

Octagon Bar

OCTAGON SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

1140

Ale, Ale & Honey - 15.00

Dom benedictine, dark & ginger ale's,
honey cordial

Long & refreshing, fizzy with spices

Sopwell Nunnery or Priory, was founded around this year by the Benedictine order.

Known to be a place of refuge amongst religious travelers, the nuns would offer food and enlivening elixirs to the passing pilgrims on their journey to the shrine of St Albans.

1539

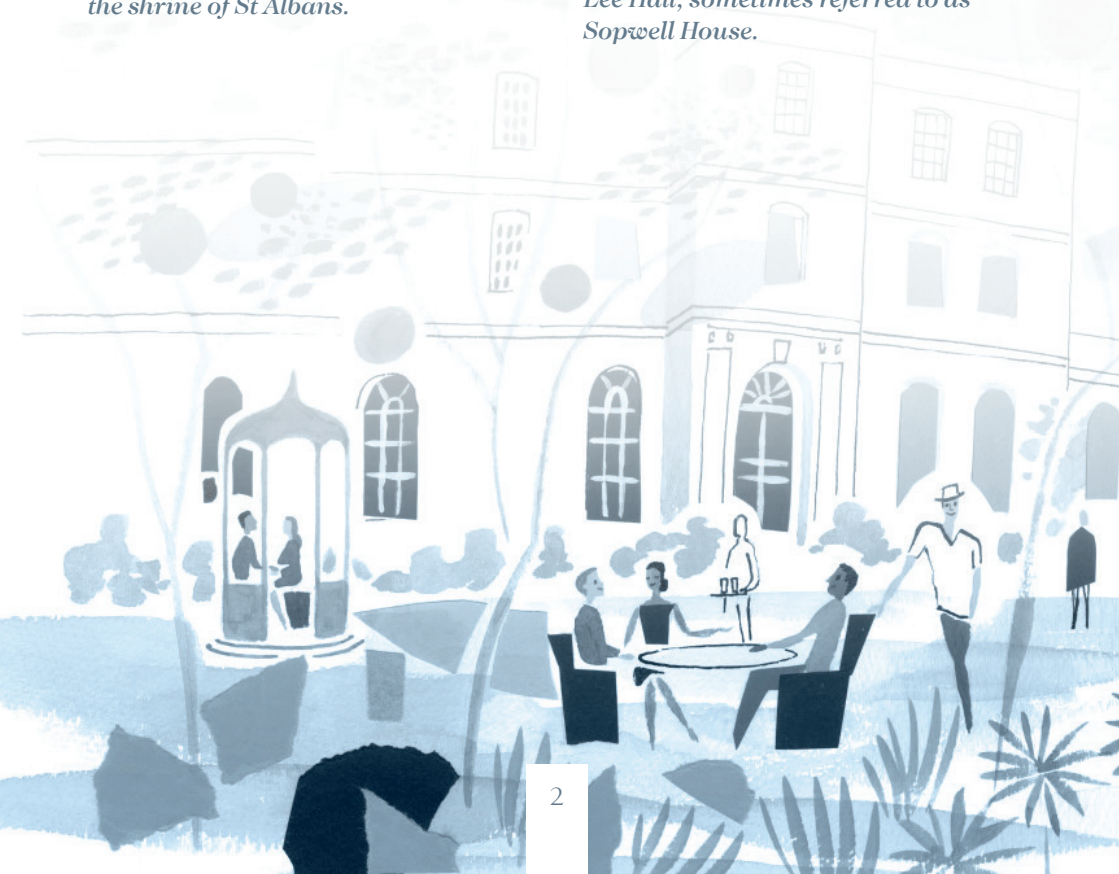
Orchard Apple - 15.00

Gin, apple cordial, apple soda

Long & refreshing, delicate & fizzy

The nunnery was dissolved by King Henry VIII who granted the land to Sir Richard Lee, a military engineer and royal advisor.

Lee, adapted the monastic ruins to create a fashionable manor house nestled amongst acres of apple orchards which he named Lee Hall, sometimes referred to as Sopwell House.



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1550

Mary Tudor - 16.00

Tomato, vodka, rosemary, thyme
Straight up, vegetal & herbaceous
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Sopwell House was originally a one-story Tudor structure that housed generations of England's illustrious aristocrats.

This era is particularly known for the reign of Queen Mary I, a controversial but influential figure of history and half sister of Elizabeth I who stayed at Sir Richard Lee's house in St Albans in 1564.

1603

Sparkling Barnes - 18.00

Citrus essential oils,
carrot & Champagne
Fizzy, elegant & fruity
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The earliest reference to the Sopwell House we see today is found in a deed of 1603, which refers to the house as the newly built 'New Barnes' Home to Richard Sadlier.

It is mentioned later on in 1660 on an estate plan made for his son Robert Sadleir. The name New Barnes is still in use locally today with 'New Barnes Mill' and its bridge situated nearby.



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1666

Great Fire of London - 17.00
Tequila, lime, agave, sichimi togarashi
Warming, short & balanced

Alice Leigh, daughter of Sir Thomas Leigh, had married into the illustrious Dudley family. After being abandoned by her husband, she was granted the title of Duchess in 1644 by King Charles I, by way of reparation for her losses.

In the later years of her life, she took up residence here during the great plague and great fire of London.

1700

Master Mason's Meds - 14.00
Rum, chamomile, fennel seed
Complex, soothing & straight up

At the beginning of the 18th Century, Edward Strong, a Master Mason known to have worked on St. Paul's Cathedral, leased Sopwell House and it is assumed that he developed the house further during his tenure.

He was influential in the natural growth and beauty of the gardens with a healthy crop of herbs for medicinal purposes.

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1884

Battenberg Wine - 15.00

Vodka fortified white wine,
infused apricot, almond (nut)

Fruity, smooth & delicate

The Admiral of the Fleet, Prince Louis of Battenberg, married in this year to Princess Victoria, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria. To honour the event the famous Battenberg cake, almond based with apricot jam, was named after him.

In 1901 they leased Sopwell House and made it their family's country home, hence the inspiration of our signature Sopwell Battenberg cake.

1885

A Righteous Princess - 16.00

Tequila, citrus, grapefruit soda
Fizzy, long & refreshing, bittersweet

Alice of Mountbatten, daughter of the Battenbergs, was an understated lady of the house, known to have never used her noble title. A devotee to helping others Alice was extremely hands-on in her acts of service.

In 1913, her work assisting in operations and establishing field hospitals earned her the Royal Red Cross military decoration.



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1900

The Last Viceroy - 16.00

Campari, vermouth blend,
spiced sherry, gin

Complex, dry, spice

Lord Mountbatten, son of the Battenbergs, joined the Royal Navy during WWI and had a distinguished career. As the last Viceroy of India, he then served as the first Governor-General of the Union of India.

These and many other important roles, made him the longest-serving head of the British Armed Forces to date.

1903

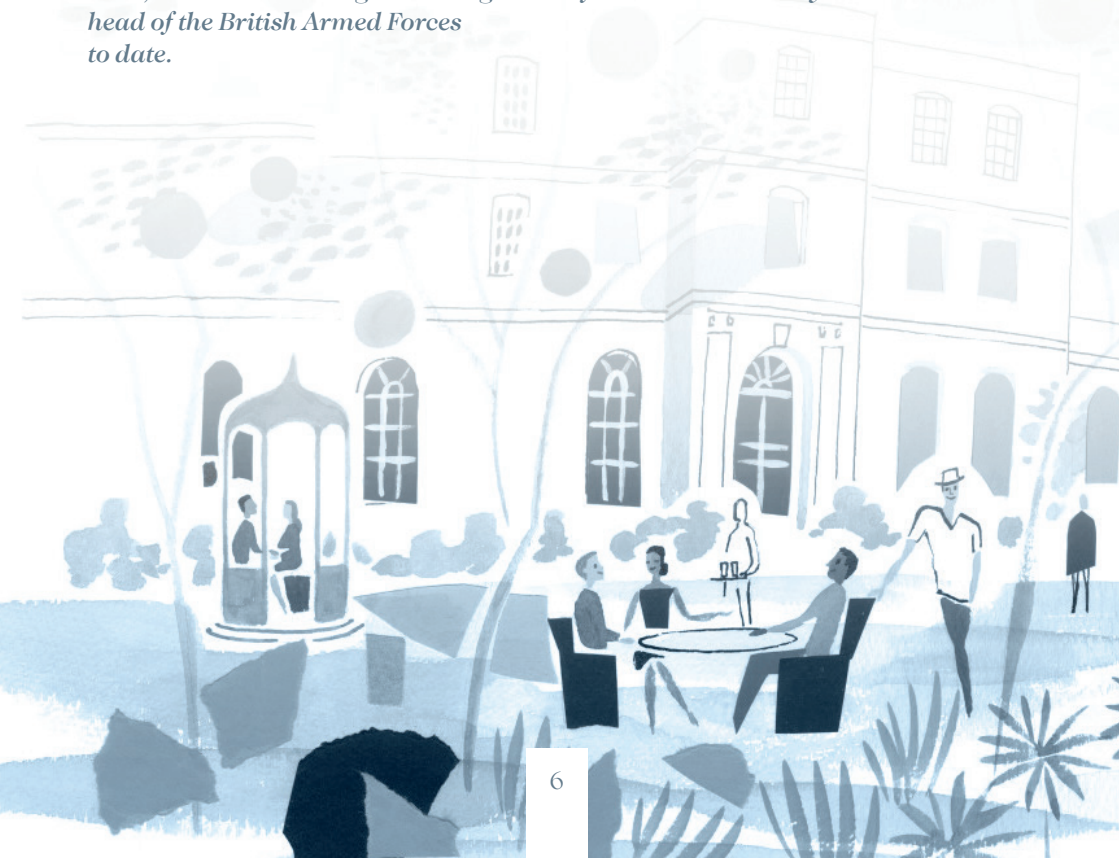
The Greek Prince - 18.00

Hellenic brandy & bourbon blend,
aromatic bitters, cynar

Rich, complex & short

Alice Mountbatten married Prince Andrew of Greece, and it is believed that the proposal was made within the grounds of Sopwell House.

Their son Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, inherited the same title of Prince of Greece, taking the Mountbatten name from his mother only later.



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2019

The Cottonmill Green - 14.00

Gin, cucumber, coriander,
jalapeno, citrus

Herbaceous, cleansing & fresh

*Inspired by our beautiful spa,
Cottonmill.*

2023

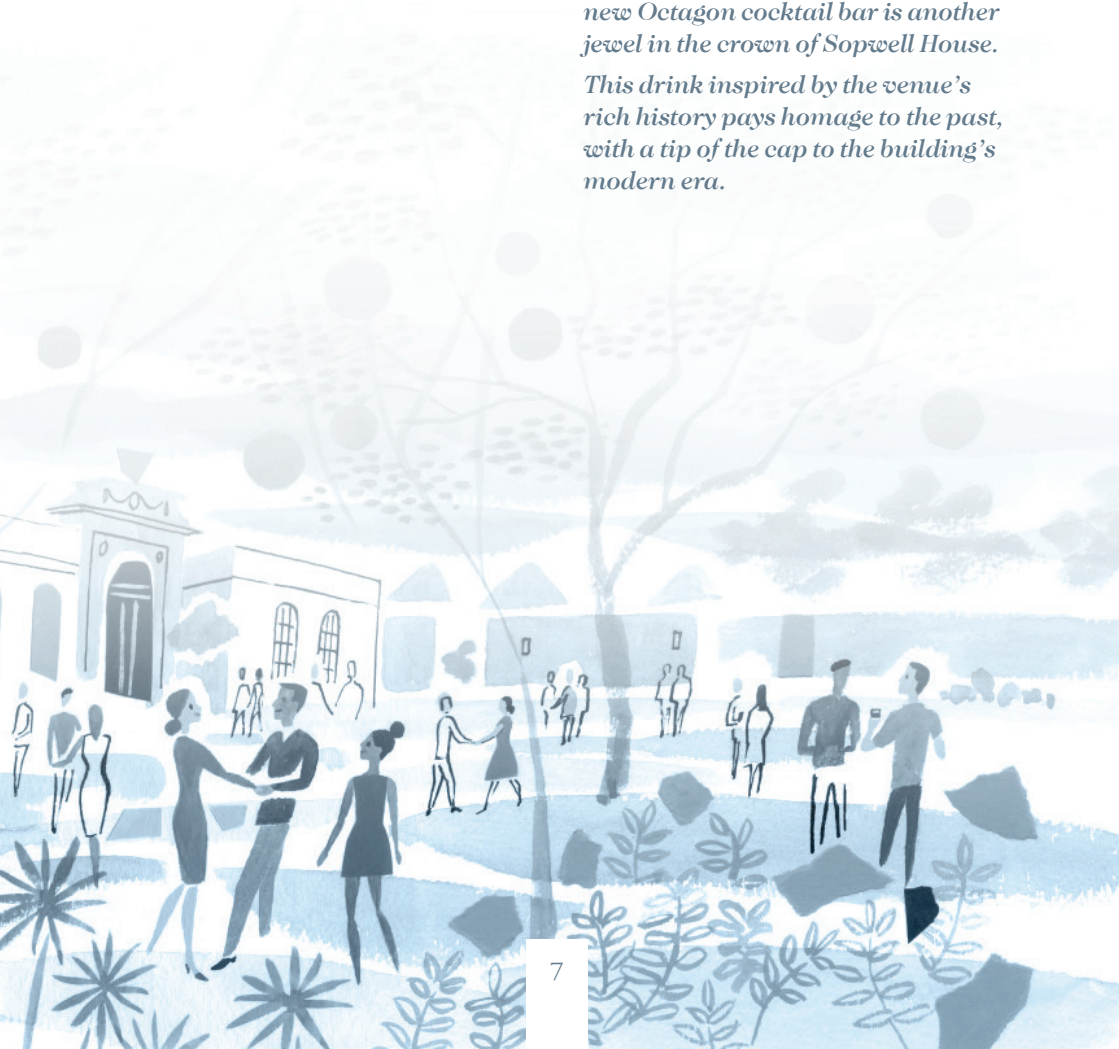
Octagon Milk Punch - 17.00

Genmai-cha, citrus, wine,
clarified milk (dairy)

Complex, silky not milky, indulgent

*Named after the original eight sided
entrance to the hotel, the decadent
new Octagon cocktail bar is another
jewel in the crown of Sopwell House.*

*This drink inspired by the venue's
rich history pays homage to the past,
with a tip of the cap to the building's
modern era.*



OCTAGON CLASSIC COCKTAILS

PRICE

Pisco Sour

Blend of Peruvian pisco, lime juice and bitter.

14.00

Clover Club

Gin, egg white and lemon juice with a touch of raspberry – a true prohibition cocktail born in the 1920 in Philadelphia Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, named after the men's social club that invented it.

14.00

Vesper Martini

Vodka & Vermouth... shaken and that's it.

14.00

Corpse Reviver n2

Dry gin and Absinth and white vermouth – first time mentioned in a gentleman's cocktail book back in 1871.

15.00

Penicillin

Single malt, Scotch, lemon juice and honey syrup. Not just a sour.

15.00

Passion Fruit Martini

Vada, vanilla, Passoa and passion fruit. London born in 2000 made famous in the Lab Bar by Douglas Ankrah.

16.00

Tommy's Margarita

Reposado tequila, fresh lime and syrup. Served on the rocks with ice ring as margaritas should.

16.00

French 75

Dates back to 1915 – Harry's Bar NY – gin, brandy and lime juice topped with grenadine.

17.00

OCTAGON NON & LOW ALCOHOLIC COCKTAILS

PRICE

Non-alcoholic Cocktails

The Ginger Puss

11.00

Carrot Juice, bitters foamers, pineapple & lemon juice and cinammon

Ola, Ola, Ola

10.00

Sugar syrup, celery juice, jalapeno pepper and coriander

Temple Mead

10.00

Ginger ale, lime juice, honey, fresh ginger

Low-alcoholic Cocktails

Americano (7% vol)

14.00

Sweet vermouth, campari and soda water

Bellini (7% vol)

14.00

Prosecco and peach

St Germain Spritz (11% vol)

16.00

St Germain, white wine and club soda



CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING WINE	125ML	BOTTLE
Balfour Brut Rosé - England		55.00
Balfour Leslie's Reserve - England		70.00
NV Taittinger Brut Réserve - France	15.00	85.00
NV Taittinger Prestige Rosé - France		100.00
NV Magnum Taittinger, Brut Réserve 1500ml - France		160.00
Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé - France		165.00
Ruinart Blanc de Blanc - France		175.00
2013 Dom Pérignon - France		360.00
Krug NV - France		380.00
Wild Life Botanicals - Non Alcoholic - England		39.00
Cottonmill Prosecco, Brut - Italy	10.00	45.00

WHITE WINE	175ML	BOTTLE
Dry, Light & Delicate		
Vinuva Organic Pinot Grigio, IGT Terre Siciliane - Italy	9.25	34.00
Picpoul de Pinet, Réserve Mirou - France	9.50	37.00
Paco & Lola Lolo Tree Albarino, Rias Baixas - Spain		48.00
Spy Valley Riesling - New Zealand		50.00
Petit Chablis, J. Moreau et Fils - France		70.00
Refreshing Medium Sweet		
J Brader Liebfraumilch, Rheinhessen - Germany	9.50	36.00
Dr Loosen Erdener Treppchen Riesling Kabinett, Mosel - Germany		65.00

WHITE WINE	175ML	BOTTLE
Elegant, Mineral-laced Whites		
Gavi Ca Bianca - Italy		45.00
Soellner Wogenrain Organic Grüner Veltliner, Wagram - Austria		55.00
Puilly-Fuisse Les Ancolies, Jean Loron - France		90.00
Puligny Montarchet, L. Jadot 2014 (bin end) - France		160.00
Zesty, Herbacious or Aromatic Whites		
Vine Trail Viognier, Rapel Valley - Chile	9.00	32.00
Esporão Bico Amarelo, Vinho Verde - Portugal		42.00
Vidal Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough - New Zealand	12.50	45.00
Gerard Bertrand 6eme Sens White, Occitanie - France		45.00
Gewürztraminer Alsace Tradition Organic, Emile Beyer - France		58.00
Sancerre, La Graveliere, Joseph Mellot - France		65.00
Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough - New Zealand		80.00
ROSÉ		
	125ML	BOTTLE
Vinuva Pinot Grigio Rosato IGT Pavia - Italy	9.50	35.00
Cap de Coste Rosé IGP Pays d'Oc - France	10.00	38.00
Terres de Berne Cotes de Provence Rose - France		45.00

RED WINE	175ML	BOTTLE
Light, Fresh Reds		
Le Bosq Rouge, Vin de France - France	9.50	35.00
Saint-Amour, Mommessin Les Grandes Mises - France		55.00
Gevrey-Chambertin, Louis Jadot - France		125.00
Medium Bodied & Fruit-led Reds		
Vinuva Organic Nero d'Avola DOC, Sicilia - Italy	9.50	34.00
Tekena Merlot, Central Valley - Chile	9.50	35.00
Cotes du Rhone, Auguste Bessac - France		39.00
Don Jacobo Rioja Vendimia Seleccionada, Viticultura Ecológica Bodegas Corral - Spain	11.00	42.00
Bolla Il Calice Valpolicella Classico Doc - Italy		43.00
Peppery, Warming Reds		
Nederburg The Manor Shiraz, Western Cape - South Africa	9.50	36.00
Solandia Primitivo Salento IGT - Italy	10.00	38.00
Familia Zuccardi Brazos Malbec, Uco Valley, Mendoza - Chile		42.00
Intense, Oaked & Concentrated Reds		
Kleine Zalze Cellar Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, Coastal Region - South Africa		39.00
Veramonte Organic Carmenère, Colchagua Valley - Chile		42.00
Barolo, Enrico Serafino - Italy		80.00
Sophisticated, Polished Reds		
Vidal Reserve Pinot Noir, Marlborough - New Zealand		55.00
Château des Bardes, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru - France		55.00
Esporão Reserva Tinto, Alentejo - Portugal		58.00

GIN	ML	ABV	PRICE
Tanqueray - England	50ml	43.1%	10.00
Sipsmith London dry - England	50ml	41.6%	11.00
Oxley Gin - England	50ml	47.0%	11.00
Sopwell House London Dry - England	50ml	40.0%	11.00
Roku Gin - Japan	50ml	43.0%	11.50
Tanqueray 10 - England	50ml	47.3%	12.00
Aviation Gin - USA	50ml	42.0%	12.00
Botanist - Scotland	50ml	46.0%	12.00
XR 135 East Hyogo Dry Gin - Japan	50ml	42.0%	12.50
Portobello 171 - England	50ml	42.0%	13.00
Gin Mare - Spain	50ml	42.7%	14.00
Tarquin's Rhubarb & Raspberry - England	50ml	42.0%	14.00
Martin Miller Westbourne Strength - England	50ml	45.2%	15.00

VODKA	ML	ABV	PRICE
Wybarova - Poland	50ml	40.0%	8.50
Ketel One - Netherlands	50ml	40.0%	9.50
Haku Vodka - Japanese	50ml	40.0%	10.00
Black Cow Milk Vodka - England	50ml	40.0%	10.00
Fair Quinoa Vodka - France	50ml	40.0%	11.00
Belvedere - Poland	50ml	40.0%	12.00
Grey Goose - France	50ml	40.0%	14.00
Koniks Tail - Poland	50ml	40.0%	15.00

*All house pours are 50ml (double shots) as standard.
25ml (single shots) available on request.*

RUM	ML	ABV	PRICE
Cachaca Sagatiba - Brazil	50ml	38.0%	8.50
Havana 3 - Cuba	50ml	40.0%	8.50
Havana Especial - Cuba	50ml	37.5%	9.00
Kraken Spiced - Trinidad & Tobago	50ml	47.0%	9.50
Diplomatico - Venezuela	50ml	47.0%	10.00
Havana 7 - Cuba	50ml	40.0%	10.00
Don Papa Rum - Phillipines	50ml	40.0%	12.00
Ron Zacapa 23 yrs old - Guatemala	50ml	40.0%	21.00

TEQUILA & PISCO	ML	ABV	PRICE
El Jimador Blanco - Mexico	50ml	40.0%	9.50
Pisco Aba - Chile	50ml	40.0%	10.00
Don Julio Resposado - Mexico	50ml	40.0%	18.00
Patron 'Anejo' - Mexico	50ml	40.0%	20.00
Jose Cuervo Reserva Familia - Mexico	50ml	38.0%	26.00

WHISKY & BOURBON	ML	ABV	PRICE
Malt & Single Malt			
Penderyn - Wales	50ml	41.0%	11.00
Isla of Jura 10 - Scotland	50ml	40.0%	12.00
Glenfiddich 12 - Scotland	50ml	40.0%	14.00
Auchentoshan Three Wood - Scotland	50ml	43.0%	15.00
Dalwhinnie 15 - Scotland	50ml	43.0%	17.00
Caol Ila Moch - Scotland	50ml	43.0%	18.50
Macallan 12 Double Cask - Scotland	50ml	40.0%	22.00
Glenfiddich 18 - Scotland	50ml	40.0%	28.00
Blended			
JW Black - Scotland	50ml	40.0%	11.00
Dalmore Signature Cigar Malt - Scotland	50ml	44.0%	32.00
JW Blue - Scotland	50ml	40.0%	36.00
Irish			
Jameson - Ireland	50ml	40.0%	9.00
Green Spot - Ireland	50ml	40.0%	14.00
Japanese			
Hatozaki Blended - Japan	50ml	40.0%	14.00
Nikka From The Barrel - Japan	50ml	51.40%	18.00
Hakushu Distillers Reserve - Japan	50ml	47.0%	20.00
Hibiki Harmony - Japan	50ml	43.0%	26.00
Bourbon			
Woodford Reserve - USA	50ml	45.20%	12.00
Sazerac Straight Rye - USA	50ml	45.0%	13.00
Noah's Mills - USA	50ml	57.15%	26.00

COGNAC, CALVADOS & ARMAGNAC

	ML	ABV	PRICE
Janneau Royal Vsop	50ml	40.0%	13.50
Remy Martin Vsop	50ml	40.0%	16.00
Baron De Sigognac 10yo	50ml	40.0%	16.00
Domaine Dupont Calvados	50ml	42.0%	18.00
Janneau Royal Xo	50ml	40.0%	23.00
Courvoisier Xo	50ml	40.0%	36.00
Remi Martin Xo	50ml	40.0%	40.00
Hennessy Paradis	50ml	40.0%	160.00

LIQUEURS

	ML	ABV	PRICE
Pernod - France	50ml	40.0%	7.50
Sambuca Antica Classica - Italy	50ml	38.0%	7.50
Cointreau - France	50ml	40.0%	7.50
Aperol - Italy	50ml	11.0%	7.50
Campari - Italy	50ml	25.0%	7.50
Lillet Blanc (White) - France	50ml	17.0%	7.50
Noilly Prat (Dry) - France	50ml	18.0%	7.50
Antica formula Sweet/Red - Italy	50ml	16.5%	8.00
Koko Kanu - Jamaica	50ml	37.5%	8.50
Frangelico - Italy	50ml	20.0%	8.50
Chambord - France	50ml	16.5%	8.50

LIQUEURS	ML	ABV	PRICE
Passoa - France	50ml	17.0%	9.00
St Germain - France	50ml	20.0%	9.00
Grand Marnier - France	50ml	40.0%	11.00
Bailey Irish Cream - Ireland	50ml	17.0%	7.00
Khalua - Mexico	50ml	20.0%	7.00
Disaronno Amaretto - Italy	50ml	26.0%	8.00
Drambuie - Scotland	50ml	40.0%	10.00
Benedictine - France	50ml	40.0%	10.00

PORT & SHERRY	ML	ABV	PRICE
Regency cream Sherry - Spain	50ml	17.0%	6.00
NV Dow's Port Ruby - Portugal	50ml	20.0%	7.00
NV Dow's Fine Port Tawny - Portugal	50ml	20.0%	7.00
Harveys Amantillado Sherry - Spain	50ml	17.5%	7.00
La Guita Manzanilla Sherry Dry - Spain	50ml	37.5%	7.00
Dow's Port LBV - Portugal	50ml	20.0%	9.00

BEER, ALE & CIDER	ML	ABV	PRICE
Heineken Alcohol Free	330ml	0.5%	4.50
Birra Moretti	330ml	5.0%	5.25
Heineken	330ml	5.0%	5.25
Bulmers Original Cider	500ml	4.5%	6.50
Bulmers Red Berries	500ml	4.5%	6.50
Tsingtao 1903 Nrb	330ml	4.8%	7.00
Raven King	330ml	5.5%	7.00
Pale4 Ipa	500ml	4.6%	7.50
Hitachino White Rice Ale	330ml	5.5%	8.50

SOFT DRINKS	ML	PRICE
Still / Sparkling Water	330ml / 750ml	3.00 / 5.00
Fruit Juices	330ml	3.25
<i>Orange, Grapefruit or Cloudy Apple Juice</i>		
Mixers	125ml	3.25
<i>Natural Indian Tonic, Natural Light Tonic, Original Lemonade, Original Ginger Ale, Original Ginger Beer, Sicilian Lemon Tonic, Sparkling Soda Water</i>		
Coca-Cola, Diet Coke	330ml	3.25

TEA	PRICE
Tea Served By The Pot Per Person	4.95
<i>Newby teas and infusions offer definitive examples of the greatest teas, skillfully picked for unmatched freshness. Choose from the following specially selected loose leaf teas and infusions:</i>	
<i>Sopwell Signature English Blend, Green Sencha, Milk Oolong, Earl Grey, Apple Strudel, Mango & Strawberry, Ginger & Lemon, Peppermint & Chamomile, Lapsang Souchong, Masla Chai</i>	
Unsweetened Lemon Ice Tea	4.25

COFFEE	PRICE
Macchiato	4.95
Cappuccino	4.95
Caffé Latte	4.95
Americano	4.95
Espresso / Double Espresso	3.00 / 4.95
Filtered Coffee	4.95
Hot Chocolate	4.95
French Coffee	10.00
<i>Grand Marnier, cream, espresso, brown sugar</i>	
Calypso Coffee	10.00
<i>Tia Maria, double cream, brown sugar, espresso</i>	

The connoisseur
does not drink wine
but tastes of its secrets

- Salvador Dali

*All prices are in £ sterling and are inclusive of VAT at the standard rate.
A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your final bill.*