

# MERCHANT

The *Essential*  
Drinks Cabinet

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# Irish Whiskey

## Irish Blended Whiskey

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### Bushmills Original 40%

£5.55

Young, spiry and slightly oral on the nose, this features single grain aged 5 years then blended with malt whiskies. A short and sweet nish follows yeasty bread, woody spices, grass, and toasted sugar.

### Black Bush 40%

£5.65

A rich, dark blend from Ireland's oldest working distillery, Old Bushmills Distillery in County Antrim. It is comprised of almost entirely single malt whiskey. The malt whiskey used to create Black Bush is aged in carefully selected Spanish Oloroso sherry-seasoned oak casks before being blended with a small portion of delicate sweet single grain whiskey.

### Dunville's Three Crown 40%

£6.65

Echlinville Distillery bring us this blend of a 4 year old single grain, 10 year old single malt and Oloroso nished 15 year single malt whiskey while continuing to revive the Dunville's brand. Smooth notes of butterscotch and caramel on the nose, with walnut and dried fruit on the palate, and a light vanilla finish.

### Copeland Merchants' Quay Irish Whiskey 40%

£6.25

A unique blend of 3 different whiskies matured in 4 different casks. A remarkable taste, inspired by history.

### Jameson 40%

£5.40

Blended from a combination of pure pot still and grain whiskies. Triple distillation and many years of maturation result in an exceptionally smooth whiskey, with hints of spice, sherry and wood. A versatile and accessible whiskey.

### Jameson Select Reserve 40%

£8.20

A blend of 12 year old pot still and 5 year old grain whiskey that is aged in double charred ex-bourbon barrels, lending this easy drinking whiskey a toasted oak and spiced chocolate character with hints of apricot.

### Jameson 18 year old Limited Reserve 40%

£18.00

This fantastic 18 year old blend is one of the best in its entire range. Consisting of a blend of two pot still whiskies and a single grain that is aged in Oloroso sherry casks and then nished in bourbon barrels for 6 months, this whiskey has a wonderful complex character. Muted sherry, spice and toffee feature on the nose, following onto smooth fudges and toffee spices and hints of vanilla on the palate before a lingering finish.

### Jameson Crested 40%

£5.10

Blended from a combination of pure pot still and grain whiskies. Triple distillation and many years of maturation result in an exceptionally smooth whiskey, with hints of spice, sherry and wood. A versatile and accessible whiskey.

### Jameson Cask Mates Stout 40%

£7.50

Blended from a combination of pure pot still and grain whiskies. Triple distillation and many years of maturation result in an exceptionally smooth whiskey, with hints of spice, sherry and wood. A versatile and accessible whiskey.

### **Jameson Gold 46%**

**£13.25**

Comprising of 3 pot still whiskies aged in virgin American oak, ex-bourbon and ex-sherry casks, and a grain whiskey aged in mostly ex-bourbon barrels. This combination of seasoned oak produces a whiskey that offers creamy butterscotch, woody spices and a biscuity aspect.

### **Jameson Rarest Vintage Reserve 46%**

**£55.00**

Blended from some of the oldest stocks available at Midleton, this highly complex whiskey is one of the finest Irish whiskies around. The interplay of age, pot still, very old grain, bourbon barrels, and port pipes result in a full-bodied aroma – melon, plum, treacle – a thick, oily palate – ginger, pepper, honey, oak – finishing with great length and complexity.

### **Midleton Very Rare 40%**

**£24.00**

One of the most expensive and well received Irish whiskies since its inception in 1984, Midleton Very Rare has an annual release limited to less than 2,500 cases. Comprised of a mix of pot still and grain whiskies aged for between 12 and 20 years in ex-bourbon American Oak, Barry Crockett stated the objective of producing the best whiskey possible with Midleton Very Rare.

### **Old Comber Pot Still 30 year old 40%**

**£55.00**

Northern Irish town Comber originally had two distilleries, with the first closing during the First World War, and the second closing during the Second World War. This Old Comber distillery resumed production briefly post-1945, prior to ceasing finally in 1953. This bottling comes from stocks created during that time. This old pot still whiskey was aged for at least 30 years, and features strong pot still characteristics on the nose (honey, dried apricots, figs) followed by maltiness, pine and oak alongside dried fruits on the palate.

### **Paddy 40%**

**£5.45**

Named after a gregarious sales representative for Cork Distilleries Company called Paddy Flaherty. His legacy lives on in the whiskey which was named after him in 1912. Paddy Whiskey is distilled three times from the finest barley and water.

### **Powers Gold Label 40%**

**£5.45**

Powers was the first whiskey distiller to practise the art of bottling their own whiskey. This was to ensure consistent quality as up until that time whiskey was sold in cask to Whiskey Bonders. The distillery bottled brand was called Powers Gold Label. The best-selling whiskey in the Republic of Ireland, it has a spicy pot still character and is aged for between 5 and 6 years in ex-bourbon casks.

### **Teeling Small Batch 46%**

**£6.50**

Finished in rum casks, this is an excellent release from Teeling. There is a high malt content, non-chill filtered, with a floral herbal finish and caramel on the tail.

### **Tullamore Dew 40%**

**£5.45**

Named after Daniel E Williams (D.E.W.), who managed the Tullamore distillery in the 19th century. This is a light, yet complex, style of Irish whiskey. Green apples and buttery vanilla stand-out in particular.

### **Writer's Tears Copper Pot 40%**

**£8.25**

A blend of 60% pot still and 40% malt, this is a triple distilled non-peated blend. Vanilla and honey stand over a distinct pot still base that leads to gentle ginger and butterscotch notes on the palate before a subtle chocolatey finish.

# Irish *Whiskey*

## Irish Grain Whiskey

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### Teeling Single Grain 46% £7.90

A serial award winner at the World Whiskies Awards – Best Irish Grain 2016 and Worlds Best Grain Whiskey 2014 – this unique single grain from Teeling is aged in Californian Cabernet Sauvignon casks. Featuring treacle and dried red berries alongside light buttery notes on the palate, this sweet and light whiskey packs a lot of flavour.

## Single Pot Still

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### Green Spot 40% £10.60

Produced exclusively at Midleton for Mitchell and Sons, the wine merchants who dab paint to identify their barrels by age, this is aged in 25% ex-sherry casks with the remainder ex-bourbon barrels. This pot still leads with fruit over the spice, alongside the presence of banana, berries and red apples.

### Knappogue Castle 1951 40% £175.00

In 1952 B. Daly and Co. Ltd (the operators of Tullamore Distillery from 1887 onwards) was dissolved as a company. Towards the end of their operation, the American Hibernophile Mark Edwin Andrews purchased some of their final stocks. After ageing for 36 years in sherry seasoned oak, this relic of Irish pot still whiskies were released under the title Knappogue Castle 1951. Amazingly after such long contact with oak, its pot still character has not been lost – delicate and dry, yet still oily and adhesive. On the nose it offers pineapple, lemon, clover, mulled rum and linseed oil, leading to sweet spices, persimmon, light vanilla, oak and rum again, all followed by a dry clover finish. An amazing glimpse to an Irish whiskey world lost.

### Method and Madness Single Pot Still 46% £14.85

This pot still is aged in a combination of bourbon and sherry casks before being finished in chestnut wood. What results is a palate of Christmas spices and stewed fruits with a lovely mouth-coating texture.

### Midleton Barry Crockett 46% £24.30

Approaching retirement in 2013, after 32 years as Master Distiller at Midleton Distillery, Barry Crockett was given free rein to design this single pot still. Aged in ex-bourbon barrels and finished in new American oak, this is a dazzlingly complex whiskey to contemplate and enjoy. Dense oak, barley spice, citrus and red fruit lead to a long-lasting finish. Wonderfully balanced and complex.

### Powers Three Swallow 40% £6.75

Named after the minimum number of sips that should be taken of a whiskey, Three Swallow combines ripe fruit with crème brûlée and a soft sherry spice. An easy going whiskey with a fruity finish.

### Powers John's Lane 12 year old 46% £9.00

Named after the old, closed Powers distillery, this 12 year old is aged in a combination of bourbon and Oloroso sherry casks resulting in a full, sweet and rich whiskey. Big notes of baking spices and aromatic fruit combine in this great pot still expression.

### Redbreast 12 year old 40% £8.30

Relaunched in the 1990's, Redbreast 12 year old is fruity and sweet on the nose, with ginger cake, toffee and liquorice spice on the palate and a rich, lingering oily finish. A fantastic introduction into the quintessential Irish style of whiskey.

**Redbreast 12 year old Cask Strength  
58.6% £12.40**

A non-chill filtered cask strength expression of Redbreast 12 year old, this is a rich and complex pot still whiskey that offers a great combination of strength and flavour. Leading with dry tropical fruits, a biscuity core and a creamy caramel finish, this whiskey opens up with the addition of water for those wanting to dial down the strength.

**Redbreast 15 year old 46%  
£14.60**

Combining whiskies aged up to 19 years, and no younger than 15, this is a richer, stronger sibling to the 12 year old. The longer contact with oak results in a drier, more peppery spice that sits alongside caramel, clove and sweet cinnamon with hints of tropical fruits.

**Redbreast 21 year old 46%  
£25.40**

Awarded Irish Whiskey of the Year 2017 by Jim Murray's Whisky Bible, this is a rich, fully spiced gem. Quince and apple lead on the nose, with soft vanilla, pot still spices, apple and nectarine on the palate. Beautifully balanced with a chewy nuttiness and a great lasting finish.

**Redbreast Lustau 46%  
£9.25**

The latest addition to the Redbreast range, Lustau is initially aged for a period of 9-12 years in bourbon and sherry casks. It is then finished in first fill sherry butts seasoned with Oloroso sherry from Bodegas Lustau in Jerez for 1 additional year. The result is an exceptionally creamy whiskey featuring plenty of dark fruits, marzipan and liquorice.

**Yellow Spot 46%  
£17.40**

Re-released in 2010 after disappearing in the 1950's, Yellow Spot is drawn from American oak, ex-sherry butts and Madeira wine casks, having aged for a minimum of 12 years. Misguiding astringency on the nose opens up to candied nuts, citrus zest and soft fruit on the palate, with spice superseding fruit on the finish.

**Single Malt Irish**

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**Bushmills 10 year old 40%  
£7.25**

A triple distilled 10 year old single malt, aged in a combination of bourbon and sherry casks, this sweet light bodied malt leads with cinnamon, vanilla and honey with a touch of cocoa.

**Bushmills 16 year old 40%  
£15.50**

This exceptionally popular whiskey is aged in bourbon, sherry and port casks for at least 16 years. Concentrated and full bodied on the palate, all nutty with caramelised fruits, then jammed berries and chocolate along the finish.

**Bushmills 21 year old 40%  
£24.90**

A limited release of 900 cases per year, this rare whiskey comprises of separately aged malts – one solely in ex- bourbon, the other solely ex-sherry cask, prior to being married in Madeira wine casks for the final 2 years. Toffee and chocolate on the nose, followed by tropical fruits and rich spices before mint, liquorice and black coffee on the finish.



# Irish *Whiskey*

## **Method and Madness Single Malt**

**46% £8.40**

Midleton's first single malt in a long time is finished in French Limousin oak, casks more associated with the ageing of Cognac rather than whiskey, after being aged in bourbon barrels. An aromatic smooth whiskey with a honeyed, nutty character.

## **Teeling Revival 14 year old**

**(Volume III) 46%**

**£22.00**

This 14 year old single malt is aged in ex-bourbon barrels before being finished for a final year in Pineau-de-Charentes casks. Limited to 10,000 bottles for this release, this malt offers toasted almond and bitter chocolate notes, rounded out by honey and hazelnuts, with the cask finish delivering notes of dried fruit and toffee pineapple, all giving a soft lingering sweetness in this unique Irish whiskey.

## **The Irishman Single Malt 40%**

**£7.55**

This triple distilled single malt is a classic Irish malt that is aged in bourbon and Oloroso casks. Each batch is limited to 6000 bottles, and features dried stone fruits and tropical fruits, light oak and a biscuit bite with a long finish.

# Scotch *Whiskey*

## Speyside – Scotch

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### Glenfarclas 10 year old 40%

£6.85

Managed and owned by the Grant family for 6 generations, this grain to glass producer delivers this wonderful sherried 10 year old single malt. Honey and pear drops appear on the nose, with malty sherry notes, cinnamon, clove and vanilla alongside dried fruits on the palate.

### Glenrothes 43%

£8.25

This non-vintage raised a few eyebrows when first released, but has grown popular. American oak and coconut on the nose give way to a good malty flavour that is medium sweet, slightly spiced with vanilla and orange, and an absence of smoke.

## Blended Scotch

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### Chivas Regal 12 years 40%

£6.25

From a single store in Aberdeen, Scotland, the brothers James and John Chivas built a reputation as consummate blenders of fine Scotch. Distinguished by its light, lingering aroma and full, smooth palate and balanced flavour with a hint of smoke, this is a Scotch of subtle and complex character.

### Famous Grouse 40%

£5.55

One of the best-selling blends in the world, Famous Grouse is a biscuity, malty blend that is light on the nose with just a hint of smoke and spice present.

### Johnnie Walker Red Label 40%

£5.65

More designed to enjoy in a long drink or a high ball, this blend has a moderate amount of peat smoke from the Caol Ila and Talisker distilleries, while dry herbs, cereal and red fruits emerge later followed by an oak spice.

### Johnnie Walker Black Label 40%

£6.25

Over 3 dozen distilleries form this blend, largely the peated distilleries Cardhu, Lagavulin and Talisker. This is definitely known as the peated Johnnie, but there is also plenty more going on with a vanilla and citrus nose, and butterscotch and golden raisin further down the line.

### Johnnie Walker Gold Label Reserve

40% £12.30

The peated distilleries step down a notch here, with the Highland distillery Clynelish taking a more prominent role. The nose and palate reflect this, with the peat smoke taking a back seat while the honey and lemon sit in front alongside some wood spices.

### Johnnie Walker Blue Label 40%

£29.50

Fragrant with good body on the nose with oak, spice, berries and aniseed, this is wonderfully balanced on the palate. Nuts, honey and sherry give way to cocoa, ginger and sandalwood. A long, lingering smooth finish gives way to soft Highland smoke.

# Scotch *Whiskey*

## Vatted Malt

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### Monkey Shoulder 40%

£6.50

Comprised of malt from the single malt distilleries at Kininvie, Glenfiddich and The Balvenie which are then vatted for three to six months prior to bottling. This blend is named in honour of the injury gained by those who would turn the malting barley by hand. Orange marmalade, honey, toast and cinnamon with a slight notes of mint and anise at the end.

## Highland Scotch

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### Balblair 1997 46%

£12.90

One of the first releases by Balblair in their vintages range, this is an ex-bourbon barrel finish single malt. Sweet honey and vanilla notes combine with green apple on the nose, that continues into the palate alongside biscuits and soft clove, with a lightly spiced lingering finish.

### Dalwhinnie 15 year old 43%

£8.20

A great introduction into the delights of single malt whisky, this is smooth and medium bodied, with a light fruity palate and a touch of heather on the finish from what may be the highest distillery in Scotland.

### Oban 14 year old 43%

£8.30

A classic single malt, Oban use only the finest barley and a light peat is used for malting. It delivers no surprises, the nose gives you a palate you would expect, and the palate gives you a finish you would expect. This may not be fashionable, but it delivers a reassuring quality to its loyal following.

### Old Pulteney 12 year old 40%

£6.20

This highly popular Highland dram typifies its coastal style with a faint whiff of brine and sea salt. Crisp and clean, it combines nuts, toffee, sultanas and spices and is finished in ex-bourbon casks.

## Islay

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### Bunnahabhain 12 year old 46.3%

£9.00

This is an un-chill filtered whisky that sits at 46.3% and is a fantastic introduction into Islay whisky for those who are unsure of whether they really fancy that much peat and smoke. Rich and multidimensional, this features vanilla, cherry, cream and oak.

### Lagavulin 16 year old 43%

£10.65

This is a rich and full-bodied Islay dram, where peat and smoke are predominant throughout. Perfect with blue cheeses for a pairing, there is salt and seaweed on the finish, with a touch of wood alongside the iodine peat.

### Laphroaig 10 year old 40%

£9.35

Produced in the same way since Ian Hunter invented it over 75 years ago. Malted barley is dried over a peat fire and gives this malt its particularly rich flavour. A hint of seaweed and a surprising sweetness lies underneath, before a long finish.

## Campbeltown

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### **Springbank 10 year old 46%**

**£7.35**

The combination of ex-sherry and ex-bourbon casks help to deliver the complexity found in this whisky, one that belies its relatively young age and light colour. Citrus and fruit sit alongside a hint of smoke on the nose, before a spiced, salty smoked palate emerges that is characteristic of Springbank.

## Islands

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### **Talisker 10 year old 45.8%**

**£8.60**

Underneath Talisker's drying smoke lies sweet pear notes. This has a coastal, spicy aspect too with cracked black pepper on the finish. Not as smoke dominated as other more peaty whiskies.

### **Tobermory 10 year old 46.3%**

**£7.30**

This very old, small distillery produces a single malt that is rich in character, with an eclectic mix of fruit, spice and smoke on the palate that fades into almond and salt on the finish.

# American *Whiskey*

## Bourbon

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### Buffalo Trace 40%

£5.65

The signature release of one of the most award winning global distilleries, Buffalo Trace is a great, sweet introduction to bourbon. Their low rye blend of grains results in an accessible bourbon that delivers vanilla, candy bars and barrel spices on the nose and then brown sugar, corn and tobacco on the palate before a quick, sweet finish.

### Bulleit Bourbon 45%

£6.70

With a high rye content, sitting around 30%, Bulleit is produced in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky by Four Roses. With such a high addition of rye, it delivers a good spicy kick with warming cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves that is followed by dried fruit and nutty notes.

### Eagle Rare 10 year old 45%

£7.90

Another release from the Buffalo Trace Distillery, this age statement bourbon is a good step up in complexity against its flagship brother. Dark cherries and red apples feature at the start, before cinnamon, clove and allspice step in. All this is rounded off by caramel, vanilla and toasty oak char before finishing with rugged leather notes. All things we like in our bourbon.

### Fighting Cock 51.5%

£6.75

This is an underrated bruiser of a bourbon with a high 103 proof bottling. Maple and vanilla step out once you get past the alcohol, then the palate can pick up the sweet and smoked notes that follow alongside the barrel spices.

### Four Roses Small Batch 40%

£5.65

Four Roses use two different yeast strains and five different mash bills for their whiskey to create 10 different types of bourbon. From these 10 styles, 4 casks are to be blended to create this spicy, rich and mellow bourbon that has a great maple and red berry finish.

### Four Roses Single Barrel 50%

£8.90

Four Roses Single Barrel selects one of their 10 different types of bourbon and bottles it solely from that type of whiskey. Their single barrel bourbon is potent, smooth and creamy and a great representation of the whiskey they produce.

### L&G Woodford Reserve 43.2%

£6.80

Well-rounded and smooth, this bourbon offers faint vanilla and tobacco, before leading into cocoa and toffee notes and a soft finish.

### Maker's Mark 45%

£6.30

While most bourbons use corn, rye and barley in their mash bill, Maker's Mark replace the rye with red winter wheat that is sweeter on the nose and palate. Fresh fruit, vanilla and brown sugar lead on the palate, with secondary notes of baking spices, oak and apples coming after. At 45% ABV and with its sweetness, this is a bourbon we love to use in cocktails.

## Rye

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### **Rittenhouse Straight Rye 40%** **£7.30**

This rye whiskey from Heaven Hill has distinct rye notes, along with creamy vanilla, gingerbread and chocolate notes. Perfect for an end of day boilermaker.

### **Rittenhouse Bottled in Bond Straight Rye 50%** **£7.90**

All Bottled in Bond American whiskies are released at 100 proof, 50% ABV. This rye won World's Best American Whiskey in 2010 at the World Whiskey Awards, trumping more illustrious names. Alongside the rye and caramel come pipe tobacco and cinnamon and a hint of cola.

## Tennessee

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### **Gentleman Jack 40%** **£6.80**

Gentleman Jack is charcoal-mellowed twice, before and after the ageing process, giving a more refined, sweeter whiskey.

### **Jack Daniel's Old No.7 40%** **£5.75**

A truly global brand, Jack Daniel's carries a sweet smoothness that is imparted by the Lincoln County Process of charcoal-mellowing where each drop of spirit is passed through 10 feet of sugar maple charcoal.

### **Jack Daniel's Single Barrel 45%** **£9.60**

Richer and less sweet than the No.7, this is a must for Jack Daniel's fans offering a whiskey at a higher proof with bright fruit notes.

## Whiskey

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### **Michter's Sour Mash 46%** **£11.50**

Having once been a Michter's staple during the 1970's and 1980's before the original Pennsylvania distillery was closed, this old recipe was revived and re-released in 2012 to huge acclaim. Unable to be categorised as either a bourbon or rye, this is more of a hybrid between the two. Comprised of 50% corn, the rest being mostly rye with a small percentage of barley added to help the fermentation process. Delivering the sweetness of a bourbon and the spice of a rye, you'll find vanilla, stone fruit, chewy caramel and nougat followed by black pepper, ginger and cinnamon on the finish.

# Other *Whisk(e)y*

## Canadian

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### **Canadian Club 40%** **£5.65**

Aged for 6 years as opposed to the minimally required 3, this is barrel blended smooth whiskey that is the benchmark for all Canadian whiskey. The blending in white oak allows the rye, rye malt, malted barley and corn to marry into its light taste.

### **Canadian Club Sherry Cask 41.3%** **£8.90**

Made in very small quantities from whiskies aged for 8 years in white oak prior to a Jerez sherry cask finish delivering those sherried undertones.

### **Crown Royal 40%** **£6.50**

Crown Royal is full-bodied and smooth, with hints of oak and vanilla. It is a blend drawn from over 50 different whiskies of varying grains and casks distilled at the Gimli Distillery in Manitoba from their vast inventory of over a million barrels.

## Japanese

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### **Karuizawa 1982 Bourbon Cask – Koi** **46% £55.00**

A very rare Karuizawa with an even rarer bourbon finish as opposed to their usual sherry preference. A combination of floral and woody notes on the nose – from cedar, pine resin and apple blossom – gives way to a medium palate with great length of vanilla and oakspice.

### **Nikka from the Barrel 51.4%** **£12.50**

Many Japanese whiskies can be very precise but this is not one of them. This is a bruiser of a blend with a nose that drifts and returns, and a palate that questions. Cigar boxes, woodlands and peat, or sherry, umami, cinnamon and orange, don't be surprised if you come across any of these in this rich blend.

### **Hibiki Harmony 43%** **£17.50**

Comprised of a blend of Japanese malt and grain whiskies from Yamazaki, Hakushu and Chita distilleries, this whisky leads with apricots, oranges and marmalade with soft notes of cinnamon, clove and pepper. Another great Hibiki release featuring their usual balance and elegance.

# Cognac

## **Courvoisier Exclusif VSOP 40%** **£8.60**

A blend of different crus in the Cognac region, this complex and versatile Cognac was designed to be enjoyed in cocktails and as a straight spirit as it is one of the oldest VSOPs available.

## **Hennessy VS 40%** **£5.85**

Founded by Irishman Richard Hennessy in 1765, Hennessy VS is a mainstay of the Hennessy house. Woody and nutty with a little sweetness moving into floral and oak notes, this VS is a blend of around 40 eaux-de-vie.

## **Hennessy VSOP 40%** **£8.30**

'Very Superior Old Pale' was blended for a prince who was to become the future King George IV of Great Britain. It has a complex aromatic balance comprising of French oak, vanilla, clove, cinnamon and candied fruit.

## **Hennessy XO 40%** **£17.00**

The world's first XO – extra old Cognac – the term was coined by Maurice Hennessy in the 19th century. Consisting of over 100 eaux-de-vie, this XO offers dried fruits on the nose and palate, accompanied by cocoa and nuts with a caramel custard finish.

## **Hennessy Paradis 40%** **£56.50**

Conceived in 1979 by then Master Blender Maurice Fillioux, this is a blend of over 100 eaux-de-vie some of which date back to the 1880's. Floral, sweet, and softly spiced on the nose, this leads to exceptionally well balanced, long lasting flavours that return and repeat on the palate all contributing to the reverence Cognac lovers hold for this super premium product.

## **Hennessy 250 Collectors Blend 40%** **£52.50**

A limited edition release in 2015 to celebrate 250 years of production at the Hennessy house, Master Blender Yann Fillioux spent 4 years developing this blend using over 100 of the finest spirits made over his 50 year career. Whilst still being elegant, this Cognac is sufficiently rich and expressive to also be enjoyed with food and not solely as a digestif. Soft sherry, hazelnut and nutmeg lead on the nose and continue on the palate, with an exceptionally fine lasting finish.

## **Richard Hennessy 40%** **£415.00**

First created in 1996 in honour of Hennessy's County Cork born founder, this perfectly balanced Cognac comprises of Grands Siecles aged between 40 and 200 years bottled in a beautiful hand blown Baccarat crystal decanter. Delicate fragrant flowers, vanilla and spices on the nose, with blended spices, subtle ripe fruits, and delicate notes in a wonderfully complex palate.

## **'H' by Hine 40%** **£6.70**

This is a blend of more than 15 Petit Champagne Cognacs, the youngest of which is aged 4 years. It is Hine's most floral Cognac. Jasmine, iris and a hint of vanilla lead to a lively nose and delicate palate.

## **Martell L'Or 40%** **£215.00**

An increasingly rare, hard to find discontinued bottling, L'Or is deep amber with fresh oriental notes, dark berries and light spices on the nose, and silky smooth and subtle on the palate developing notes of orange, gingerbread and blackcurrants with strength and structure offered by the Grande Champagne eaux-de-vie. Consists of over 400 eaux-de-vie, some of which are more than a century old.



# Cognac

## **Maxime Trijol VSOP Grande Champagne 40%**

**£9.30**

As the name suggests this is made exclusively with eaux-de-vie from Grande Champagne giving a mellow richness that is also fruity. The finish is long and moreish.

## **Maxime Trijol XO Decanter 40%**

**£13.85**

This XO from Maxime Trijol's 20 hectare estate offers a balance of spice and sweetness on the nose, followed by dried raisins and prunes and intense caramel on the palate. This long finishing Cognac is a classic XO.

## **Ragnaud Sabourin Floriege 46%**

**£22.00**

Distilled to 46% without the further addition of any water, this Grande Champagne Cognac has a hint of tobacco and leather on the nose alongside figs and vanilla, with dried stone fruits, oak and an earthy 'rancio Charentais' on the palate prior to long, lightly spiced finish.

## **Remy Martin Louis XIII 40%**

**£260.00**

An often referenced, highly premium cuvee Remy Martin Louis XIII is comprised of over 1200 eaux-de-vie from Grande Champagne aged from 40 to 100 years. Exceptionally limited in production and supply, each bottle is over a century in the making. Aged in tiercons barrels that are several hundred years old in a cellar set apart for it alone prepare for a floral, nutty marzipan nose with a touch of fruit with similarly developing flavours on the palate with the addition of woody spice.

# Armagnac and Brandy

## Armagnac

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### **Domaine de Lasgraves 1978 46% £19.40**

Blended using eaux-de-vie from only the Baco grape, and aged between 10 and 30 years, this Bas Armagnac is earthy on the nose then rich and spicy with notes of prune, rancio and vanilla.

## Brandy

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### **Cardenal Mendoza Solera Gran Reserve 40% £16.00**

Aged in American oak casks that have been previously used for the ageing of Pedro Ximinez and Oloroso, this results in a fine brandy that is very sherry forward. Molasses, roasted nuts, baked fruits, tobacco notes, and heavy oak lead one to think this would be a great match for a cigar.

# Calvados and Applejack

## Calvados

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### **Berneroy No. 5 40%**

**£6.40**

An aromatic, fresh and fruity Calvados that is adept as a digestif or in cocktails, Berneroy No. 5 is produced by an established Calvados house in Normandy.

## Applejack

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### **Laird's Applejack 3-4 years 40%**

**£6.50**

Laird's Applejack delivers gentle apple notes and a slight char smoke. Only carefully selected, whole tree-ripened apples are used – varieties including Jonathans, Winesaps, Stamens, Pippens and Delicious. Applejack is made at the peak of the apple harvest from early September to mid-November.

### **Laird's Rare Apple Brandy 12 year old 40% £15.90**

America's first commercially licensed distillery in 1780, Laird's have been producing since 1698. Using tree-ripened apples and naturally occurring yeasts, their cider is pot stillled and then aged in charred oak barrels for 12 years and only the finest barrels are selected. This very rare apple brandy has notes of green apple, nutmeg, caramel, and tobacco.

# Eaux De Vie and Grappa

## Applejack

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### **Eaux de Vie Gilbert Miclo Range**

**40-43% £6.70**

A range of fine Eau de Vie from a small artisanal distillery in the Vosges, where the Miclo family produce the finest eaux-de-vie from several different varieties of fruits. The brandies are all double distilled and then aged for a minimum of three years.

## Grappa

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### **I Legni Stagionata en Frassino Bepi**

**Tosolini 42% £7.10**

Bepi Tosolini is a family distillery that focuses on producing fine grappa. This grappa is aged in oak barrels for a year, lending a sweetness with vanilla and caramel aspects present.

# Gin

## Irish Gin

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### Boatyard Double Gin 46%

£7.50

Launched in late 2016 and based on Lough Erne in Co Fermanagh, Boatyard uses solely organic botanicals – a choice based on the strictest of quality controls. Using Bulgarian organically certified juniper for greater consistency, locally family sourced sweet gale, lemon peel, coriander, orris, angelica, liquorice and grains of paradise, this is a bold and distinctive gin that offers up its nuances gradually over ice with tonic.

### Glendalough Wild Botanical Irish Gin

41%

£7.35

Glendalough Wild Irish Botanical Gin has fresh spring notes of juniper, citrus and pine on the nose. On the palate, it starts cool and mellow, then rushes to summer flowers in full bloom. Hints of autumn fruits give way to warm winter spices and a long, sylvan finish.

### Gunpower Gin 43%

£8.85

This Irish gin from Drumshanbo is an oriental-inspired spirit featuring slow-dried Gunpowder Tea, lime, lemon and grapefruit that is surprisingly floral on the nose and very smooth and easy to drink.

### Jawbox 43%

£6.65

The first single estate gin to be produced in all of Ireland. Family-owned farms surrounding Co. Down's Echlinville Distillery provide all the grain used in the production of this classic dry gin. Featuring 10 botanicals, including grains of paradise and Black Mountain heather.

## Shortcross 46%

£7.50

Distilled on Co Down's Rademon Estate under the watchful eyes of David and Fiona Boyd-Armstrong. This small batch gin is non-chill filtered to give the spirit a fuller mouthfeel. Botanicals include elderberry, coriander, juniper, orange peel and wild clover foraged on the estate.

## Copeland Irish Gin 45%

£7.55

Distilled in one of Ireland's most historic port towns, Donaghadee. We use a harmony of organic botanicals from around the world with sea pink maritima from the Copeland Islands. Loud hits of juniper caramelised orange peel and sweet spice.

## English Gin

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### Beefeater 40%

£5.55

Spicy and fruity on the nose, with citrus notes and a juniper focus, Beefeater is for many the quintessential London Dry gin. Still produced in London at its Kennington distillery, less than 10 employees manage an output that tops 2 million 9-litre cases to a recipe that remains the same since the 1800's.

### Beefeater 24 45%

£5.80

Featuring 12 botanicals including rare teas, this gin takes its name from the 24 hour period all 12 are steeped in alcohol prior to its distillation. Piney juniper leads to grapefruit, Sencha, Chinese green tea and sweetened lemon zest along with liquorice and orange notes.

### **Beefeater Crown Jewel 50%**

**£14.85**

Beefeater Crown Jewel was originally launched in 1993 but was discontinued in 2009. Candied citrus peels and pepper make this gin taste slightly different to what you may expect from a Beefeater.

### **Broker's Export 47%**

**£6.20**

Made with the finest herbs, spices and fruit, Broker's Gin is specially blended to be dry. An extremely high quality gin designed to compete with the best brands in the world. It is made from 100% English grain, quadruple distilled and flavoured with 10 botanicals.

### **Bombay Sapphire 40%**

**£5.65**

Launched in 1987 the flavouring of the drink comes from a recipe of 10 ingredients: almond, lemon peel, liquorice, juniper berries, orris root, angelica, coriander, cassia, cubeb berries and grains of paradise. The spirit is triple distilled, and the alcohol vapours are passed through bundles of the herbs and spices in order to gain flavour and aroma.

### **Fifty Pounds Gin 43.5%**

**£7.70**

Created at the Thames Distillery as a nod to London's interesting past experiences with gin, and as a classic London Dry style, Fifty Pounds is assertive with piney juniper and balanced citrus, and a spice at the end reminiscent of nutmeg.

### **Gordon's 37.5%**

**£5.60**

Established in 1769 and the world's best-selling gin. The juniper is predominant on the nose, with coriander notes, citrus and spice on the palate.

### **Martin Miller's Westbourne 45.2%**

**£7.50**

Martin Miller's left no stone unturned in their madness when first developing their gin, which included shipping the distillate to Iceland to have it cut with exceptionally pure Icelandic water. Martin Miller's Westbourne is their second gin to market, bottled at a higher ABV with a spicier mouthfeel due to the more dominant juniper and assertive cassia.

### **Opihir Oriental Spiced Gin 40%**

**£6.10**

This London Dry retraces the traditional spice route that led back to London's Docklands from the Far East. Black pepper, coriander and ginger all come to the fore. Refreshingly spicy.

### **Oxley 47%**

**£6.50**

Oxley is a revolutionary English gin with a fresh, bright, intense classic gin taste. Unlike any other spirit, Oxley is made by the innovative Cold Distillation process. Cold Distillation occurs at -5C capturing the natural flavours of the botanicals and preserving them in the final spirit.

### **Plymouth 41.2%**

**£5.55**

Differing from traditional London Dry gins and in a category of its own. Plymouth gin is sweeter with its wheat base and earthier with its higher than usual proportions of root botanicals such as liquorice and angelica, which feature on its relatively long finish.

### **Portobello Road No 171 42%**

**£6.65**

Created by a team including Jake Burger from the Portobello Star in Notting Hill, this is a London Dry gin featuring 9 botanicals and works brilliantly in cocktails.

# Gin

## **Sipsmith's 41.6%**

**£6.30**

Sipsmith's London Dry gin is distilled from the finest English barley spirit with 10 carefully selected botanicals and blended with the exceptionally pure water of Lydwell spring, one of the sources of the River Thames. The result is an interpretation of the classic London Dry style that nods to its heritage and emerges as a particularly dry gin with a wonderful burst of juniper and a zesty, citrus freshness.

## **Tanqueray 43.1%**

**£6.00**

A gin that epitomises the London Dry style, Tanqueray is thought to contain no more than 4 botanicals. A smooth gin, well balanced with juniper to the fore, dry but with a piquancy born of coriander seed – juniper, coriander seed, angelica root and liquorice are thought to be the four botanicals in play.

## **Copeland Jones 1778 Navy Strength gin 57% £8.15**

Named after the father of the US Navy, Captain John Paul Jones. Aged in Kentucky Bourbon for 120 days, finished in Oloroso sherry casks for 20 days. Smooth for 57%, hints of juniper, vanilla, orange and spice. Beautiful over ice.

## **Tanqueray No. Ten 47.3%**

**£7.25**

Launched in 2000 and named after the No. 10 still in which it is made, this handcrafted small batch gin features whole fruit botanicals such as grapefruit and limes. It has been a serial award winner since its inception, including an unprecedented three times in a row 'Best White Spirit' at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

## **Whitley Neill 43%**

**£7.00**

Inspired by Africa, it contains two botanicals specially selected to create a vibrant gin with bold, warm flavours. The botanicals include fruit from the Baobab tree (known as the 'tree of life') and Cape Gooseberry. This gin is produced in very small batches.

## **William Chase Extra Dry 40%**

**£6.55**

Britain's first single estate gin features juniper buds and berries that are added to Chase Vodka in a copper still, prior to a wild botanical infusion including nutmeg, cardamom, lemon and ginger. Winner of Double Gold and Best in Class at the 2016 San Francisco World Spirit Competition, this is exceptionally drinkable

## **Scottish Gin**

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## **Cadenhead's Old Raj 55%**

**£7.35**

Old Raj Dry Gin is distinctive in that it contains a measure of saffron, the rare and costly flower obtained from the crocus flower. In addition to a slightly spicy flavour, this also imparts a pale yellow colour to Old Raj. The addition of saffron is undertaken personally by the Company Chairman in order to ensure consistency in flavour and colour each time Old Raj is bottled.

## **Caorunn 41.8%**

**£6.45**

Named after the Celtic word for Rowan Berry, one of the botanicals used, Caorunn is distilled at the Balmenach Distillery in Speyside. Based on 6 traditional gin botanicals, with further Scottish botanicals including heather, dandelion and Coul Blush apple, it is bottled in a unique design that is based on the Scottish Art Nouveau movement where both the shape and the asterisk represent Caorunn's five Celtic botanicals.

### **Hendrick's 41.4%**

**£6.25**

Hendrick's is produced as a small batch gin distilled in Ayrshire, Scotland. Traditional botanicals such as juniper, coriander and citrus peel are used but the infusion of cucumber and rose petals create a unique and unexpected flavour.

### **The Botanist 46%**

**£7.85**

From the Islay based whisky producers, Bruichladdich, The Botanist is a small batch Islay Dry Gin based around 9 classic gin botanicals and a further 22 botanicals found local to the island. Despite holding 31 botanicals, this gin fantastically lends itself to a gin and tonic with no confusion.

### **European and American Gin**

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### **Aviation 42%**

**£6.50**

Aviation is made in the full bodied Dutch style of days gone by with 100% rye grain neutral spirit and what can be simply described as "botanical democracy" of juniper, cardamom, coriander, lavender, aniseed, sarsaparilla and dried orange peel.

### **Citadelle 44%**

**£6.25**

Based on an old recipe from a Dunkirk producer in the late 1700's, adhering closely to the original recipe and now with 19 botanicals, Citadelle is produced by Pierre Ferrand in the Cognac region. Relunched in 1995, it is made in copper pot stills over naked flames just like Cognac but it took them over 5 years to gain permission from the French authorities due to France's AOC laws.

### **Gin Mare 42.7%**

**£7.35**

A truly Mediterranean gin made in Spain, just outside Barcelona. Botanicals include arbequina olive, rosemary, thyme, basil and mandarin make this gin unusual and unique.

### **Monkey 47 47%**

**£9.90**

Now fully established as a cult favourite, Monkey 47 features 47 botanicals and has a great backstory and pedigree. Amazingly complex, exceptionally smooth and beyond pigeonholing this is a wonderfully baffling gin from Germany's Black Forest.



# Rum

## Light Rum

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### **Bacardi Corta Blanca 37.5%**

**£5.80**

After 23 years of experimentation, Don Facundo Bacardi set the standard for all future premium white rum. Established in 1862 in Santiago de Cuba, Bacardi Superior Rum became the world's first premium aged white rum.

### **El Dorado 3 year old 40%**

**£6.45**

A clear demerara rum from Demerara Distillers Limited in Guyana that has been cask aged for 3 year prior to charcoal filtration. This rum is rich with a pineapple and vanilla nose, followed by fruit, chocolate and butterscotch on the palate.

### **Trois Rivières Blanc 50%**

**£6.25**

Agricole rum is produced by the distillation of fresh, fermented cane juice. This blanc from Trois Rivières is aged for 3 months in wooden tuns to be rounded out, prior to being cut with spring water and bottled at 50%. Exceptionally clean and refreshing, with citrus, freshly cut grass and lemongrass on the palate. Great for cocktails.

## Gold Rum

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### **Appleton Estate Signature Blend 40%**

**£6.00**

Appleton Estate's flagship rum formally known as Appleton V/X, this rum is a blend of rums of varying types and ages, with an average age between 5 and 10 years old. A full-bodied, medium-sweet rum with a warm gold colour, citrus and stone fruits on the palate with hints of molasses and woody notes.

### **Appleton Estate Rare Blend**

**12 year old 43%**

**£7.05**

A bold and characterful rum with some components aged up to 18 years, Appleton's 12 year old rum features cocoa and delicate molasses, orange zest and vanilla on the palate along with subtle notes of coffee, oak and almond.

### **Appleton Estate 21 year old 43%**

**£22.50**

A blend of select rums aged for at least 21 years in select American oak barrels, this is a powerful, bold rum with a coppery, tawny hue. Deep vanilla, nutmeg and coffee dominate, with softer citrus and spice present.

### **Appleton 250th Anniversary Release 40% £75.00**

A limited release to celebrate 250 years at Appleton Distillery in 1999, this was one of 6,000 bottles produced and released just before the millennium. A very rare rum aged in Jack Daniel's barrels, Appleton have been trying to repurchase any unopened bottles available as it has become so rare.

### **Appleton Estate 50 Year Old Jamaica Rum 45% £475.00**

Released in 2012 to celebrate 50 years of independence for Jamaica, this is one of only 800 bottles released. Laid down in 1962 in select American oak barrels, this rum has a beautiful deep mahogany colour with copper reflections. It features powerful oak with cinnamon, vanilla, orange and maple layers. An exceptionally smooth, long honeyed finish from this rum which is held in a crystal bottle that is as much a work of art as the spirit within.

### **Bacardi Ocho 40%**

**£6.40**

A well-aged slightly heavy rum with a backbone of oak spice, with hints of raisin, dates and dried plums and a gentle finish

### **Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva 40%**

**£7.70**

Distilled from molasses in a copper pot still, and then aged for 12 years in the Venezuelan climate, this is a wonderfully big and complex rum that is sweet and smooth without being sickly. Fudge, tropical fruit, banana and light spice are all present, however it is the notes of Chocolate Orange that will stay with you!

### **Doorly's XO 40%**

**£6.70**

A blend of fine Bajan rums that undergoes a second maturation in Spanish Oloroso sherry casks, this fine XO has toffee and vanilla on the nose and features demerara, treacle, anise and hints of spearmint on the palate with a smooth finish.

### **El Dorado 5 year old 40%**

**£6.70**

DDL, the producers of El Dorado, possess the world's only wooden Coffey Still and it is used to make this rum. A serial award winner in spirits competitions, this vibrant rum features fruit, caramel, coconut and vanilla on an evolving palate. Highly complex for a relatively young rum, and very versatile in cocktails.

### **Havana Club Anejo Especial 40%**

**£5.95**

A specially designed blend of the Havana 3 and the Havana 7 for use in mixed drinks and classic rum cocktails offering a persistent taste with a lightness of touch.

### **Havana Club 3 year old 40%**

**£5.80**

A great crisp and fresh Cuban rum that wants to be made into daiquiris and mojitos.

### **Havana Club 7 year old 40%**

**£6.75**

The first Havana Club rum made with the intention of sipping, this is aged for 7 years in white oak barrels. Sweet and buttery with toffee, coffee and a little spice and a complex finish are found in this versatile rum.

### **Trois Rivières Ambré 40%**

**£6.25**

Aged for a period of 12 to 18 months in American oak giving this agricole a bright golden colour and mellow flavours, this Trois Rivières Ambre is excellent both as a sipping rum and in cocktails.

### **Ron Zacapa 23 40%**

**£11.20**

A sweet and soft rum aged for between 6 and 23 years in a combination of bourbon and sherry casks using the solera system ageing process. A thick, medium length finish follows honeyed butterscotch, spiced oak and raisined fruit on the palate.

### **Santiago de Cuba Anejo 38%**

**£7.75**

Produced at the Cuban state-owned Matusalem distillery, this is aged using the Spanish solera system for up to 5 years, in oak barrels some of which date back to the 1920's. This is a grassy, earthy rum with vanilla and orange notes.

### **Santa Teresa 1796 40%**

**£9.75**

A blend of Venezuelan rums vatted using the solera system in American oak and French Limousin oak, for between 8 and 12 years. After blending, it is further aged another year in bourbon barrels. This leads with brown sugars, toffee, vanilla and dark chocolate notes and a complex long finish follows. A very interesting company in terms of their Alcatraz Project for corporate social responsibility.

# Rum

## Dark Rum

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### English Harbour 5 year old 40% £7.00

A well-rounded rum with fruit characteristics, this Antiguan rum is produced by a copper five-column continuous still using molasses obtained from the Dominican Republic and Guyana. The wild yeasts lend a slight briny aspect, and it is quite dry for a rum with notes of orange and coconut. Maturation takes place in a warehouse devoid of temperature controls using ex-bourbon and Tennessee whiskey barrels.

### Gosling's Black Seal 40% £5.85

Produced in Bermuda by the Gosling family for over 200 years and 7 generations, this rum is inseparable from the Dark and Stormy. A treacle and stewed fruit nose leads on to dark muscovado and treacle on the palate, with cinnamon and burnt fruit cake with a drying clove finish.

### Myer's Original Dark 40% £5.50

Myer's is 100% Jamaican rum using only pure Jamaican molasses. A blend of up to 9 select rums, Myer's is produced from continuous and pot still distillation and is then matured for up to 4 years in white oak barrels.

## Spiced Rum

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### Kraken 40% £7.20

This was launched in the UK in early 2010, and it has an extraordinarily rich, spicy flavour. Named for the legendary sea monster, Kraken is a blend of Caribbean rums that should certainly suit any fans of rich, navy-style rum.

## Overproof

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### Gosling's 151 75.5% £9.65

An overproof version of the Black Seal, this is mind-numbingly potent and probably best used in cocktails or desserts.

### Wray and Nephew Overproof 63% £6.95

A flavourful, full strength rum with lots of character, it is safe to say this rum is a legend in its home country. Crystal clear with a fruity aroma and overtones of molasses, no Jamaican rum punch would be complete without it.

# Tequila and Mezcal

## Blanco

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### Tapatio Blanco 40% £5.85

Assertive, spicy and supple, this silver tequila is the perfect introduction to the Tapatio range. Bottled after a few weeks rest in steel tanks, while the other expressions are aged in oak barrels to add varying degrees of sweetness.

## Reposado

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### 1800 Reposado 38% £6.30

Produced by the world-renowned Jose Cuervo family, this 100% Blue Weber agave tequila has been aged for up to a year in oak and works well in cocktails.

### Tapatio Reposado 38% £6.30

A more restrained tequila than the blanco, with subtle wood tones. Reposado (rested) tequila, by law, requires ageing for two months. Tapatio Reposado is aged for around 4 months in oak barrels to bring in a hint of sweetness from the wood, without overpowering the spicy agave flavour.

## Anejo

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### 1800 Anejo 38% £7.85

Made from 100% Blue Weber agave that is harvested at a range of 8 to 12 years old, 1800 Anejo is aged in French oak barrels for a minimum of 14 months. Spicy and well-rounded with notes of toasted oak, vanilla and butterscotch. A fine standalone spirit.

### Tapatio Anejo 38% £7.10

Aged for around 18 months in first-fill ex-bourbon casks, this tequila is exceptionally full bodied and a fine sipping tequila.

## Mezcal

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### Del Maguey Vida 42% £9.20

An artisanal, organic mezcal from Del Maguey. Hand crafted, it is twice distilled very slowly in wood-fired, riverside copper stills. A great substitute for the peatiness of Islay in cocktails.

# Vodka

## **Belvedere 40%**

**£5.80**

Hailing from the small town of Zyrardow in the Mazovian plains west of Warsaw, Belvedere is quadruple distilled rye vodka of fantastic purity, with vanilla and rye notes on the palate and a crisp finish.

## **Chase 40%**

**£7.10**

A single estate potato vodka from the Chase family and their Herefordshire farm, Chase Vodka was awarded World's Best Vodka at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. The result is a smooth and slightly sweet spirit that is a pleasure to drink.

## **Chopin 40%**

**£7.10**

Named after the romantic Polish composer Chopin, this potato vodka from Poland has a creamy and full bodied profile with a hint of green apple.

## **Grey Goose 40%**

**£6.90**

A wheat based small batch vodka that is created with the clear mineral waters from the Gente Springs of Cognac and naturally filtered through Champagne limestone. A ubiquitous presence since its launch in the late 1990's.

## **Ketel One 40%**

**£6.10**

Founded by Joannes Nolet over 300 years ago, Ketel One vodka is distilled from fine wheat and pure water and filtered through natural charcoal for added clarity. A member of the Nolet family tastes every batch still for quality purposes.

## **Potocki 40%**

**£7.00**

Produced from locally sourced rye near its distillery in central Poland, Potocki is distilled just twice and bottled with charcoal filtration to give a flavoursome vodka full of character, with a rye bread and nutty aspect. A very high quality vodka for only two distillations.

## **Wyborowa 40%**

**£6.10**

A double distilled rye vodka, that leads with a spicy citrus nose, some minerality on the palate and light spice on the finish.

## **Wyborowa Exquisite 40%**

**£7.90**

A crisp, clean rye vodka from near Poznan showcasing the finest distilling practise of the Polish distiller Polmos.

## **Zubrowka Bison Grass 40%**

**£7.90**

Owing its name to an aromatic grass growing wild in the eastern part of Poland, this is based on a traditional production dating back centuries. Flavoured with bison grass, each bottle carries a blade of the grass as a signature of origin.

# Other Spirits

## **Aalborg Taffel 45%**

**£5.75**

Aalborg Taffel Akvavit has a very pure caraway bouquet which is only supported by a slight hint of orange. Aalborg Taffel Akvavit is the preferred aquavit of Danes, and in 2002 it was selected as the best aquavit at the International Wine and Spirit Competition.

## **Ban Poteen 48%**

**£7.10**

Pronounced “bawn potcheen”, it is produced in small batches at the Echlinville Distillery from potatoes, malted barley and sugar beets. This sweet style of poteen could easily be mistaken for “new make” spirit.

## **Pernod Anis 40%**

**£5.45**

Pernod's secret formula includes mint, added for its cooling and digestive properties, and coriander, for its heady and subtle flavour. Pernod is different from the other anise spirits as its subtle taste and bouquet come from the distillation of star anise alone. A pastis, on the other hand, is produced by maceration and includes liquorice as a major flavouring agent.

## **Ricard Pastis 40%**

**£5.45**

Ricard is the number one pastis, or aniseed-flavoured beverage in the world. A refreshing aperitif, Ricard is a long-time favourite and is a blend of natural ingredients, unaltered since its creation by Paul Ricard in 1932.

# Vermouth, Aperitif and Digestif

## **Antica Formula Carpano 16.5%**

**£7.70**

First invented in Turin in 1786 by Antonio Benedetto Carpano, this highly sought-after red vermouth has survived according to its original recipe, with its unique bouquet and unmistakable vanilla notes.

## **Aperol 11%**

**£6.35**

Aperol's unique flavour and colour is achieved through a subtle blend of bitter orange, gentian, rhubarb and an array of herbs and roots – using a secret recipe that has been unchanged since its creation in 1919.

## **Campari 25%**

**£5.60**

Campari is a bitter Italian aperitif made according to a secret recipe originally developed in 1860 by Gaspare Campari in Milan. Campari is the result of a unique blend of aromatic herbs mellowed in selected spirit.

## **Calisay 33%**

**£5.75**

Calisay is a digestif liqueur which is rarely seen outside of its homeland in Spain. It is technically a quinine herbal digestif which has the added flavour of cinnamon and spice.

## **Cocchi di Torini 16%**

**£5.30**

A wonderfully complex Italian vermouth that is well suited both in cocktails and as an aperitif. After vanilla, caramel, and dandelion and burdock lead on the nose, soft menthol notes then follow. There is a bitter, earthy character on the palate that plays against sweeter notes of liquorice, orange zest and sugar before a bold, long finish.

## **Cynar 16.5%**

**£5.75**

A refreshing amaro. Made from artichoke leaves harvested in Italy's Po valley.

## **Dubonnet 14.8%**

**£5.45**

Created by a Parisian chemist and wine merchant named Joseph Dubonnet in 1846 in order to make quinine more palatable for the French Foreign Legion based in North Africa. Consists of a blend of herbs, spices and peels mixed with fortified wine.

## **Fernet Branca 39%**

**£6.30**

Born in 1845 to a secret recipe – with an unmistakable taste, comprised of 27 herbs, and aged in oak casks for over a year.

## **Freya 40%**

**£8.50**

A unique eau-de-vie that is made from distilled wild birch sap that is foraged from Northern Europe during the springtime, Freya works brilliantly with elderflower or in potent martini twists. Soft and earthy on the palate with an exceptionally clean mouthfeel, this is a definite counter to fruit based eaux-de-vie.

## **Gammel Dansk 38%**

**£5.90**

The ingredients in Gammel Dansk are carefully selected for their aromatic, sharp and bitter qualities. First created in 1961, and is thought to contain star anise, nutmeg, laurel, gentian, orange and cinnamon amongst other ingredients.

## **Lillet Blanc 17%**

**£5.55**

Lillet (pronounced lee-lay), is a French aperitif made from a blend of wine, liqueurs, fruits and herbs. It originated in the French village of Podensac and has been made since the late 1800s. Lillet Blanc is made from white wine and has a golden colour with candied orange, honey, pine resin, lime and fresh mint aromas. Full and rich on the palate with a lovely, long aftertaste.

### **Martini Rosso 15%**

**£5.45**

The original Martini Vermouth, which is bitter-sweet in character and the most complex of the Martini family. The amber colour is attributed to the addition of caramel.

### **Noilly Prat 18%**

**£5.45**

Featuring aged dry white wines alongside botanicals such as Roman chamomile, French gentian, Tunisian bitter orange and nutmeg, Noilly Prat's method of production has remained largely unchanged since the 1850's. Comprised principally of Picpoul de Pinet and Clairette grapes, this distinctive vermouth is frequently used in classic cocktails and French kitchens.

### **Punt e Mes 16%**

**£5.60**

Its name ("point and a half") in the dialect of Turin, came from the day when an absent-minded stock exchange agent called out the trading floor terms in old man Antonio Carpano's bar, asking for a vermouth with a half-dose of bitters. The concoction that evolved as Carpano Punt e Mes, is coffee coloured, and based on white wine aromatised with a secret recipe of dozens of herbs and spices.



# Port

## **Kopke Fine White Porto**

**£4.80**

With a greenish-yellow colour, Kopke Fine White port shows a rich and fragrant nose on which the fresh aromas of citrus stand out. On the palate it is smooth and velvety, with perfect acidity and a delicious finish.

## **Kopke L.B.V 2015 Porto**

**£6.00**

Intense ruby-purple colour and an exuberant, complex nose with aromas of ripe fruit like blackberries and plum and hints of dark chocolate and pink pepper. In the mouth it shows its body, density and vigour, with firm yet polished tannins. Long finish, extraordinarily fruity and moreish.

## **Kopke 10 Year Old Tawny Porto**

**£7.15**

An appealing golden colour with an amber rim. Elegant and complex, it shows aromas of spice with prevailing notes of dried fruit and elegant hints of wood and honey. Smooth and round on the palate, it shows complexity amidst intense flavours of dried fruit. An excellent finish.

## **Kopke Fine Ruby Porto**

**£4.80**

Firm and powerful in the mouth, it shows flavours of fresh fruit and delivers a long and harmonious finish. Enjoy it with a strawberry and yoghurt mousse, a red berry clafouti or a Camembert millefeuille with raspberries and rosemary.

## **Kopke 20 Year Old Tawny Porto**

**£10.00**

Delicate orange-greenish coloured. Its splendid bouquet is a complex marriage between dried fruits, spices and fine wood notes. The taste is dominated by rich and concentrated flavours with a long and velvety finish.

## **Kopke Tasting Flight**

**£12.50**

Enjoy some of our favourites from the Kopke Porto range with our tasting flight.  
50ml Kopke Fine White Porto  
50ml Kopke L.B.V 2015 Porto  
50ml Kopke 10 Year Old Tawny Porto

# Liqueurs

## **Baileys 17%**

**£5.60**

Baileys was the first liqueur to use cream and alcohol together in a manner sufficiently stable to allow commercial distribution. The quantity of the ingredients is not known but they include chocolate, vanilla, caramel and sugar.

## **Benedictine D.O.M. 40%**

**£5.70**

A classic medium-bodied French herbal liqueur with a honeyed, lightly spiced palate featuring saffron, ginger, clove and citrus amongst the 27 ingredients used. D.O.M. stands for Deo Optimo Maximo – To God most good, most great – reflecting its monastic origins.

## **Chambord 16.5%**

**£5.70**

A world class liqueur that has been owned and produced by the same family for generations, made from 'black raspberries' and other bramble fruits infused in aged Cognac.

## **Chartreuse Yellow 40%**

**£6.75**

Milder and sweeter than the famous Green Chartreuse, Yellow Chartreuse was introduced to the world in 1838. Its colour is entirely natural with no artificial flavours or preservatives.

## **Cointreau 40%**

**£5.60**

A world-famous orange liqueur, Cointreau is intense and gentle, bitter and sweet, and found in many classic cocktail recipes.

## **Disaronno Amaretto 28%**

**£5.70**

There are many brands of amaretto, but Disaronno, which dates back to 1525, is the original and the biggest selling worldwide. Smooth, velvety and full of almond aromas.

## **Drambuie 40%**

**£5.70**

Scotland's most famous liqueur. Made by the Mackinnon family, this classic liqueur is a blend of Scotch whisky, heather honey and herbs.

## **Frangelico 20%**

**£5.70**

Named after a local legend Friar Angelico, a hermit monk believed to have inhabited the Piedmont hills during the 17th century, this is a traditional hazelnut liqueur.

## **Galliano 42.3%**

**£5.60**

Galliano is a sweet herbal liqueur created in 1986 by Arturo Vaccari and was named after Guisepppe Galliano who was an Italian hero of the first Italo-Ethiopian War. It used approximately 30 herbal ingredients and among them are star anise, ginger, citrus and vanilla.

## **Grand Marnier 40%**

**£5.70**

Unique for being exclusively based on Cognac to give a rich and smooth taste to the orange liqueur. Its makers, Marnier-Lapostolle, established their distillery at Neaphle-le-Chateau in the 1820's, but only began producing Grand Marnier in 1880. The Cognac is actually aged elsewhere, at Chateau de Bourge in the Charente area.

## **Heering Cherry 24% — £5.70**

Heering cherry liqueur is made to a traditional recipe from 1818 using only natural ingredients, with no additives or artificial colourings. All cherries are grown in Denmark where the liqueur is produced. After harvesting, the cherries are crushed and mixed with spirits, sugar and spices and then matured for 3 years in their cellars in Dalby.

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## **Irish Mist 35%**

**£5.70**

Irish Mist is a blend of Irish whiskey, honey and herbs. Enjoy on its own or over ice.

## **Joseph Cartron Range 15-35%**

**£5.60**

A range of fine liqueurs using only the freshest quality of fruits and ingredients.

## **Luxardo Maraschino 32%**

**£5.60**

Luxardo Maraschino is a classic. It is one of the few liqueurs produced by distillation. It is obtained from the Mascara, sour cherry variety cultivated by Luxardo. The distillate is allowed to mature for two years in Finnish ash vats (this wood does not lend its colour even after many years of maturing), and is then diluted and sugared.

## **Luxardo Limoncello 27%**

**£5.60**

The Luxardo firm was established in 1821 and was originally known for its Maraschino liqueur. Obtained from the infusion of lemon peels in alcohol, Limoncello is one of the most world-renowned Italian liqueurs.

## **Liquore Strega 40%**

**£6.75**

Known as the witches' liqueur, Strega is an old herbal liqueur from Italy that is like a softer and sweeter Yellow Chartreuse. Its recipe is secret like many digestifs, but it is thought to lead with saffron, mint and juniper berries.

## **Patxaran 25%**

**£6.75**

Also known as 'Pacharan', this is a sloe flavoured liqueur commonly drunk in the Navarre area of Spain. The liqueur is made by soaking sloe berries in an anise-flavoured spirit with some coffee beans and vanilla pods for several months.

## **Pimms No. 1 25%**

**£5.60**

The recipe was invented by the owner of a City of London oyster bar in the early nineteenth century. Originally there were other variations: No. 2 (whisky), No. 3 (brandy), No. 4 (rum), No. 5 (bourbon) and No. 6 (vodka). Not strictly a liqueur, Pimms No. 1 is a gin-based drink, infused with aromatics and usually mixed with lemonade for consumption.

## **Plymouth Sloe Gin 26%**

**£5.70**

Sloe berries are slowly and gently steeped in Plymouth Gin, soft pure Dartmoor water and a small amount of sugar for approximately 4 months. The sugar levels are kept low to allow the full flavour of the berries to shine and allow the dry acidity of the fruit to be an important part of the taste.

## **Southern Comfort 35%**

**£5.60**

Originating in the late 1800's as a drink called 'Cuffs and Buttons' and produced in St Louis, Missouri, Southern Comfort is a traditional American liqueur made from bourbon and peaches. It has citrus and orange overtones.

## **St Germain 20%**

**£5.60**

An elderflower liqueur with an art-deco inspired bottle, named after the Parisian neighbourhood of Saint-Germain- des-Pres.

## **Tia Maria 20%**

**£5.60**

Tia Maria is a premium, medium strength liqueur delicately flavoured with an intriguing blend of cane spirit, Jamaican coffee, vanilla and sugar.

## **Wolfschmidt Kummel 39%**

**£5.70**

Originally created in Riga, Latvia in 1847, Wolfschmidt Kummel is the leading brand in this growing sector. It is a classic liqueur made to an old Danish recipe with caraway and aniseed flavours combining to give a distinctive taste.

# Cider, Beer and Minerals

## Cider

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Carsons Crisp  
4.5% 33cl £5.25

Carsons Mellow  
4.5% 33cl £5.25

## Beer

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Heineken  
5% 33cl £4.95

Guinness Draught (Can)  
4.2% 44cl £4.95

Bullhouse Frank the Tank  
5% 44cl £6.70

Bullhouse Small Axe  
4.3% 44cl £6.25

Bullhouse Road Trippin  
4% 44cl £6.25

Bullhouse Monthly Special  
44cl £7.20

Peroni Nastro azzurro  
5.1%

Peroni Libona  
0.0%

## Minerals

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Schweppes Range  
11.3cl £2.70

1783 Schweppes Range  
20cl £4.00

Hand Squeezed Orange Juice  
20cl £3.95

Coca Cola  
20cl £3.25

Fanta Orange  
20cl £3.25

Sprite  
20cl £3.25

London Essence Tonic  
20cl £4.20

London Essence Soda Water  
20cl £4.20

