

Octagon Bar

OCTAGON SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

1140

Ale, Ale & Honey - 15.00

Dom Benedictine, dark
& ginger ales, honey cordial

Long & refreshing, fizzy with spices



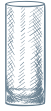
Sopwell Nunnery or Priory, was founded around this year by the Benedictine order.

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

1539

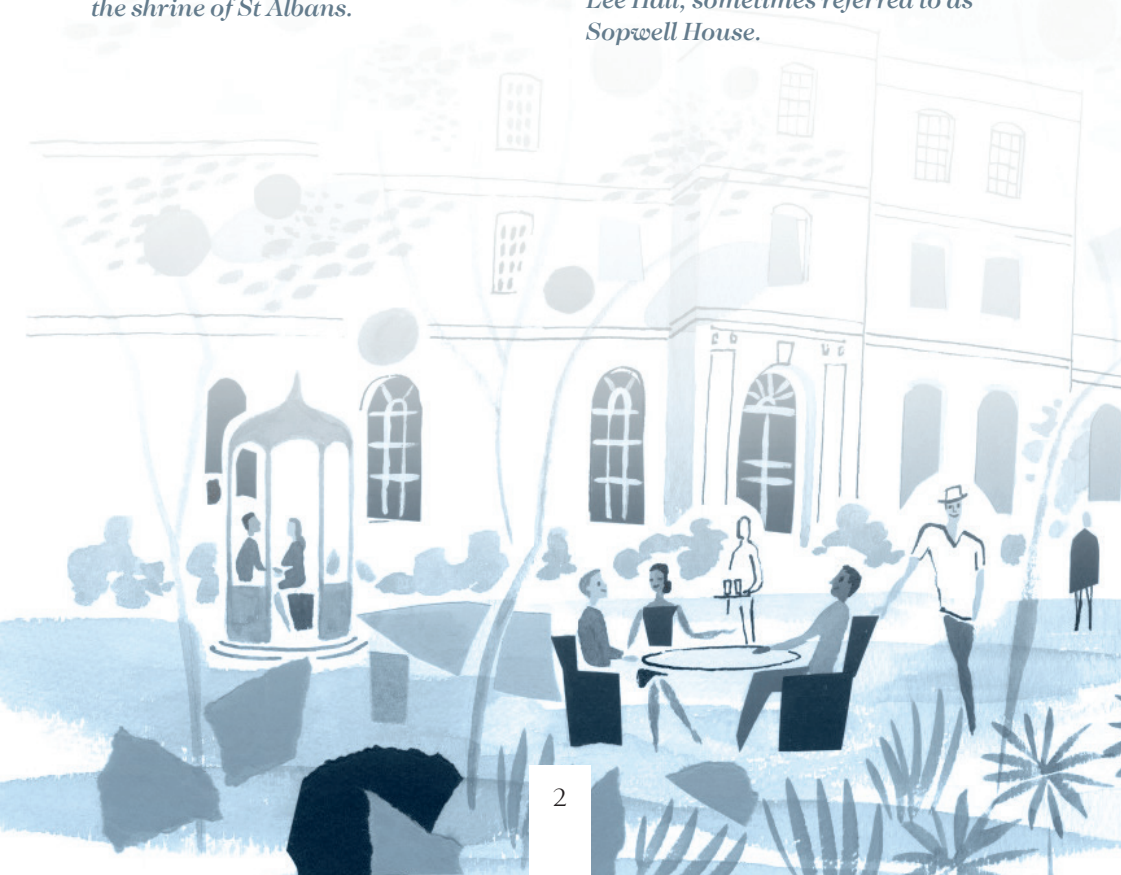
Orchard Apple - 15.00

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

The First House - 18.00

Havana 3, coco kanu,
coconut clarified milk,
lime & pineapple juice (dairy)

Reminiscent, sweet and multi-layered



On 13 December 1538, Richard Lee (a renowned military surveyor and engineer) and his wife Margaret were granted the house and site of the dissolved Priory of Sopwell, for the sum of £808 3 shillings and 4 dimes.

Sometime in the 1550s, Lee was able to turn his attention to the design and construction of a suitable house on the site of the old priory. The change of Sopwell House had begun.

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

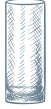


The Admiral of the Fleet, Prince Louis of Battenberg, married in this year to Princess Victoria, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria. To honour the event the famous Battenberg cake, almond based with apricot jam, was named after him.

In 1901 they leased Sopwell House and made it their family's country home.

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.

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2019

The Cottonmill Green - 14.00

Gin, cucumber, coriander,
jalapeno, citrus

Herbaceous, cleansing & fresh



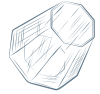
*Inspired by our beautiful spa,
Cottonmill.*

2023

Octagon Tea Punch - 17.00

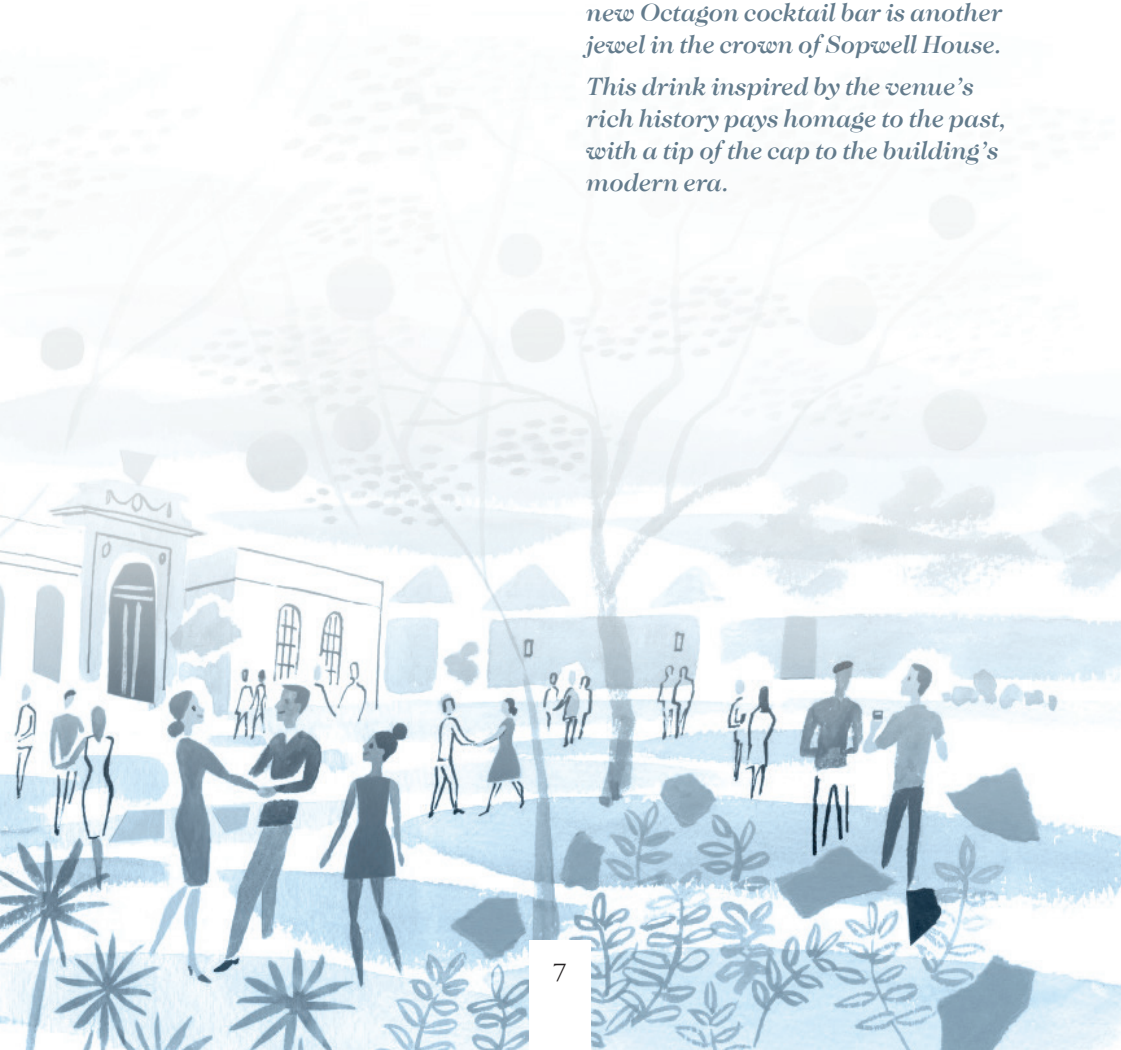
Genmai-cha, citrus, wine,
clarified milk (dairy)

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

14.00

Blend of Peruvian pisco, lime juice and bitter.

Clover Club

14.00

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.

Vesper Martini

14.00

Vodka, gin and vermouth... shaken and that's it.

Corpse Reviver No.2

15.00

Dry gin, cointreau, white vermouth, lemon & absinthe – first time mentioned in a gentleman's cocktail book back in 1871.

Penicillin

15.00

Blended scotch, ginger, lemon and honey. Not just a sour.

Passion Fruit Martini

16.00

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

Tommy's Margarita

16.00

Tequila, fresh lime and agave syrup. Served on the rocks with an ice ring as margaritas should.

French 75

17.00

Gin, fresh lemon, sugar topped with Champagne. Dates back to 1915 – Harry's Bar, NY.



OCTAGON NON & LOW ALCOHOLIC COCKTAILS

PRICE

Non-alcoholic Cocktails

The Ginger Puss

11.00

Carrot juice, bitters foamers, pineapple & lemon juice and cinnamon

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
Wild Life Botanicals - Non Alcoholic - England		39.00
Cottonmill Prosecco, Brut - Italy	10.00	46.00
Balfour Leslie's Reserve - England		70.00
Balfour Brut Rosé - England		85.00
Taittinger Brut Réserve NV - France	16.00	85.00
Taittinger Prestige Rosé NV - France		100.00
Bollinger Special Cuvee NV - France		125.00
Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, Yellow Label - France		135.00
Magnum Taittinger NV, Brut Réserve 1500ml - France		160.00
Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé - France		165.00
Ruinart Blanc de Blancs - France		175.00
2013 Dom Pérignon - France		370.00
Krug NV - France		400.00

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	40.00
Yealands Estate Single Vineyard Albarino - New Zealand		45.00
Chateau Ste Michelle Dry Riesling, Washington State - USA	11.00	45.00
Refreshing Medium Sweet		
J Brader Liebfraumilch, Rheinhessen - Germany	9.50	36.00
Gerard Bertrand Art de Vivre White, Occitanie - France		58.00

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WHITE WINE	175ML	BOTTLE
Elegant, Mineral-laced Whites		
Gavi Ca Bianca - Italy		45.00
Singing Gruner-Veltliner Laurenz V 2021 - Austria		50.00
Balfour Liberty's Bacchus, Hush Heath Estate, Kent - England		58.00
Zesty, Herbacious or Aromatic Whites		
Vine Trail Viognier, Rapel Valley - Chile	8.50	32.00
Yealands Estate Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc - New Zealand	12.00	45.00
Gewürztraminer Alsace Tradition Organic, Emile Beyer - France		55.00
Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough - New Zealand		80.00
Juicy & Ripe		
Kleine Zalze Cellar Selection Bush Vines Chenin Blanc, Coastal Region - South Africa	9.50	36.00
Viña Real Barrel Fermented Rioja Blanco - Spain	10.00	38.00
Balfour Skye's Chardonnay, Hush Heath Estate, Kent - England		50.00
ORANGE	125ML	BOTTLE
Gerard Bertrand Orange Gold Organic White Organic, Occitanie - France		48.00
ROSE	125ML	BOTTLE
Vinuva Pinot Grigio Rosato IGT Pavia - Italy	9.50	36.00
Cap de Coste Rosé IGP Pays d'Oc - France	10.50	39.00
Gerard Bertrand Gris Blanc Rosé, Occitanie - France		45.00

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RED WINE	175ML	BOTTLE
Light, Fresh Reds		
Vita Sangiovese, IGT Puglia - Italy	8.50	32.00
Saint-Amour, Mommessin Les Grandes Mises - France		55.00
Medium Bodied & Fruit-led Reds		
La Campagne Merlot, Pays d'Oc - France	8.50	32.00
Vinuva Organic Nero d'Avola DOC, Sicilia - Italy	9.50	34.00
Don Jacobo Rioja Vendimia Seleccionada, Viticultura Ecológica Bodegas Corral - Spain	11.00	42.00
Peppery, Warming Reds		
Reign of Terroir Shiraz, Swartland, South Africa	8.50	32.00
Alamos Mountain Malbec, Mendoza - Argentina	10.50	40.00
Intense, Oaked & Concentrated Reds		
Veramonte Organic Carmenère, Colchagua Valley - Chile		42.00
Sophisticated, Polished Reds		
2017 Journeys End V4 Cabernet Sauvignon - South Africa		50.00
Château des Bardes, Saint-Émilion Grand Cru - France		58.00

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GIN

Sopwell House London Dry - England

Sopwell House London Dry Gin has been meticulously created using hand foraged botanicals sourced from our beautiful 12-acre Hertfordshire estate.

An exceptionally smooth London Dry with a fresh and crisp juniper forward and a citrus palate. Wild Gorse, lemon verbena and rosemary combine beautifully to give a long lasting sumptuous fruity mouthfeel.

The Sopwell House London Dry is available to purchase in the Octagon bar. £65 (70cl - large) or £25 (20cl - small) bottle.



	ML	ABV	PRICE
Sopwell House London Dry - England	50ml	40.0%	11.00
Tanqueray - England	50ml	43.1%	10.00
Sipsmith London Dry - England	50ml	41.6%	11.00
Oxley Gin - England	50ml	47.0%	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

Spirits and liqueurs are served at 50ml pour (25ml pour available upon request)

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VODKA	ML	ABV	PRICE
Wybarova - Poland	50ml	40.0%	8.50
Ketel One - Netherlands	50ml	40.0%	9.50
Haku Vodka - Japan	50ml	40.0%	10.00
Black Cow Milk Vodka - England	50ml	40.0%	10.00
Stolichnaya - Russia	50ml	40.0%	10.50
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

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 'Reserva Exclusiva' - 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 - Guatemala	50ml	40.0%	21.00

TEQUILA & PISCO	ML	ABV	PRICE
El Jimador Blanco - Mexico	50ml	38.0%	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%	22.00
Jose Cuervo Reserva Familia - Mexico	50ml	38.0%	28.00

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WHISKY & BOURBON	ML	ABV	PRICE
Malt & Single Malt			
Penderyn - Wales	50ml	46.0%	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
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	51.4%	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

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COGNAC, CALVADOS & ARMAGNAC

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

LIQUEURS

	ML	ABV	PRICE
Bailey Irish Cream - Ireland	50ml	17.0%	7.00
Kahlúa - Mexico	50ml	20.0%	7.00
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
Antica Formula Sweet/Red - Italy	50ml	16.5%	8.00
Disaronno Amaretto - Italy	50ml	28.0%	8.00

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LIQUEURS	ML	ABV	PRICE
Koko Kanu - Jamaica	50ml	37.5%	8.50
Frangelico - Italy	50ml	20.0%	8.50
Chambord - France	50ml	16.5%	8.50
Passoa - France	50ml	17.0%	9.00
St Germain - France	50ml	20.0%	9.00
Drambuie - Scotland	50ml	40.0%	10.00
Benedictine - France	50ml	40.0%	10.00
Grand Marnier - France	50ml	40.0%	11.00

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

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BEER, ALE & CIDER	ML	ABV	PRICE
Heineken Alcohol Free	330ml	0.5%	4.50
Old Mout Fruit Cider Pineapple and Raspberry Alcohol Free	500ml	0.0%	6.00
Birra Moretti	330ml	5.0%	5.50
Heineken	330ml	5.0%	5.50
Tsingtao 1903 Nrb	330ml	4.8%	8.00
Inch's English Cider	500ml	4.5%	7.00
Old Mout Fruit Cider Pineapple and Raspberry	500ml	4.0%	7.00
Tring Raven King	330ml	5.5%	7.00
Tring Pale4 Ipa	500ml	4.6%	7.50
Hitachino Nest White Ale	330ml	5.5%	8.50

SOFT DRINKS	ML	PRICE
Still / Sparkling Water	330ml / 750ml	3.00 / 5.00
Fruit Juices <i>Orange, Grapefruit or Cloudy Apple Juice</i>	330ml	3.25
Mixers <i>Natural Indian Tonic, Natural Light Tonic, Original Lemonade, Original Ginger Ale, Original Ginger Beer, Sicilian Lemon Tonic, Sparkling Soda Water</i>	125ml	3.25
Coca-Cola, Diet Coke, Coke Zero	200ml	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, Earl Grey, Lapsang Souchang, Masala Chai, Darjeeling, Jasmine, Milk Oolong, Apple Strudel, Mango & Strawberries, Ginger & Lemon, Peppermint, Chamomile, Rooibos</i>	
Unsweetened Lemon Ice Tea	4.25

COFFEE	PRICE
Macchiato (dairy)	4.95
Cappuccino (dairy)	4.95
Caffé Latte (dairy)	4.95
Americano	4.95
Espresso / Double Espresso	3.00 / 4.95
Filtered Coffee	4.95
Hot Chocolate (dairy)	4.95
French Coffee	11.00
<i>Grand Marnier, cream, espresso, brown sugar</i>	
Calypso Coffee	11.00
<i>Tia Maria, double cream, brown sugar, espresso</i>	

*Almond, soya, oat and skimmed milk are available upon request.
Decaffeinated options available upon request*

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.*