gold in the 2003 International Wine and Spirit Competition. Fig & cinnamon with vanilla & cherry. The palate has succulent creamy vanilla followed by cherry & orange peel.* £ 8.00

Comte de Lauvia **1981** 43.9% abv. *Hints of orange with a nose showing floral overtones and candied orange peel. A sweet and woody palate with more orange peel and honeysuckle.* £ 8.00

Comte de Lauvia **1980** 43.7% abv. *Deep orange to brown colour, with a nose that's rich with spice, prunes and touches of vanilla. The palate has dried fruits and honey with a cinnamon and vanilla finish.* £ 8.00

Comte de Lauvia **1979** 43% abv. *Aromas of banana and yellow peach with creamy vanilla, the palate is full of ripe fruits showing also hints of rich sponge cake layered with creamy vanilla.* £ 9.00

Comte de Lauvia **1978** 42.8% abv. *A developing nose, rich in scents of flowers and honey. The palate is very round with well balanced fruits of prunes and cherries and a long finish in mouth.* £ 9.00

Comte de Lauvia **1977** 44.1% abv. *Dark with some chocolate hints, the nose is expressive of flowers and summer fruits developing into a palate that is rich and elegant with a rancio character that is layered with vanilla and a long smooth finish.* £ 9.00

Comte de Lauvia **1976** 43.3% abv. *A chocolaty brown colour with a nose showing delicate hints of spice and vanilla, the palate is strong in character with a very long rancio character and a long final finish of prunes and vanilla.* £ 9.00

Comte de Lauvia **1973** 44.3% abv. *A developing chocolaty colour the nose comes through with aromas of dried fruits and flowers that gives way to a palate that has a vigorous personality with aromas of prune and wood flavoured with vanilla.* £ 9.00

Comte de Lauvia **1972** 44.1% abv. *A slightly deeper colour than the '73 but with a nose that shows the characters of the Folle Blanche grape - delicate floral and vanilla scents with a strong aroma particular to Folle Blanche grapes. The palate is smooth & long with tones of plum & vanilla.* £ 10.00

Comte de Lauvia **1971** 44.9% abv. *A chocolate colour with a nose showing prunes and delicate floral hints the palate is long and smooth in the mouth with aromas of mellow fruits. A finale highlighted with caramel and softness from the wood.* £ 11.00

Comte de Lauvia **1970** 44% abv. *A deep chocolate colour, the nose is a mixture of clove, prune, and vanilla with a palate of the same but a refined elegance in its length.* £ 12.00

Comte de Lauvia **1969** 44.6% abv. *A golden chocolaty brown colour with golden hints, the nose has delightful touches of delicate floral overtones with hints of wood and vanilla. The palate has soft smooth silky texture in mouth ending on a strong rancio character melted with apricot.* £ 14.00

Comte de Lauvia **1968** 40% abv. *A golden chocolate colour giving rise to a nose that has developed dried prune characters with hints of leather. The palate is full of prune, seville orange, wood and vanilla.* £ 14.00

Comte de Lauvia **1967** 44.8% abv. *A golden chocolate colour, the nose is an amazing delicate combination of scents of vanilla and old wood. The palate has a delightful texture in mouth giving a masculine touch with leather and prune aromas.* £ 14.00

Comte de Lauvia **1963** 40% abv. *A rich golden toffee chocolate colour, the nose is very elegant and has exotic woody scents with dried prune and rose touches. The palate is classic, intense, and vigorous in character ending with creamy vanilla overtones.* £ 16.00

Comte de Lauvia **1961** 43.9% abv. *A golden toffee colour with brown tints, the nose is smooth with hints of prunes and vanilla. The palate has wood aromas mellowed with a rancio of crystallized summer fruits and smooth creamy vanilla touches.* £ 16.00

Comte de Lauvia **1960** 40% abv. *A deep caramel toffee colour with a nose that is delicate with floral and vanilla scents. The palate is rich with a texture in mouth that gives hints of prune and banana. A very nice finish.* £ 16.00

# Cane spirits

## Rum

Rum is a very expressive spirit and has many different styles which are often island specific. Made from a by-product of sugar, molasses, rum has played a huge part in the History of the New World. The natural Daiquiri (rum, lime juice and sugar) is the perfect showcase for a rum to show off its nuances, but if you'd like to explore some more why not ask your bartender for a recommendation? Older and more full bodied rums will make super Old Fashioneds. Rum can generally be separated into three styles, depending on the nationality of the colonist to each island: English, Spanish and French

## English Rums

The English islands are generally known for darker, richer types of rum which retain more of the flavour of the molasses. Usually with some tropical fruit notes and a bit of sweetness.

Angostura 1919 8yr , Trinidad & Tobago	40%	£3.30
<i>A delicious rum in a natural daiquiri, vanilla flavours abound. 91 points at the Spirit Review.</i>		
Angostura 1824 12 yr old, Trinidad & Tobago	40%	£4.20
<i>Absolutely perfect sipping rum. Small batch and hand crafted to celebrate Angostura's 175<sup>th</sup> year.</i>		
Appleton V/X, Jamaica	40%	£2.90
<i>An excellent all round rum, aged between 5 (V) and 10 (X) years. Also stands for very exceptional.</i>		
Appleton Extra, Jamaica	43%	£3.50
<i>An superb rum, aged for at least 12 years.</i>		
Wray & Nephew overproof, Jamaica	63%	£2.90
<i>This incredible rum has a nose of overripe bananas. An essential ingredient in the Nuclear Daiquiri.</i>		
Doorly's XO Oloroso Sherry Cask, Barbados	40%	£3.00
<i>Finished in Oloroso casks for a hint of rich sherry on the palate. Some of Barbados' oldest rums are used.</i>		
El Dorado 3 year old, Guyana	43%	£2.40
<i>Light and tropical with a hint of coconut on the nose.</i>		
El Dorado 15 year old, Guyana	43%	£4.20
<i>Brilliant rum that has swept the boards at spirit competitions. A rum for an Old Fashioned or Blazer and one of our favourites. .</i>		
Woods 100, Guyana	57%	£2.90
<i>This navy rum is powerful and full bodied. Makes a lovely White Cuban.</i>		
XM 10, Guyana	40%	£3.20
<i>From one of the major distilleries in Guyana, this is a great, reasonably priced Demerara rum</i>		
Goslings Black Seal, Bermuda	40%	£2.60
<i>This rum is dark, robust and is full of the dark flavour of molasses. Makes the best Treacle.</i>		
Goslings Family Reserve, Bermuda	40%	£4.20
<i>Comes in an old champagne bottle just like the original Goslings.</i>		
Mount Gay, Barbados	40%	£2.60
<i>Considered by some to be the oldest spirit brand in the world.</i>		
Mount Gay XO, Barbados	43%	£3.20
<i>Superb blended aged rum</i>		

## Cane spirits (*continued*)

### *Rum- continued*

Plantation Jamaica 1998, Jamaica <i>Roasted bananas and coconut on the nose. Corker!</i>	45%	£4.00
Plantation Barbados 1995, Barbados <i>Delicious sugar cane and vanilla flavours and a lengthy, smooth finish.</i>	45%	£4.00
Pyrat Pistol, British West Indies <i>Orange notes and complex farmyard notes. A fantastic daiquiri rum.</i>	40%	£4.00
Pyrat XO, British West Indies <i>Amazing rum with rich orange notes. A must try.</i>	40%	£4.20
Sailor Jerry's, Blend <i>Our house spiced rum.</i>	40%	£2.60
Bundaberg & Bundy OP, Australia <i>A cult Aussie rum with a polar bear on the iconic yellow label, as Bundy 'keeps out the chill'. Regular or Over-proof</i>	40% / 57.5%	£2.50/£3.00

### *Spanish Rums*

The Spanish speaking world tends to produce drier, cleaner and lighter rums. Also many of the Spanish style are aged in the 'Solera' method, which involves hundreds of barrels feeding in and out of each other.

Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva, Venezuela <i>Rich and delicious gold medal winning rum. Has a sweet nose of molasses. 12 year old Pot Still</i>	40%	£3.60
Diplomatico Reserva, Venezuela <i>'Delicious stuff, with smooth sweet fruitiness and a silky-smooth mouthfeel'. We agree...</i>	40%	£3.00
Santa Teresa Claro, Venezuela, 40% <i>A blend of rums, aged for three years in American oak, vanilla and sweet apple on the palate and great in a mojito.</i>	40%	£2.50
Santa Teresa 1796, Venezuela <i>Becoming a classic rum. Superb Solera aged rum.</i>	40%	£4.00
Santa Teresa Orange Liqueur, Venezuela <i>Carefully made orange rum. Makes a lovely White Cuban.</i>	40%	£3.00
Pampero Anniversario, Venezuela <i>A column (continuous) still golden rum, but with great character and a long, fruity finish.</i>	40%	£3.50
Havana Club 7, Cuba <i>A benchmark for aged rums.</i>	40%	£2.80
Havana Club 15, Cuba <i>The 15 Años Gran Reserva is hard to get hold of outside Cuba. Often regarded as one of the finest rums in the world, it was created by selecting the best quality reserve rums of Cuba. It is the result of a lengthy and complex aging process.</i>	40%	£9.00
Havana Club San Cristóbal, Cuba <i>A special limited edition solera rum, created to celebrate the 480th Anniversary of the Villa San Cristóbal Foundation of the city of Havana</i>	40%	£9.00

## Cane spirits (*continued*)

### Rum- *continued*

Bacardi 8, Bahamas	40%	£2.80
<i>The flagship of the Bacardi stable. Well integrated oak.</i>		
Bacardi 151°, Bahamas	75.5%	£4.50
<i>At 75.5% it's the most flammable rum behind our bar. Take care.</i>		
Plantation Panama 1997, Panama	45%	£4.00
<i>Makes a cracking daiquiri with candy bubblegum and banana leaf notes.</i>		
Ron Zacapa Centenario 23 year old solera, Guatemala	40%	£6.00
<i>Delicious sipping rum, ranked first in the world by the Beverage Tasting Institute of Chicago (97 points). Solera aged, so between 6 and 23 years.</i>		

### Rhum Agricole

St Aubin Vanille Naturelle Rhum Agricole, Mauritius	40%	£3.60
<i>Infused with vanilla from St Aubin's own fields, with heaps of grassy goodness.</i>		
La Mauny Rhum Agricole, Martinique	40%	£3.00
<i>Give your Mojito a boost with this full flavoured, dark agricole rum. You won't look back.</i>		
10 Cane, Trinidad	40%	£3.30
<i>Created by the boys at Moët and Hennessey, from the very best of Trinidad's sugar cane..</i>		
Barbancourt 8 Rhum Agricole	43%	£2.80
<i>Bursting with gorgeous grassy flavours, this rum makes a mean 'Ti punch'.</i>		

### Cachaca

Cachaca is made in Brazil from sugar cane juice unlike its sister spirit rum (made from molasses). It is a full flavoured spirit most commonly known for its role in the Caipirinha. Another less known cocktail is the delicious Batida, which is blended refreshing drink made with fruit and ice.

Beija Flor, Brazil	39%	£3.20
<i>With heaps of flavour and character, this is a single-estate, hand-crafted Cachaça made using environmentally sensitive techniques.</i>		
Ypioca Prata, Brazil	39%	£3.00
<i>A truly traditional cachaça from one of Brazil's biggest producers.</i>		
Abelha, Brazil	39%	£3.00
<i>Brazil's first completely organic cachaça.</i>		

# Gin

Originally from Holland, gin is now synonymous with England and the timeless gin and tonic. Responsible for an epidemic of public drunkenness (as captured by Hogarth in Gin Lane), that has been compared to the effect of crack on American ghettos; gin has fought back from poor quality to be a spirit of refined flavour. To fully appreciate the spirit in all its glory, try the original gin martini, 2:1 (ratio of gin to vermouth) with a dash of orange bitters.

Beefeater, England, London	40%	£2.40
<i>The last original London gin. Orange undertones and well fixed botanicals. Martini lovely with an orange twist.</i>		
Beefeater 24, England, London	45%	£2.80
<i>The new super-premium gin from Beefeater. Fresh grapefruit and green teas along with the normal botanicals, and a higher ABV.</i>		
Beefeater Crown Jewel, England, London	50%	£4.00
<i>The old super-premium gin from Beefeater. Punchy and great aromatics.</i>		
Bermondsey Gin, England, London	40%	£3.00
<i>Locally designed by Mr Jensen, small batch boutique gin.</i>		
Bermondsey Old Tom Gin, England, London	40%	£3.00
<i>Locally designed by Mr Jensen, small batch boutique gin made to a well-researched Old Tom recipe, so sweeter and more complex</i>		
Blackwoods 60 Dry Gin, England	60%	£3.50
<i>A very limited 60% edition of the gin above.</i>		
Bombay Sapphire, England	40%	£2.50
<i>Famous branding success story. A smooth gin. Great for beginners!</i>		
Bombay Original Dry, England	43%	£2.80
<i>Harder to find than it's younger sister Sapphire, one of the great old school dry gins.</i>		
Gordon's Distiller's Cut, England	40%	£2.50
<i>An excellent gin from Gordon's. Lovely marriage of lemongrass and ginger flavours and kept at the original strength of 40%, Gordon's strength before they reduced it.</i>		
Hayman's Old Tom Gin, England	40%	£2.80
<i>Made to an old Old Tom recipe, this is gin how it used to be drunk – slightly sweeter and heavy on the juniper</i>		
Hendricks gin, Scotland	41.4%	£2.50
<i>The unusual gin! With cucumber and rose petals in the mix, this is a light and delicious gin.</i>		
Junipero, USA	49.3%	£4.50
<i>From the Anchor distilling company, a strongly aromatic gin. As the name suggests! Makes a cracking martini.</i>		
Miller's Westbourne Strength Gin, England	45.2%	£3.60
<i>Very floral and lovely in Collins. Reformed with Icelandic water and great with tonic with the extra abv.</i>		
Plymouth Gin, England, Plymouth	41.2%	£2.50
<i>This is the first gin to be used in a martini recipe. Smooth and delicious, it is still first choice for those who prefer their martinis not too pungent.</i>		
Tanqueray, England	43.1%	£2.50
<i>Deliciously bitter, a wonderful old school gin.</i>		
Tanqueray 10, England	47.3%	£4.00
<i>Made with fresh botanical as well as camomile and grapefruit. However you have it, have a grapefruit twist.</i>		
Seagrams Extra Dry, Canada	40%	£2.50
<i>'The smooth gin in the bumpy bottle!' This gin is mellowed in white oak barrels, giving it its pale straw colour. A great value and delicious gin.</i>		
No. 209, USA	46%	£3.00
<i>A small-batch gin from San Francisco. Distilled five times.</i>		
Whitley Neill, England	42%	£2.50
<i>Using two botanicals from Africa (baobab pods and cape gooseberries), this gin make a perfect Dirty Martini.</i>		
Bols Genever, Holland	42%	£3.00
<i>A category on it's own, genever is gin's ancestor, made with malt wine and a number of secret botanicals. Give this classic spirit a try in any of your favourite drinks.</i>		

# Vodka

Vodka has revolutionised the way we drink since its globalisation in 1938 with the advent of Smirnoff. Our tastes may have changed a little, and now a little more care about what's under the label is taken. Traditionally there are two styles, Russian and Polish. Polish vodkas are made from rye, and tend to have lovely rye aromas and a more creamy mouth feel than Russian, which are made from wheat, and are citrus like and are often said to have mild anise flavours. With the advent of western vodkas there is now more choice than ever. Western styles are often more neutral in flavour, so for flavour, go east and for smoothness, go west. Or even better, go gin!

Akvinta, Mediterranean, Croatia	40%	£3.50
<i>Triple distilled, with Dalmatian spring water and a five-stage filtration process through charcoal, marble, silver, gold and platinum.</i>		
Belvedere, Poland	40%	£3.00
<i>Produced with gold rye, Belvedere delivers a soft and creamy mouthfeel with light vanilla touches.</i>		
Ciroc, France	40%	£4.50
<i>Made from Mauzac Blanc and Ugni Blanc grapes, this is the first grape vodka, and is made in cognac.</i>		
Grey Goose, France	40%	£3.80
<i>A French wheat vodka.</i>		
Finlandia, Finland	40%	£2.80
<i>Finland's biggest exported vodka, made from 6-row barley and glacier water from the arctic circle..</i>		
Luksusowa, Poland	40%	£2.50
<i>A traditional potato vodka with a slightly oily texture and a little sweetness.</i>		
Rusky Standart Platinum, Russia	40%	£2.50
<i>A traditional style of Russian vodka. Great chilled or over ice.</i>		
Siwucha, Poland	40%	£2.50
<i>This vodka has been seasoned in oak barrel, has a very earthy taste and (bizarrely) is alleged to have (imperceptible) fruits of the forest flavours added to it. It is incompletely rectified and is very full flavoured.</i>		
Smirnoff Black, USA	50%	£2.50
<i>Small batch, copper pot still vodka.</i>		
Snow Leopard, Poland	40%	£3.20
<i>Very soft and smooth spelt grain vodka. 15% of profits go to the conservation of the snow leopard.</i>		
Zubrowka Bison Grass, Poland	40%	£2.50
<i>This vodka is macerated with grass (hierochloe odorata) taken from the Bialowieza forest in the East Poland, where it is a delicacy for the 300 bison that live there. A piece of the grass is put into each bottle and it is considered lucky if it falls into your drink as it is being made!</i>		
<b>Vodka - Flavoured</b>		
42 Below Feijoa, New Zealand	42%	£2.40
<i>Flavoured with the unusual Feijoa fruit from New Zealand. Adored by homesick New Zealanders, this guava like fruit mixes well with juices.</i>		
42 Below Passionfruit, New Zealand	42%	£2.40
<i>Another flavoured vodka from the antipodes, this time with loads of passionfruit.</i>		
Finlandia Grapefruit, Finland	40%	£2.40
<i>Great in a Caipiroska or Cosmo, or maybe just on the rocks.</i>		
Ketel One Citroen, Holland	40%	£2.80
<i>As close to perfection as a citrus vodka could ever wish to get.</i>		
Krupnik Honey, Poland	40%	£2.50
<i>Like a herbaceous liquid honey, this makes a divine Honey Vodka Sour.</i>		

# Agave Spirits

*Tequila – please note that not all are always available.*

Let us convince you that you love tequila by taking you on a tour of the finest tequilas Mexico produces. Made from the agave (a type of lily), this spirit is rustic and famous for getting you in trouble! We like ours served with a shot of sangrita (a spiced tomato, orange and grenadine shot) on the side. Ditch the salt and lime and try it the way the Mexicans do. In cocktails, the tequila version of the Bloody Mary, the Bloody Maria might convince you that tequila is the way it should be. If traditional is your thing, we can make you a Margarita. For tequilas this good you don't need the salt. It used to be put on the glass to deaden the palate so as to not taste the tequila. But ours are just dandy without.

If you want the full fresh flavour of the agave try a blanco (unaged) tequila. For something with a little oak spice and smoother flavour, reposado (rested), or for a flavour of how good tequila can be given some time in a barrel, Anejo, a full and rich flavoured tequila.

		Blanco	Repo	Añejo
Arette, El Llano distillery	38%	£2.50	£3.20	£4.00
<i>100% blue agave estate-bottled tequila, from the town of Tequila, made by the Orendain family since the early 1900s</i>				
Don Julio, La Rojena distillery	38%	£4.00	£4.50	£5.00
<i>A well respected tequila that the Mexican connoisseurs enjoy. If its good enough for them...</i>				
El Tesoro, Los Altos	40%	£3.80	£4.20	£4.80
<i>From the same distillery that makes Tapatio and Ocho, this is a fine tequila and one of our favourites.</i>				
Herradura, Amatitan	40%	£3.50	£4.00	£4.50
<i>Quite a 'masculine' tequila, this has a lot of pepper and power. Delicious when aged, but very fine as a blanco</i>				
Herencia de Plata Reposado, Los Altos region	38%		£3.50	
<i>Made from finest blue agave from the Los Altos area of Jalisco (slower growing agave, more pronounced flavour), this is a great tequila. Earthy and matches well with sangrita. The name means 'Silver Inheritance'.</i>				
Jose Cuervo 1800, La Rojena	38%		£3.50	£4.00
<i>Aged in small oak casks and made from 100% agave, this is a great example of an añejo tequila.</i>				
Jose Cuervo Gran Centenario, Hacienda Los Camichines	38%	£2.80	£3.20	£3.80
<i>Being unaged, the agave flavours are fresh and prominent from this Los Altos tequila. Dry, earthy and very tasty!</i>				
Jose Cuervo Reserva de la Familia, Jalisco	38%			£8.00
<i>This tequila was released to celebrate 200 years of Jose Cuervo. It is aged in ex bourbon barrels for five years underground (other tequila normally over ground) and has a pronounced vanilla and oak flavour. Absolutely amazing, and can be enjoyed in a brandy balloon as if it were a cognac.</i>				
Maracame, Los Altos	38%	£4.00	£4.60	£6.00
<i>A smooth and clean tequila named after the shaman of the local Huichol people. His peyote stamp is on the bottle, and a hand-made bead necklace from a local cooperative is around the neck.</i>				
Ocho, Los Altos (Repo), La Rivera (blanco)	40%	£2.40	£3.00	£4.00
<i>The first vintage tequila, this is a fantastic product developed in part by Tom Estes, tequila enthusiast and Ambassador. The 8 refers to 8 year old agave, the 8<sup>th</sup> decade the producing family has distilled tequila and the 8<sup>th</sup> version of the recipe</i>				
Patron Silver, Los Altos region	40%	£4.50		
<i>Incredibly popular in the USA, Patron is one of the most famous premium tequilas.</i>				
Partida, Amatitan	40%	£4.80	£5.50	£6.00
<i>Incredible retention of intense spice and herbaceous flavour of the Blue Webber. Worth the extra pennies. The repo and Anejo are rested in second fill Jack Daniels casks and show lots of nutty qualities.</i>				
Siete Leguas, Los Altos	40%	£4.50	£4.80	£5.00
<i>Named after Pancho Villa's horse (meaning 7 leagues), this is a traditionally-made, spicy and nutty tequila</i>				
Tapatio Blanco, La Altena distillery	40%	£3.00	£3.50	£4.00
<i>Absolutely perfect blanco tequila. Made in the most traditional way possible, with the agave still crushed in tahonas (a big stone crushing wheel). A must try cult tequila.</i>				

## Mezcal

Mezal is a sooty, smokey and unusual spirit, and strangely that works just great in cocktails. Shoot it when you are feeling dangerous! Although tequila is a type of mezcal, not all mezcal is tequila. This mezcal is 'con gusano', with a worm in the bottom of the bottle, these worms live on the maguey plant and are said to change the flavour of the maguey for the better. These worms are a local delicacy and can be eaten.

La Penca Mezcal, Mexico	38%	£2.80		
<i>Made from Salmaina, one of the greatest maguey agaves, this mezcal is stored in white oak to help its pronounced flavour to mature.</i>				

# Whiskey – North American

## *Bourbon*

Bourbon is the all American spirit. Made to strict regulations, this spirit is all quality. Made from three grains, always Corn (the majority), some Barley, and then either wheat or rye. The rye adds spice and a lovely bread-like nose, and the wheat smooth sweetness.

AH Hirsch 16, USA	45.8%	£7.00
<i>The oldest available pot-distilled bourbon that oozes quality. To be savoured in respect for the years.</i>		
Bakers 7, USA	53.5%	£4.50
<i>Rich and slightly less sweet than other bourbons. A great after-dinner cognac-style and very good value.</i>		
Blanton's Original and Gold, USA	46.5% & 51.5%	£4.00 / £5.20
<i>The original Old-Fashioned bourbon, the Original was the first single-barrel bourbon, and the Gold is the cream of the hand-picked single barrels</i>		
Booker's, USA	63.2%	£6.50
<i>This bourbon was originally a few barrels specially reserved for the family of Booker Noe, Master Distiller at Jim Beam. It was released for the public on account of its quality, and as Booker Noe has now passed on, it is a rare chance to try his handiwork. Bottled straight from the barrel and aged 6-8 years (the way Booker's granddaddy Jim Beam liked it). Please raise your glass to the man!</i>		
Buffalo Trace (our House), USA	45%	£2.40
<i>A rye based bourbon named after the wandering paths of the local buffalo. Vanilla, oak and leather will open up when nosed. One of Jim Murray's (whisky expert) favourite bourbons. And our house!</i>		
Eagle Rare 10yo, USA	45%	£4.40
<i>Intense bourbon from Buffalo Trace. Layers of spice, orange and caramel.</i>		
Evan Williams 1996, USA	43.3%	£4.20
<i>Spending an hour with this bourbon will reveal a host of flavours. A single barrel bourbon.</i>		
Fighting Cock Bourbon, USA	51.8%	£3.00
<i>A fantastic bourbon bottled at six years old. Plenty of fight and frankly a favourite of ours.</i>		
George T Stag, USA	70.6%	£10.00
<i>An experience that must be tried. This whisky is gigantic, and possibly the best bourbon on earth. Not to be swilled this seems an investment yet ends up good value as it will last you well into the evening, with small sips evaporating on your tongue and bursting flavours across it. Phenomenal.</i>		
Jim Beam Black, USA	43%	£2.80
<i>A brilliant Beam, this Kentucky Bourbon is aged for eight years and packs a little extra punch. A great step up from the white. We like!</i>		
Knob Creek, USA	50%	£3.40
<i>Aged 9 years and with incredible depth, this bourbon is delicious in Old Fashioned and Sours. Try a Sour with maple syrup in place of the sugar.</i>		
Maker's Mark, USA	45%	£2.60
<i>A wheated bourbon, smooth and gentle on the palette. Deservedly popular.</i>		
Wild Turkey 8 year old 101, USA	50.5%	£2.60
<i>This rye based bourbon is great value and one of the best in its price bracket. Really super stuff.</i>		
William L Weller 18, USA	60.93%	£9.00
<i>Another wheated bourbon. Weller was the first ever producer of wheated bourbon and this is a tribute to his foresight. Truly fantastic.</i>		
Woodford Reserve, USA	45.2%	£3.00
<i>A recent addition to the spirit world, this bourbon has won just about all the accolades going. See what all the fuss is about.</i>		

## Whiskey – North American

### *Whiskey – Tennessee*

Contrary to popular opinion Jack Daniel's is not bourbon, it's a Tennessee whiskey, different due to its filtration technique; slowly dripped through ten feet of charcoal.

Jack Daniels Single Barrel, USA	45%	£4.00
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*Chosen from barrels in the 'sweet spots' in the maturing warehouses. They mature at an even rate and as a consequence taste all the better. A better way of enjoying the world's favourite whiskey.*

### *Whiskey – Rye*

Rittenhouse Straight Rye Whisky, USA	40%	£2.60
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*A great introduction to rye whiskey, with pepper and rye bread on the nose.*

Sazerac Rye (our house), USA	45%	£2.70
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*What could be better than a Sazerac cocktail made with Sazerac whiskey. This stuff tastes great!*

Sazerac Rye 18, USA	45%	£7.50
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*Supply is very limited of this amazing rye. Have a Manhattan with this when the lights are turned down and try and grab an easy chair.*

Thomas H Handy Sazerac, USA	66.35%	£9.00
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*A barrel strength rye named for the first bartender to make a Sazerac with whiskey. Lush and spicy.*

Van Winkle 13 Rye, USA	47.8%	£7.00
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*Peppery and dense, this is another incredible whiskey, made by the acclaimed Van Winkles.*

## Whisky – Scottish, Irish and Japanese

Whisky is the king of spirits and no longer just for the boys. The styles and diversity makes it so exciting to explore the whiskies of Scotland. For a smoother, more subtle dram, Irish whisky, with its triple distillation, could be what you are looking for. We are constantly changing our whiskies, so please ask for what you fancy.

### *Whisky – Blended*

Bailie Nicol Jarvie, Scotland	40%	£2.60
<i>With a high malt quantity for a blended whisky, BNJ offers a quality dram. Delicately balanced and treasured by Jim Murray (whisky expert).</i>		
Compass Box 'Asyla', Scotland	40%	£2.60
<i>John Glazer approaches blending whisky with a refreshingly different style. Admire his art with a taste of this light and sweet whisky.</i>		
Compass Box 'Flaming Heart', Scotland	48.9%	£6.50
<i>Warming, rich and delicious, and very hard to find! When it's gone it's gone!</i>		
Compass Box 'The Peat Monster', Scotland	46%	£3.20
<i>A gloriously smoky blend of the island distilleries.</i>		
Johnnie Walker Black 12 Year Old, Scotland	40%	£2.80
Johnnie Walker Gold, Scotland	40%	£5.50
<i>18years old. Sweet and creamy mouth-feel. Can be drunk chilled.</i>		
Johnnie Walker Blue, Scotland	40%	£14.00
<i>The whiskies in this secret blend are guessed to be between 50-60years old. The ultimate blended whisky.</i>		
Monkey Shoulder, Scotland	40%	£2.50
<i>Triple malt from William Grant including Glenfiddich and Balvenie.</i>		
The Royal Salute Hundred Cask Selection, Scotland	40%	£15.00
<i>Chivas Regal brings you this superb whiskey selected from a hundred casks. Rich and sweet. A perfect restorative.</i>		

### *Whisky - Irish*

Bushmills Black Bush, Northern Ireland	40%	£2.50
<i>Smooth triple distilled Irish whisky</i>		
Bushmills Malt 10, Northern Ireland	40%	£3.00
<i>Ten years old and showing good maturity</i>		
Connemara Peated, Ireland	40%	£3.50
<i>The only smoky Irish whisky</i>		
Redbreast 12year old, Ireland	40%	£3.20
<i>Redbreast is a pure pot still whiskey from the Jameson distillery, delivering great character.</i>		
Jameson, Ireland	40%	£2.50

## Whisky (*continued*)

### Islands

Talisker 10, Scotland Skye	45.8%	£3.20
<i>Famous single malt characteristic to the islands. Balanced peat and smoke.</i>		
Highland Park 12, Orkney Isles	40%	£3.50
<i>Made with wonderfully heathery peat, which certainly shows in this great all-rounder.</i>		
Highland Park 18, Orkney Isles	43%	£5.50
<i>Leaps beyond the 12 year old. Superb.</i>		

### Islay

This style of whisky struggled for takers in days of yore, but now is the considered by many the holy grail of whisky due to its full on peat reek. Smoky and like at times like drinking a bonfire, this is whisky for the bonfire night hip flask. This small Hebridean island has eight distilleries. In the northern part of the island are the lighter styles of Islay whisky. Bruichladdich, Bunnahabain, and Caol Ila. In the middle of the Island lies Bowmore, increasingly smoky in style. Southern Islay holds the blockbusters of peat and smoke, full flavoured and phenolic, Ardbeg, Lagavullin and Laphroig. Start North and work your way South for the ultimate in whisky journeys.

Ardbeg 10, Scotland Islay	46%	£3.60
<i>Pungent malt with medicinal notes. These flavours come from the seaweed in the Islay peat.</i>		
Port Ellen 1983, Scotland Islay	50%	£10.00
<i>This now mothballed distillery is another of the Southern Islay whiskies. When the old stuff has run out there will be no more, so treasure this opportunity to taste whisky history. History never tasted so good!</i>		
Lagavulin 16, Scotland Islay	43%	£4.50
<i>A dry classic whisky for mature palates.</i>		
Lagavulin 1991 Distiller's Edition, Scotland Islay	43%	£5.50
<i>Finished in Pedro Ximenez sherry cask this whiskey is hugely fruity and nutty.</i>		
Laphroaig 10 year, Scotland Islay	40%	£3.00
<i>Sweet and with a powerful smoky kick.</i>		
Laphroaig Quarter Cask, Scotland Islay	40%	£3.00
<i>Partially aged in smaller casks than usual, the whisky has a softness and sweetness that leads to Laphroaig's signature peat..</i>		
Bruichladdich 15 Years, Scotland Islay	46%	£4.20
<i>Lightly peated, the 15 year old is aged for most of its life in ex bourbon barrels, then finished in old sauternes casks for 25 weeks.</i>		
Caol Ila 1991, Scotland Islay	46%	£4.60
<i>Unusual find of one of Northern Islay's less well renowned distilleries</i>		

### Japanese

Japanese whiskey was founded by Masataka Taketsuru following years of studying the making of Scotch at Longmorn. He returned to his native country and began the Yoichi distillery in the north of Japan. Japanese whiskey has now turned a point where it is now innovating rather than emulating. You can expect to taste some incredible whiskies from this region, which is rapidly growing in importance.

Nikka whisky from the barrel, Japan	51.4%	£5.00
<i>Bottled straight from the barrel at cask strength.</i>		
Suntory Yamazaki 12 Year Old, Japan	43%	£3.60
<i>Creating a sensation amongst whiskey enthusiasts and highly recommended.</i>		
Suntory Yamazaki 18 Year Old, Japan	43%	£6.20
<i>This is a full-bodied whisky with spicy cherry-like tones. Aged in casks of three different kinds of oaks: American, Spanish and Japanese.</i>		

# Whisky (continued)

## Whisky Liqueurs

Compass Box Orangerie, Scotland 40% £3.50  
*Finest quality orange whisky liqueur from Compass Box*

## Whisky – Single Malt

### Lowland

Traditionally this region produces the lightest style of whisky. These whiskies make an excellent introduction to the category.

Auchentoshan Three Wood, Scotland Lowland 43% £4.50  
*Matured in three different barrels, first ex-bourbon, then ex-oloroso, then ex-pedro ximenez, which add amazing richness and depth. Try a Bobby Burns with this and be blown away.*

Glenkinchie 10, Scotland Lowland 43% £3.00  
*One of the classic malts of Scotland. Lovely and light, a perfect first scotch.*

### Campbeltown

Briny and magnificent whisky comes from this tiny region. Once the home to many distilleries, there are now only two.

Springbank 1997, Scotland, Campbeltown 55.2% £4.00  
*Incredible cult whisky. Rich and multi faceted. Ultra limited supply, so try it now!*

### Highland

Oban 14, Scotland Highland 43% £3.50  
*Coastal malt from one of the oldest distilleries of Scotland.*

Clynelish 14, Scotland Highland 46% £3.50  
*A wonderful, waxy malt. Unmistakable, and unmissable.*

Glenmorangie 10, Scotland Highland 40% £3.20  
*Light and floral whisky from the tallest stills in Scotland*

Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban (Port Finish), Scotland Highland 43% £4.00  
*The port finish adds a lovely rich sweetness to this whisky. Try an Aggravation with this (a scotch White Russian).*

Glenfiddich 18, Scotland Highland 40% £4.20  
*Spanish Oloroso barrels give this mellow whisky hints of sweet apples and cinnamon.*

Glenfiddich 21, Scotland Highland 40% £6.00  
*Aged in rum barrels, this whisky was picked by Iain Banks as his favourite single malt in his book "Raw Spirit: In search of the perfect dram."*

The Dalmore King Alexander III, Scotland Highland 40% £13.00  
*This whiskey is aged in barrels that have held wine, bourbon, sherry and port. Remarkable and complex.*

### Speyside

This region is the richest in quantity of distilleries, and the style (although hard to tie down), is usually robust and rich, with not too much smoke.

Balvenie Single Barrel 15yo, Scotland Speyside 47.8% £5.00  
*Drawn from a single cask, this is a very complete whisky, with a rounded flavour profile including vanilla, heather and honey notes.*

Balvenie Rum Wood 47.1% £8.00  
*Superb rich dram, complemented by the lovely rum finish. A whisky to contemplate.*

Cragganmore 12, Scotland Speyside 43% £3.00  
*Fruity, floral and dry with some smoke.*

Macallan 10 year old, Scotland, Speyside 43% £3.00  
*Aged in sherry casks, with a rounded, full body.*

## MIXED SOFT DRINKS

LLB	Lemon juice, Bitters, lime cordial, soda.	£3.00
Virgin Mary	Tomato juice, Tabasco, salt, pepper, celery, horseradish	£3.00
Dark & Tranquil	Ginger beer, Bitters, lime juice.	£3.00
Pink Lemonade	Lemonade muddled with fresh raspberries.	£3.00

## WATER

Our mineral water is supplied by a charity called Belu. The water comes from Shropshire, and the charity gives all its profits to clean water projects around the world. [www.belu.org](http://www.belu.org)

Sparkling Belu mineral water	glass / 700ml	£1.50/£3.50
Still Belu mineral water	glass / 700ml	£1.50/£3.50

## OTHER

Mixers (glass and small bottle)	£1.50
Mixers (larger 330ml bottle)	£2.00

## TEAS & COFFEES

Our coffee comes from The Monmouth Coffee Company ([www.monmouthcoffee.co.uk](http://www.monmouthcoffee.co.uk)). We use their Organic Espresso Blend, a mix of organically certified estate coffees from Brazil and Guatemala.

All of our teas are fairly traded and organic. All our milk is organic.

## TEAS

English Breakfast, Earl Grey, fresh mint, A selection of organic herbal teas.	£1.80
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## COFFEES

Cappuccino	£2.00
Latte	£2.00
Mocha	£2.00
Espresso	£1.50
Espresso macchiato	£1.60
Americano	£1.80
Hot Chocolate	£1.80

SOFT DRINKS