

THÉÂTRE DE
MELBOURNE

CHEZ
REGINE

Proudly presents

ADVANCED BAR
OF WHISK(E)Y
AND COCKTAILS

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Aperitif Cocktails

(and other Cocktails not containing the liquor Whisk(e)y)

Lillet Flambé		\$7
Lillet Blanc Campaign 1920's	Formally referred to as Kina Lillet, Lillet Blanc remains one of the worlds most refined and fashionable aperitifs. This petite cocktail was reportedly sipped regularly in 1920's Paris after Lillet launched a marketing campaign of 'fashionable' how-to-drink recipes. Enjoy 60mls of Lillet Blanc with a wedge of flamed lemon.	
Mr. & Mrs. Blanc Chez Regine 2010	Your second introduction to the aperitif cocktail. A martini style drink of Lillet Blanc and Parton Citronage. Extremely silky with an unmistakable influence of orange.	\$14
Golden Slipper "Savoy Cocktails" 1930	Not for the light hearted. An extremely light and fluffy flip with intense herbal and botanical flavours with softer influences of grape and pear. A great digestif. <i>(Famous in the gay nineties as a ladies' drink)</i>	\$17
Dubbonet Fizz "Savoy Cocktail Book" 1930	The Dubbonet Fizz is the new Sangria this season as Melbourne begins to heat up. A rich yet refreshing sort with a similar base to the Oh-so-popular! red Sangria.	\$17
Chocolate Flip - 1 "Trader Vic's Guide" 1947	Not so Chocolaty as some might hope, although a beautifully balanced mix of cherry, chocolate and herbs. Talk to the bartender before ordering this one.	\$17
Derby Cocktail "Savoy Cocktail Book" 1930	A grassy gin-based martini, absolutely perfect for Race Week! Lots of Tanqueray ten, peach and mint served eloquently in a fine martini glass.	\$17
East Indian Pear Tree Chez Regine 2010	Described commonly as having the flavour of a Pear Crumble. Vanilla Vodka, Pear & Cinnamon with a creamy, fluffy texture, served in a martini glass.	\$17
Bolo Cocktail "Trader Vic's Guide" 1947	Representing rum, this cocktail is perfectly smooth and perfectly summer. Matusalem Classico rum, freshly squeezed orange juice and lemon juice served in a martini.	\$17

"We knew the excitement was bound to begin when Laura got blind on Dubonnet and gin and scratched her veneer with a Cartier pin: I couldn't have liked it more. I went to a marvelous party..."

- From the Noel Coward's song, "I went to a Marvelous Party"

Whisk(e)y – How do you drink yours?

An introduction to Whisk(e)y based cocktails

It's every man unto their own when it comes to preference of how to drink a fine glass of Whisk(e)y. Naturally, the well learned appreciator of whisk(e)y would ask for his whisk(e)y in a snipe glass to better appreciate it's nose, taste and finish. We know this. But what do you drink if you're already well educated, well tasted, and well over the little glass of straight spirit? Try this classic mixed cocktail for a refreshing taste of a simple mixed drink, a tall poppy among other time testers such as the Highland Cooler, Cablegram and Mamie Taylor.

Horse's Neck

This classic may look deceiving, comprising commonly of whiskey, ginger ale and lemon rind, this is not your average liquor as it may originally seem. 'What really distinguishes a Horse's Neck is the garnish, which even for experienced bartenders is one of the most challenging, and extravagant to prepare. For a start it takes an entire lemon (which needs to be organic to ensure it's unwaxed and hasn't been sprayed after harvesting).'

Horse's Neck - *With a kick!*

\$7.5

"HERE'S HOW"

One long spiral piece of lemon rind end hanging over the rim,
a large pour of Scottish house whisky Sheep Dip topped with ginger ale.

1941

(Leave out the whiskey and you leave out the kick. The original Horse's Neck had no kick, so one might suspect that the reason for the name. Certainly the neck is the wrong end for kicking. But in reality the name comes from the shape the lemon spiral takes when hung over the rim of the glass.)

The Boilermaker

Particularly a bartender's favourite! (Although more of a culture than a classic mix.) Choose your own match, or try one of our suggestions below.

Boilermaker

"Standard Guide"

1 large whiskey straight, with a beer chaser on the side.

1940

The Boilermaker's Boss	- Highland Park 18 years & Erdinger Dunkel 500ml	\$23.5
Boilermaker # 2	- Laphraoig 10 years & White Rabbit Dark Ale	\$13.5
Boilermaker's Lady Friend	- Hellyers Road "Pinot Cask" & White Rabbit White Ale	\$13.5

Scottish Malt Cocktails

The Whisky Toddy Varieties

With a simple base of only three ingredients, whisky, lemon and hot water; the toddy as a recipe can be found in many different forms. As the recipe developed through the years it adapted to include spices and honey, no doubt for medicinal purposes to get its drinkers through long cold winters. Curl up and enjoy.

Hot Brick \$14
“HERE’S HOW”
1941 A sure fire Islay tea. A variation on the original hot toddy, and perhaps a cousin to the buttered rum. A little bit of butter (not too unhealthy), a lot of peaty Ardbeg 10yr , a little boiling water, ground cinnamon and sweetness.

Robert Burns – A national icon

Robert Burns is Scotland’s national poet. Robert was also referred to as Bobby and Robbie, this cocktail can be found in many cocktail books with various different recipes by different names. The Robbie Burns, Bobby Burns, we have tweaked to create this variation:

Bobby Burns \$17
“Savoy Cocktail Book”
1930 Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban’s port cask maturation and sweet italian vermouth. A few small dashes of Dom Benedictine and you here you have a clean variation to a Burn’s favourite.
“One of the very best Whisky cocktails. A very fast mover on Saint Andrew’s day.”– Savoy Cocktail Book

De Rigueur

De ri ·gueur [*duh* ri-**gur**; *Fr. duh* ree-**gœr**] **–noun Origin:** 1825–35; < F strictly required, as by etiquette, usage, or fashion.

Prevalent throughout prohibition this cocktail was no doubt a pathway for women to drink whisky while it was the only liquor prescribed by medics. We too suggest this as a ladies introduction to whisky.

De Rigueur \$18
“Standard Guide”
1940 MOST POPULAR ‘Chez Regine’ cocktail this year. The Balvenie makes this the most palatable whisky cocktail on the menu. Sweet 12yo honey malt undertones, honey water and a pink juice. Our favourite too!

Blended Whiskey Cocktails

The Blazer

‘The Blue Blazer does not have a very euphonious or classic name, but it tastes better to the palate than it sounds to the ear. A beholder gazing for the first time upon an experienced artist compounding this beverage, would naturally come to the conclusion that it was a nectar for Pluto rather than Bacchus. The novice in mixing this beverage should be careful not to scald himself.’

Before you point it out to us, we understand that this IS NOT a blended whiskey cocktail. The Blazer can be created with just about any pure spirit and to find a happy medium we have placed this popular cocktail in the ‘Blended’ category. We suggest you select Sullivan’s Cove Port Maturation Australian Whisk(e)y, although it’s entirely up to you whether you follow through.

Blue Blazer \$25
“Savoy Cocktail book” 1930 Apart from being a spectacle to it’s beholder. The burning of the Sullivan’s Cove Port Maturation whisky exposes underlying notes of juicy grape meets juicy barley, fruit and nut chocolate... with plenty of raisins. With a little added sweetness, this variation to the Blue Blazer is an interesting alternative to the whisky liqueur.

“Jerry Thomas, most famous of bartenders, invented this drink and he was expert enough to mix it successfully. Amateurs have been well advised to have a fire extinguisher handy.”

- *The Savoy Cocktail Book*

Irish Whiskey Cocktails

Squash Recipes

There’s a reoccurring presence of whiskey based squash cocktails that are absolutely refreshing. Amongst them, the Lemon Squash, Golden Lemonade with the rare Amer Picon, and the Lemon Pie cocktail. Although through them all, shines our favourite, the rose coloured California Lemonade.

California Lemonade \$17
“Bartenders Guide” 1940 Extremely sherbety and pink. May be likened to a pink lemonade although the California Lemonade sports an unmistakable difference of light, sweet Irish whiskey.

Cameron’s Kick \$17
“Savoy Cocktail Book” 1930 A combination of two classic whisky punch style cocktails - Cameron’s Kick and the London cocktail from the ‘Bartenders Standard Guide.’ This is punch (with a kick)! And this one you can keep all to yourself! Irish whiskey, Scottish whisky, lemon, orange and almond.

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- *CRAIC N’ COCKTAILS* -

American Whiskey Cocktails

The Julep

‘The Julep is a delightful potion that originally came out of the Southern States of America, and many great men have sung its praises through the years.’ Trader Vic believed it was ‘the famous Capt. Marryatt. Skipper and novelist, who introduced the beverage into the British Isles.’ Although ask anyone in the South of America about who invented the Julep, or for it’s original recipe and you’ll be met only with conflict. Still to this day the fight over the world-renowned Julep continues.

Manila Hotel Julep \$17
“Trader Vic’s Guide”
1947 An original recipe of Trader Vic. Pressed sprigs of fresh mint, diluted sugar syrup, Labrot and Graham’s Woodford Reserve bourbon whiskey, topped with a little Guatamalan Ron Zacapa 23yo rum served in a chilled tumbler and garnished with bruised mint. (Another cocktail recommended for Race Week and warmer weather)

Old-Fashioned

Believed to have been originally created in the 1880’s for a gentlemen’s club, Pendennis Club in Louisville, Kentucky; the old-fashioned is claimed to have been the creation between a bartender and a Pepper family bourbon distiller. Woodford Reserve distiller Labrot & Graham now owns the site where the Pepper family formally distilled their whiskey.

Whiskey Cocktail \$17
“How to mix Drinks”
1862 Woodford Reserve bourbon whiskey, a little sugar and bitters shaken with fine ice, served in a fancy red wine glass and decorated with a piece of lemon peel. Jerry Thomas wrote the recipe for this *Whisky Cocktail*, a known predecessor of the Old-Fashioned cocktail. This cocktail offers a little insight into the progression of one of the most renowned cocktails in history.

Old-Fashioned MP
“Savoy Cocktail Book”
1930 Entirely your preference of tipple! We can’t choose this one for you. One lump of sugar sprinkled with a dash of Angostura bitters, whiskey and ice cubes in an old-fashioned glass stirred very gently. This cocktail can be made with brandy, gin, rum, etc. instead rye whisky.
WARNING: Please take note that this cocktail may take an extended time to make. Made with time, and a little TLC.

“Whisky, heart of all my mischief, accept a poet's grateful thanks. When I'm not drinking whisky, my poems don't rhyme or make sense. But when I have a drink in my hand, they are get up off their backsides and are full of life.”

- Unknown

The Manhattan

A hundred years after the old fashioned, near the end of the 1800's we find the Manhattan. Because of it's early origin, numerous variations and claims have left this cocktail without a recognisable history. Also known as 'Turf Club cocktail' and 'Jockey Club cocktail,' today there are thousands of variations of this classic 'bourbon martini.'

The most popular tale of how the Manhattan came to be involves Manhattan socialite Lady Randolph Churchill in 1874 hosting a banquet to celebrate the election of Samuel Tilden as governor of New York. Bartender's of the Manhattan club created a cocktail of rye, sweet vermouth and orange bitters which was approved and applauded by the new governor. The cocktail was recreated many times at the club.

Manhattan		\$17
"How to mix Drinks" 1862	Stirred only. Rye whiskey, Punt e Mes sweet vermouth, orange bitters, and one maraschino cherry. Step into a black and white movie with this traditional Manhattan.	

Canadian Whisky Cocktails

Brooklyn Cocktail		\$17
"Savoy Cocktail Book" 1930	Canadian club 12 years whisky, French vermouth, a little cherry and a dash of our homemade vintage liqueur Amer picon.	

*O Whisky! soul o' plays and pranks!
Accept a bardie's gratfu' thanks!
When wanting thee, what tuneless cranks
Are my poor verses!
Thou comes - they rattle in their ranks,
At ither's arses!*

- Robbie Burns

Applejack-based Cocktails

Applejack is a mix of bourbon and apple brandy born in America. When the first settlers arrived in America they brought apple seeds with them and planted America's first apple trees. During the colonial period in New Jersey, applejack (coined Jersey Lightning) was used as currency to pay road construction crews. Laird's applejack was the first licensed distillery of America and today the most common applejack found in Australia.

The Sour - 2

Jitterbug Sour "Mr. Boston" 1935	Applejack, Benedictine, honey-from-the-bee, lemon juice, and a little more. No need to take too much notice of the ingredients. If you're a relentless sour drinker, you MUST try this!	\$17
Pink Lady "HERE'S HOW" 1941	(Lot's of style) served in an elegant martini glass. Gin, Lime, Applejack, and grenadine.	\$17
Vermont Cocktail "Trader Vic's Guides" 1947	Bitter Chocolate? Where's that flavour coming from? There's no questioning that this one's a little left of centre. Completely intriguing! Applejack, apricot brandy, Benedictine and maple syrup.	\$17
The Apple Jack Rabbit "Savoy Cocktail Book" 1930	A beautifully refreshing drink surely invented to replace the old-fashioned in summer. Applejack, lemon, orange, and maple syrup served with lots of ice and a fresh zest of lemon.	\$17

Shrubs & Bottled Cocktails

Cider Cup (No.2) "Savoy Cocktail Book" 1930	<i>Serves Two</i> A fresh mix of apple spirits, apple liqueurs, a little brandy, cider and soda. Add lots of fresh mint, and enjoy a refreshing concoction during spring with your mates!	\$22
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Non-alcoholic Cocktails

Shirley Temple "The Ritz London Book of Drinks and Cocktails" 2008	Grenadine topped with dry ginger ale and 2 cocktail cherries.	\$5.5
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- FANCY DRINKS -*

List of Liquor

GIN

Tanqueray	London Dry Gin 40%	7
Tanqueray No. 10	London Dry Gin 47.3%	9.5
Plymouth	English Gin 41.2%	6
Haymans Old Tom	English Old Tom 40%	8.5
Hendricks	Scottish Small Batch 41.4%	7.5
Lark Pepperberry Gin	Pepperberries Tasmania 40%	7.5

VODKA

Ketel One	Pot still, Holland 40%	7
Grey Goose	Wheat vodka, France 40%	9
Zubrowka	Bison grass rye grain, Poland 40%	6.5
Cariel Vanilla	Vanilla Planifolia, Sweden 37.5%	7
Cloud No. 9	Cab Sav vodka liqueur Aus 18%	6.5
Pravda	Rye grain Southern Poland 40%	8

RUM

Ron Zacapa Centenario Sistema Solera 23	Guatemala 40%	10
Pussers British Navy Nelson's Blood	British Virgin Islands 40%	10
Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum	Jamaica 37.5%	6.5
Appletons Estate Extra aged 12 years	Jamaica Rum 43%	8.5
Havana Club Blanco	Cuba 37.5%	6
Bacardi Ron 8 Anos	Cuba 40%	6.5
Cachaca 51	Sugar Cane Spirit Brazil 40%	7

TEQUILA

Patron XO Café	Coffee liqueur Mexico 35%	7.5
Patron Citronge	Extra fine orange liqueur Mexico 40%	6.5
Don Julio Reposado	100% de Agave Mexico 38%	10
Don Julio Anejo	100% de Agave Mexico 38%	11
Ocho Blanco	100% Pure Blue Agave Mexico 40%	7
Herradura Silver		8

LIQUEURS

Molinari Sambuca	Italy, 41%	6
Molinari Caffé	Coffee liqueur, Italy 40%	7
Chartreuse Yellow	Herbal liqueur, Voiron France 40%	6
Averna	Amaro Siciliano, Italy 32%	5
Amaro Montenegro	Bologna Italy 23%	5
Di Saronno Amaretto	Almond flavour liqueur, Italy 28%	7
Florio Amaro	Marsala, Italy 32%	5
Dom Benedictine	Oak cask maturation, France 40%	6
Tuaca	Aged brandy liqueur, Tuscany 24%	6
Campari	Milan 25%	6
Aperol	Italy 11%	5
Pimm's No.1 Cup	Great Britain 25%	6
Cointreau	Orange liqueur France 40%	7

COGNAC

Hennessy VS	Very Special 40%	7.5
Hennessy Privilege VSOP	Very Superior Old and Pale Cognac 40%	8
Hine Antique XO	Grand Champagne Premium Cru	14.5

WHISK(E)Y

Ardbeg 10 years	Islay	7.5
The Arran Malt Robert Burns 250 years ann.	Highlands	15
The Balvenie Malt 12 YO	Speyside	8.5
Bladnoch Lightly Peated 6 years	Highlands	13.5
Blanton's Gold Single Barrel	America	14
Bookers 6 years 7 months	Kentucky	9
Bowmore 12 years	Islay	7
Bunnahabhain 12 years	Islay	8
Bunnahabhain 25 years	Islay	29
Bushmills Malt	Ireland	7
Canadian Club 12 years	Canada	6.5
Caol Ila aged 8 years Unpeated style	Islay	15
Crown Royal	Canada	8
Dalwhinnie Malt	Highlands	7
Glendronach Original aged 12 years DM	Highlands	8.5
Glenfarclas 15 years	Speyside	8.5
Glenfiddich "Solera" 15 years	Speyside	8
Glenfiddich "Ancient" 18 YO	Speyside	11.5
The Glenlivet Nadurra 16 years	Speyside	16
Glenmorangie Origin 10 YO	Highlands	7
Glenmorangie Quinta Port	Highlands	8
Hellyers Road "Original"	Tasmania	6.5
Hellyers Road "Pinot Cask"	Tasmania	7
Hellyers Road "Slightly Peated"	Tasmania	6.5
Hellyers Road "Peated"	Tasmania	6.5
Highland Park 12 years	Orkney Island	6.5
Highland Park 18 years	Orkney Island	13.5
Isle of Jura Prophecy	Highlands	13
Jameson	Ireland	6.5
Jameson 12 years Special Reserve	Ireland	7.5
Jim Beam Rye	Kentucky	8.5
Johnnie Walker Black	Blend	7
Johnnie Walker Green	Blend	8
Johnnie Walker Gold 18 years	Blend	13
Kilchoman New Spirit 2 years	Islay	13.5
Lagavulin 12 years	Islay	MP
Lagavulin Malt 16 YO	Islay	10
Laird's Applejack	New Jersey	6.5
Laphroaig Malt 10 YO	Islay	7.5
Laphroaig 1/4 Cask	Islay	9
Lark Single Malt	Tasmania	12
Littlemill 12 years	Lowlands	13.5
Middleton Red Breast 12 years	Ireland	8
The Macallan 12 years	Speyside	7.5
The Macallan 18 years	Speyside	15
Oban 14 years	Highlands	9
Rittenhouse Rye 100 proof bottled in bond	America	8.5
Sheep Dip 40%	Blend	7.5
Sullivans Cove Port Maturation	Tasmania	12
Talisker	Isle of Skye	7
Tamdhu	Speyside	7
Tomintoul With A Peaty Thang	Speyside	11.5
Labrot & Graham Woodford Reserve	Kentucky	7.5
Yamazaki Malt	Japan	7.5
Yoichi Single Malt 12 years old	Japan	13.5

BEER

Cascade Green	Tasmania 4.5%	4.5
Corona	Mexico 4.6%	6
Kingfisher	India 5%	4.5
White Rabbit Dark Ale	Healesville 4.9%	6
White Rabbit White Ale	Healesville 4.5%	6
Erdinger Dunkell Dark 500ml	Germany 5.6%	10
Erdinger Oktoberfest Limited Edition	Belgium 5.7%	10
Chimay Grande Reserva 750ml	Belgium 9%	40
Fat Yak	Australia 4.7%	5.5
James Squires Pilsner	Australia 5%	6.5
Beez Neez	Matilda Bay 4.7%	5.5
Pipsqueak Apple Cider	Healesville 5.2%	6
Napolean & Co. Pear Cider	Yarra Valley 6.5%	6.5
Boags Light	Tasmania 2.9%	4

SODA POPS

Coca Cola 375ml Can	3.5	Bunderberg Ginger Beer 300ml bottle	3
Schweppes 250ml Soda Can	3		
Schweppes 250ml Ginger Ale Can	3	Ocean Spray Cranberry Juice	3.5
Schweppes 250ml Lemonade Can	3	Ocean Spray Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice	3.5
Schweppes 250ml Tonic Can	3	Original Co. Cloudy Apple Juice	3.5

WINE

NV Lili Pinot Noir Chardonnay	Montara, Grampians	7.5/35
07 Raven Park Sauvignon	Blanc, Grampians	6/26
07 Villa Wolf Pinot Gris	Pfalz, Germany	8.5/44
09 Rocky Gully Riesling	Frankland River, WA	31
09 Stickleback Dry White	SA	28
08 SC Pannell Pronto 'Bianco'	Adelaide Hills	46
07 Marof Chardonnay	Slovenia	55
06 Domaine Daniel-Etienne Chablis	France	97
08 Raven Park Shiraz	Grampians	6/26
08 Airlie Bank Pinot Noir	Yarra Valley, VIC	8.5/39
07 Glaetzer 'Wallace' Shiraz Grenache	Barossa	43
08 Stickleback Red	SA	28
07 Pierre Amadieu Cotes du Rhone	Rhone V.	46
08 Balnaves 'The Blend'	Coonawarra, SA	41
07 Frankland Estate Isolation Ridge Shiraz	Frankland River, WA	52

FOOD MENU

Lemon Salted Almonds		4
Bretzels		
<i>German Inspired large beer pretzels – “Very filling; served warm; mildly salty”</i>		
The Lone Bretzel – served with beetroot dip		3.5
Bretzel Board – bretzels served with a trio of dips		10
Cheese		
<i>served with fruit bread, wafers, house made quince jam and fresh apple</i>		
Fromager D’affinois	- Soft; Cow; Double Cream	
St Agur	- Blue; Cow; Soft and creamy; cellared 60 days; melts well	
L’Etivaz Franche Comte	- Hard; Cow; Aged 15 months; calcified crunch; savoury	
Single Plated Cheese		10
Platter of 3 Cheeses		22

Whisk(e)y Flights

An Education in whisky

If you’re a little keen to taste more than one whisky, this is the perfect option for you. Take 3 simple steps, and talk to the staff at the bar for a little more insight into the world of whisky.

1. Choose 3 whiskies of the same tier
2. Nose
3. Taste

Whisk(e)y Flight	Tier 1	\$13
Whisk(e)y Flight	Tier 2	\$17
Whisk(e)y Flight	Tier 3	\$25

*“Give an Irishman lager for a month and he’s a dead man.
An Irishman is lined with copper and the beer corrodes it.
But whiskey polishes the copper and is the saving of him”
-- Mark Twain*

Whisk(e)y – How do you drink yours?

An education in Whisk(e)y Etiquette

“Often imitated; but never successfully – by producers in other lands, Scotch whisky is inseparably wedded to the highlands and lowlands of its native heath. It is compounded of elements indigenous to Scotland: crystal-clear water obtained from the sparkling streams the Scots call burns; barley grown on the mountain slopes known as braes; the peat fuel that gives Scotch its characteristically smoky flavour; and even, say the Scots, the pure air of their country.”

- Wines and Spirits

The educated whisk(e)y connoisseur will follow five stages in the assessment of a new whisk(e)y.

1. Colour –

Inspect the colour of the whisky, a lighter colour usually dictates a younger whisky but does not mean a lighter flavour. In many whiskies nothing is to be learnt from the colour as caramel colourings are added. Upon the addition of ice, some whiskies may turn cloudy. It is widely believed that this is the outcome of non-chill filtration and considered a good thing.

2. Legs –

Few legs and slow moving drips down the glass usually dictates a thicker more viscous whisky. Characteristics of thick and few legs include an older whisky and one which is slightly sweeter. Numerous thin legs usually dictates a younger whisky.

3. Nose –

Hold the glass up to your nose, breathe in as the glass comes towards and away from you. Try and detect smells of foods that you know.

4. Taste –

Taste the whisky, be sure that it touches all parts of the tongue and concentrate on the array of flavours. We also find that if we breathe out through our nose after swallowing we also get more flavours coming through.

5. Finish –

Continue to think about the flavour of the whisky after you swallow it. It may fade away quickly or hang around leaving smoke or malt flavours. A long finish is usually considered a good thing, but of course it is up to the drinker.

Chez Regine's Staple Drams & Tasting Notes

Scottish Malts

Scottish Malts are traditionally distilled twice and dependant upon their region of origin, Scottish whiskies can differ greatly in their characteristic nose and taste, most notably by the addition of peat. Scotland's main regions include but are not limited to: Highland, Lowland, Islay, Speyside and Campbeltown.

Islay

- Ardbeg 10 years old** 46% \$7.5
“Sweetened by barley and a hint of golden syrup; the peat is omnipotent, turning up in every crevice.” ①
- Bunnahabhain 18 year old** 43% \$13.5
A most welcoming fragrant nose releases honeyed nuts and a slightly sea-induced salty tang. “Caramel appears to be a suspect as the early, juicy delivery, after a few citrus circuits vanish.” ①
- Bunnahabhain 25 year old** 43% \$29
“Big saline kick as the oak offers some early latte. Mouth watering barley also impresses, topped off with brown sugar and damson tart.” ①
- Caol Ila Aged 8 years Unpeated Style** 64.9% *Coming Soon* \$15
“Beautifully delicate. Magnificent delivery with two distinct camps rich barley and citrus - Eye watering freshness and a sharp, brittle character. Caol Ila makes better straight malt than it does the peated stuff.” ①
- Bowmore 12 years old** \$7
“Soft, beautiful delivery of multi-layered peat’s; lots of effervescent spices and molassed sugars, spices abound.” ①
- Kilchoman New Spirit** 61.3% \$13.5
“Not whisky at all, but new make that has spent a few weeks in wood and is for sale at the distillery. Technically faultless - if this is an average sample of this new Islay make, (it) bodes exceptionally well for the future.” ①
- Lagavulin 12 years old** 56.4% *Coming Soon* MP
“Coal dust and peat reek, some fried banana sweetness in the most delicate terms possible. Sensational malt: simply by doing all the simple things rather brilliantly.” ①

Lagavulin Malt 16 years old 43% \$10

“Befitting the great distillery this unquestionably is. Forget some previous disappointing bottlings, this is the real thing.” ①

Laphroaig 10 years old 43% \$7.5

“Full of smoke and iodine; pungent earthy aroma of peat smoke with sweet nuttiness from the barley.” ①

Laphroaig ¼ cask 48% *Coming Soon* MP

“Mouth-watering, mouth-filling and mouth astounding; The perfect weight of smoke; Layer upon layer of sexed-up peatiness.” ②

Orkney

Highland Park 12 years old 40% \$7

“A style unlike any other malt in the world: An unusual, brief sharpness retreats, allowing room for the most delicate of smoke.” ①

Highland Park 18 years old 43% \$13.50

“Eye closing beauty: Immediate glossy impact of rich, vaguely metallic honey but upped in the complexity stakes by the subtle intense marbling of peat.” Finishes with “radiating soft spices and hints of marzipan.” ①

Skye

Talisker 10 years 45.8% \$7

“Early wisps of smoke that develop into something a little spicier; lively barley that feels a little oak dried but sweetens out wonderfully.” ①

Speyside

The Balvenie 12 years old 40% \$8.5

On the nose: “dried dates and walnuts with a hint of truffle oil; Delicate spices of the fruitcake variety – the malt makes a pretty speech before the custard tart takes over” ①

Glenfarclas 15 years old 46% \$8.5

“Succulent and stupendous. Barley sugar shows first then a sherry input that borders on intense but dissipates as the spicy oak digs in; one of Scotland’s most sublime malts.” ①

Glenfiddich 15 years old “Solera” 40% \$8.5

“Spices help spotlight the barley sweetness and delicate fruits; the finish is so long and complex; something of the old fashioned fruit salad candy about this but with a small degree of toffee.” ①

Glenfiddich 18 years old “Ancient” 40% \$11.5

“The peat may have gone, but there is coal smoke around as the juicy barley embeds with the big fat sultanas, plums, dates and grapes; one of the softest and most complete essays on the palate.” ①

The Glenlivet Nadurra 16 years old 48% *Coming Soon* \$16

“Caramalised ginger wrapped in bitter chocolate. An immediate breakout of Demerara sugar, stealthy malt, the arrival of faintly chilli-ish spice combines beautifully with the warming ginger. The closest thing to a whisky liqueur you will ever find.” ①

The Macallan Fine Oak 12 years 40% \$7.5

“Thin acacia honey brushed over the emboldened malt; light weight at first and gradually more chewy; still, though, it is a fine gristiness which prevails.” ①

The Macallan Fine Oak 18 years 43% \$15

“The surprisingly bland nose and finish is partly compensated for by the intensity of the honey barley on delivery; some non-firing cylinders are evident.” ①

Tamdhu 40% *Coming Soon* \$7

“No disputing the fabulous, stylistic honey on delivery. The silkiest Speyside delivery of them all.” ①

Tomintoul With A Peaty Thang 40% *Coming Soon* \$11.5

“A bit more than a tang! Faultlessly clean distillate that revels in its unaccustomed peaty role. Pure farmyard with an earthy yet fruity punch.” ①

Highlands

The Arran Malt Robert Burns 250 years Anniversary Edition 43% *Coming Soon* \$15

“Mainly floral with just a light touch from the barle; juicy, a touch spicy and quite wonderful. Curiously, not that far away from the light Lowland style of malt produced in the 60s and 70s in Burns’ native Lowlands.” ①

Bladnoch Lightly Peated 6 years old 51.8% *Coming Soon* \$13.5

“A peat fire just bursting into life; firm, bitter-sweet; the layering of the peat is awesome; some citrus notes help lighten the load.” ①

Dalwhinnie 15 years old 43% \$7

“That rarest of combinations; at once silky and malt intense, yet at the same time peppery. Barley sugar coats everything, soft peat included.” ①

Glendronach Original aged 12 years Double Matured 40% *Coming Soon* \$8.5

“Dense ripe plummy fruit; complete with brown sugars; some coal smoke buzzes around too. Some serious infighting here between grape and grain - The grape wins but the mouth-watering barley has some juicy moments.” ①

Glenmorangie Origin 10 years old: 40% \$7

“Flaky oakiness throughout but there is an impossibly complex toastiness to the barley which seems to suggest the lightest hint of smoke.” The finish is “amazingly long for such a light dram, drying from the initial sweetness but with flaked almonds amid the oakier, rich cocoa notes.” ①

Glenmorangie “Quinta Port” 46% \$8

“This replacement of the original port finish shows a genuine understanding of the importance of grape-oak balance. Both are portrayed with clarity and confidence.” ①

Oban 14 43% \$9

“Slick and fruity, you can close your eyes and think of Jerez. Those who prefer malts with a sheen, sweet and with enormous fruit depth wont be disappointed.” ①

Lowlands

Littlemill 12 years 40% *Coming Soon* \$13.5

Distillery Demolished. Limited supply.

Blends

- Johnnie Walker Black 12 years old** 40% \$7
“If there is a silkier delivery on the market today, we have not seen it: this is sublime stuff; a near perfection of weighty smoke, lightened by brilliantly balanced barley which leads towards both soft apple and crème Broulee.” ①
- Johnnie Walker Green** Scottish Vatted Malt 43% \$8
“Soft smoke and grumbling spice latch onto the fruit stained oak; plenty of cocoa just to top things off.” ①
- Johnnie Walker Gold 18 years “The Centenary Blend”** 40% \$13
“The silky arrival magnifies the smoky edge to this; some Caol Ila here. Vanilla and fudge; meanwhile playful spices... Play!” ①
- Sheep Dip** Scottish Vatted Malt 40% \$7.5
“Young and sprightly like a new born lamb, this enjoys a fresh, mouth-watering grassy style with a touch of spice.” ①

Irish Whiskey

By law, Irish whiskey must be produced in Ireland and aged in wooden casks for a period of no less than three years. Although not always practiced, Irish whiskey is commonly distilled three times, aged in casks for nine to twelve years, traditional distillation using copper pot stills and I s unpeated.

- Bushmills Malt** 40% \$7
“Soft vanilla trundles along at speed; spices arrive with just a touch of cocoa for company.” ①
- Jameson** 40% \$6.5
“Diamond hard barley and grain; the odd eclectic layer of something sweetish and honeyed” ①
- Jameson 12 years Special Reserve** 40% \$7.5
“Caramel, lazy sherry, musty; enlivened by a splash of sharper pot still” ①
- Middleton Red Breast 12 years old** 40% \$8
“Wonderfully clipped and correct in delivery; firm at first ...very firm. Slowly the barley melts and light muscovado sugars dove tail with a flinty fruitiness.” ①

American (whiskey)

American Whiskey is distilled from a fermented mash of cereal grain. Types listed in the federal regulations include: Bourbon whiskey, Rye whiskey, Wheat whiskey, Malt whiskey, Rye malt whiskey, Corn whiskey and Blended whiskey.

Blanton's Gold Single Barrel 51.5%	<i>Coming Soon</i>	\$14
"As near as damn it a rye in style, against a background of cane juice. Wonderful. Looks as though someone tipped a few extra sacks of rye into the recipe by mistake." ❶		
Bookers 6 years 7 months 63.2%		\$9
"Huge delivery, not just in terms of alcohol strength but by that roasty signature chugging through: delightfully bitter-sweet with butterscotch and vanilla playing a useful roll." ❶		
Labrot & Graham Woodford Reserve 45.2%		\$7.5
"An aggressive and spicy bourbon; a rich entry leads to a medium to full bodied palate with toffee, mocha and white pepper flavours." ❷		
Laird's Applejack 40%		\$6.5
"Made by blending 35% apple brandy with 65% grain neutral spirit" ❷		
Makers Mark 45%		\$6.5
"The wax is confined not ust to the seal as a wonderful coating encrusts every solitary tastebud. A wonderful honey theme plays as the crème brulee gets a grip." ❶		
Rittenhouse Rye 100 proof Bottled in Bond 50%	<i>Coming Soon</i>	\$8.5
"With a nose of Barbadian and Guyanan rum; marauding rye notes. These are firm, fruity, and flighty." ❶		

Canadian

Canadian Whiskies are characteristically lighter. By Canadian law, Canadian whiskies must be produced in Canada, be distilled from a fermented mash of cereal grain, “be aged in small wood for not less than 3 years”, and “possess the aroma, taste and character generally attributed to Canadian whisky”.

Canadian Club 40% \$6

“Beautifully coated in honey and grain oils, allowing for a juicy chewiness to gain momentum before delicate spices strike.” ❶

Canadian Club 12 years old 40% \$6.5

“Beautifully coated in honey and grain oils, allowing for a juicy chewiness to gain momentum before delicate spices strike.” ❶

Crown Royal 40% *Coming Soon* \$8

“Credit where due here: the layering is boosted by a stunning array of pounding spices” ❶

World

Yamazaki (Japan) 43% \$7.5

“Sweet peach blossom, clover honey, anise, and light peat aromas.” ❷

Yoichi single Malt 12 years old (Japan) 45% *Coming Soon* \$13.5

“Lots of small still coppery sharpness then a gentle awakening of peat. Best when left in the glass for 10-15 minutes: only then does the true story emerge.” ❶

Local

Heller's Road "Original" 46.2% *Coming Soon* \$6.5

Tasmanian grown malted barley; matured in white American oak barrels formerly of bourbon; aromas of vanilla, citrus and floral elements.

Hellyers Road "Pinot cask" 46.2% *Coming Soon* \$7

Produced in the same way as the original Hellyers Road, this malt is matured for a further 3 months in a Pinot Noir wine cask.

Hellyers Road "Peated" 46.2% *Coming Soon* \$6.5

Scottish peated barley; a hint of sweetness followed by medium peat that fills the mouth. 46.2% \$6

Hellyers Road "Slightly Peated" 46.2% \$6.5

Rich and chewy, with hints of grapefruit, prune and camphor on a biscuity background.

Lark Single Malt Subject to cask variation. 43% *Coming Soon* \$12

"Dry, prickly-spiced and beautifully fruit and barley layered; dry in places but a big Demerara and spice statement rekindles the flame." ❶ Subject to cask variation.

Sullivans Cove Port Maturation 60% \$12

"Absolutely off the scales delivery-wise; the roof of the mouth is sprayed with chocolate mouse and raspberry jam." ❶ Subject to cask variation.

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Where did we come from? A History and timeline

Distillation to Whisky to Whisky-A-Go-Go to Chez Regine to Melbourne

2nd Millennium BC Babylonians in Mesopotamia (now Iraq) discovered the process of distillation

1130 to 1300 Distillation spreads to Ireland and Scotland (monastic distillation)

Whisk(e)y Uisgebagh (Gaelic) = Uisge (abb.) = Usky (abb.) = Whisky

1494 Distillation of whisky is first recorded as Friar John Cor is ordered to produce 1,500 bottles of aqua vitae.

1536 to 1541 King Henry VIII dissolves all monasteries and distillation moves into the general public

1707 Acts of England merges England and Scotland and subsequently taxes rise English Malt Tax is introduced. To avoid excise men, distillers move underground and work at night, coining the term 'moonshine'.

Late 18th Century The American Revolution; whisk(e)y is used as a currency

1791 American excise tax is introduced

1823 Britain passes excise tax

1831 The Coffey still is invented

1850 The first Scottish blend whisky is produced by Andrew Usher. French brandy is devastated by Phylloxera pest. Whisky becomes the primary liquor in the European market.

1862 Jerry Thomas releases 'Bartenders Guide or How to mix drinks' in America. His whisky influences are prevalent in cocktails such as the Blazer.

1920 to 1933 American Prohibition, alcohol made illegal

1929 Regine Zylberberg is born in Belgium

1941 Regine hides in a convent for 'the worst (2) years' of (her) life'

1947 "Whisky-A-Go-Go" Paris opens – famous for it's live music

1953 Regine's first job in a club as a Hatcheck girl, Whisky-a-go-go Paris

1958 "Chez Regine" Paris opens it's doors. Regine's first club is the world's first discothèque, replacing live music for recorded music.

1975 Regine moves to Manhattan

1976 Dalmonico club opens with 20,000 pre-sold memberships at \$600 each.

Many Scottish distillers experiment with the production and distillation process of single malt whiskies leading to a increased consumer interest and demand.

1980's to present After conquering America, Regine opens clubs in various other cities including Paris, Monte Carlo, Saint Tropez, Santiago, London, Cairo and Kuala Lumpur. At her peak she operated 19 clubs worldwide, and it was said that you could party at Regine's 17 hours of 24 around the world.

Present Jimmy'z Miami is the only club still existing on Miami Beach. Today Regine still exude'sroyalties. Jimmy'z is decorated in picture of elegance, mirrored walls, faux stained glass windows, walk-in humidors with personalised bronzed plates for the rich and famous, Andy Warhol etc.

Today Whisky is back in vogue.

2010 Chez Regine Melbourne is founded