

Introduction to the Chelsea Drinks Book

Here in the Chelsea, we not only love our wines, we are passionate about all kinds of beverages, and this little black book of drinks lists just what we have to offer you here in the wine bar. From the finest of wines to be found across the globe to some other formidable drinks to quench your thirst & get you in the mood for dinner or simple socialising.

We have taken the time to assist you in your choice of beverage by giving you an insight into their flavours & make up. So whether you are just looking for your old favourites or wish to sample something new, then hopefully we have provided you with enough information to pick the tipple which suits you best!

If not, then please ask any of our servers who will be happy to help you in making your selection.

Remember...

Everybody has to believe in something...
I believe I'll have another drink...

W.C. Fields

The Chelsea Bin End Selection

- 1. Charles Vienot Nuits St Georges £40** **£25**
France, 2004
Deep cherry red in colour with refined and delicate aromas of cherry and spice, cinnamon, cloves, pepper, tobacco and liquorice. Well-rounded and generous, this fine Pinot Noir from Burgundy has excellent tannin content, well-balanced with flavours that linger pleasantly on the palate to provide a harmonious wine.
- 2. Don Maximiano Reserva £45** **£27**
Chile, 2002
A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon with just a touch of Shiraz: it displays inviting aromas of blackberry & black cherry integrated with vanilla oak. Ripe tannins provide excellent structure & a long, smooth finish. This wine is "The Don."
- 3. Villa Lanata Barolo Reserva £45** **£27**
Italy, 2002
An excellent modern style Barolo produced from the Nebbiolo grape, and matured in oak for two years. After decanting, you'll discover a big floral, woody nose adding dark fruit and spice. On the palate, it is full and complex with layers of flavours starting with mulberries, then truffles and tobacco finishing with a nice cedar wood. A powerful combination of flavours.
- 4. Carruades de Lafite Pauillac £65** **£37**
France, 1998
This is the second wine of Chateau Lafite Rothschild, and it benefits from the same care & attention to detail in the winery. This is a mature Cabernet Sauvignon based Bordeaux blend of true class. Patience is the key but once open, it displays a massive floral bouquet of dark forest fruits, spices, cassis, cocoa, cigars, leather & truffles. Each inhalation brings a new aroma & flavours yet unmatched. The finish will go on & on...

What though youth gave love and roses,
Age still leaves us friends and wine.

Thomas Moore 1779 - 1852

National Airs (1815), Spring and Autumn, st. 1

Sensuous Bubbly & Champagne

- 5. Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut** £18
Spain
A crisp, clean and well balanced Cava. The acidity is lower than most. A food friendly bubbly, matching with prawns, tomato or light cheese dishes.
- 6. Freixenet Cordon Negro Rosado Cava** £18
Spain
Satin-like ripe cherry and berry flavors. This Cava is surprisingly dry with a long bubbly finish. Perfect on its own or with light starters.
- 7. Orsola Prosecco** £20
Italy
Bright, breezy, fresh and foaming , a delicious sparkling wine with delightful pear fruit & mild acidity. Everything from spicy Asian to creamy seafood dishes will match this Prosecco!
- 8. Pol Roger Brut** £40
France, NV
A harmonious blend of equal Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier provides perfectly balanced Champagne that has fine bubbles and a bouquet of floral & fruit aromas. It is ripe & thirst-quenching on the palate, with a superb taste of freshly baked brioche.
- 9. Lanson Rose** £40
France, NV
Deep, clear, pink Champagne. It starts with a strong aroma of red fruit, dominated by the Morello cherry & a touch of strawberry. The palate is lively, generous and fruit intense. There is a freshness which mellows to reveal the aromas of macerated fruit and red plums.
- 10. Pol Roger Brut Vintage** £50
France, 1998
Vintage Champagne comes only from those years when all the climatic conditions provide an excellent wine. This 1998 vintage is no exception. It possesses the freshness of a golden apple with creamy biscuit flavours. Vintage champagne made for drinking right now!
- 11. Lanson Black Label** £35
France
A traditional blend of 15% vintage Pinot Noir adds roundness to this fruity champagne. It has a delicate hue & subtle, complex, attractive aromas both on the nose & palate. Free flowing tiny bubbles give a festive feel & its elegant nose is packed with soft red fruit. It tastes fresh & vinuous at the same time. This sensual champagne has a refinement which is second to none.
- 12. Pol Roger Cuvée Winston Churchill** £150
France
For Winston Churchill, drinking Pol Roger Champagne was love at first taste. This special cuvée in his honour is a robust Pinot Noir dominant blend of the utmost quality. Its deep old golden hue, its myriad of typical Pol Roger fine bubbles, its nose which brings into play dried fruit, strongly scented flowers & pastries along with its rich palate, moderately honeyed, tenderly spiced, make this a rare wine appreciated by lovers of exceptional champagne. It is an unforgettable pleasure as an aperitif to grasp not only its richness but all of its nuances. A Bon Santé!

Too much of anything is bad,
but too much Champagne is just right.

Mark Twain

Clean Crisp Whites

The fruit character of these wines is unmasked by oak - Ideally suited to fish and dishes with creamy sauces... also great as an aperitif!

- 13. Peter Lehmann Weighbridge** £15
Unoaked Chardonnay
Australia
Soft fruit balanced by a delightfully crisp acidity and finishing long with lingering peach flavours. Delicious as an aperitif, but also as a delightful accompaniment to roast chicken, creamy pasta dishes or pan-fried fish.
- 14. Frascati Superiore Terre Dei Grifi** £17
Italy
Intense, clean and pleasing that starts with aromas of plum, apple and hawthorn followed by citrus fruits, pear and almond. Good body with intense flavours while the finish is persistent.
A truly gorgeous Italian wine.
- 15. Lamberti Pinot Grigio Santepietre** £16
Italy
One of our modern classics, this wine is one of life's perfectionists. White, light, dry & unoaked. Great on its own, super with light pasta & seafood.
- 16. Macon Blanc Villages, Louis Jadot** £20
France
100% Chardonnay, this is a dry, fresh & easy to drink with floral notes and a hint of lemon. A lively & charming wine perfect with soft cheeses, fish or salads.
- 17. Villa Lanata Gavi di Gavi** £20
Italy
Impeccably made in a light gooseberry & mineral style with delicate floral hints & citrus fruit undertones. Fresh & persistent with a slightly almond finish. Gavi di Gavi at its finest.
- 18. Chablis la Sereine** £22
France
First class Chablis, clean, light & flinty with just a hint of warmth. Perfect with a bit of age like this one, commanding flavours of baked apples & almonds. It's the choice for all pure Chardonnay lovers.
- 19. Faustino V Blanco** £18
Spain
Intense, fine & elegant with powerful notes of fine herbs & floral hints. It wraps well around the palate and is dry on the attack & honeyed on the finish. Perfect with simple seabass or not so sweet desserts.
- 20. Vidal Sauvignon Blanc** £17
New Zealand
Capsicum and gooseberry aromas with a palate that bursts with tropical fruit flavours.
A lively acidity and crisp finish balance perfectly.

Quickly, bring me a beaker of wine, so that I may wet my mind and say something clever.

Aristophanes

Intense Whites

Intensely aromatic whites that are full of character.

- 21. Vasse Felix Semillon Sauvignon** £22
Margaret River, Western Australia
From one of Australia's best wine making areas, meet this vibrant and refined Sauvignon Semillon Blanc. Perfect vinification has resulted in a wine of great character with "steely" acidity and length. Pairs beautifully with pork, goat's cheese & shellfish.
- 22. Chablis Premier Cru Vau de Vey** £30
France
A genuinely "big" wine, this premium Chablis displays delicate aromas of white blossoms, apricots, citrus and perfect minerality. This wine soars upon first sip and charms with its elegant complexity. Truly one of the best in its region.
- 23. Boschendal 1685 Sauvignon Blanc** £18
South Africa
Somewhere between Sancerre & new world Sauvignon Blanc, this straw coloured wine has an aroma of herbs and tropical fruits with hints of lime and fig. The complex flavours carry over into the creamy harmonious palate with a lovely zesty finish. A lovely crisp alternative for Sauvignon Blanc drinkers. In a word...delicious!
- 24. Cave de Turckheim Gewurztraminer** £20
France
This hugely appealing wine is commendably restrained, has lychee aromas and sweet, spicy fruit backed by a long, dry finish. Pair with Asian food with just a hint of spice.
- 25. Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc** £19
New Zealand
The preferred wine of all Sauvignon Blanc lovers! Big flavours of ripe gooseberries, passionfruit & exotic herbaceous aromas finishing with crisp, clean acidity. Totally delicious!
- 26. Bougrier Vouvray** £18
Loire, France
A richly fragrant bouquet with hints of honey, ripe pear and brioche. This chenin blanc has subtle, harmonious and delicately sweet flavours of honey, pear and apple. A wine to complement patés, fish or even desserts.
- 27. Errazuriz Estate Sauvignon Blanc** £15
Chile
With its crisp, bright flavours, peachy aroma, and grassy undertones, this Sauvignon Blanc is slightly minerally with a lovely acidity & smooth, lasting finish. The aroma is powerful, characteristic of its cold zone origin.
- 28. Sancerre Select Premier** £25
France
Ever longed for a wine that smells of summer? You've just found it! Refreshing, balanced acidity with a slight gooseberry tang you'd expect from Sauvignon Blanc. It's a perfect pair with goat's cheese.
- 29. Villa Maria Clifford Bay Sauvignon Blanc** £22
New Zealand
This wine is a classic example of vibrant Sauvignon Blanc displaying intense aromas of nettle, currants, gooseberry and fresh lime intertwined with exotic fruit notes. An explosive, concentrated palate gives way to a long mineral and steely finish.

Luscious Whites

Full bodied & flavoursome, the most versatile of wines...

30. Little Yering Chardonnay £18
Yarra Valley, Australia

Great intensity on the nose with mineral notes, white nectarine & citrus flavours along with a creamy, nutty complexity. Medium weight with clean citrus fruits supported by well integrated French oak & balanced acidity.

31. Errazuriz Estate Chardonnay £17
Chile

Nice example of Chard that is oaked, but very subtly. Tropical fruit notes with a little wood on finish. Slightly buttery with hints of vanilla.

32. Villa Maria Cellar Selection Chardonnay £22
New Zealand

Displaying a tight, youthful bouquet of citrus lemon and stone fruit, with hints of lime, cashew and complex oatmeal notes. The palate has richness and texture in balance with a gentle acid. The wine shows its Marlborough origin with lovely refinement, balance and length.

33. Robert Mondavi £16
Woodbridge Chardonnay
USA

Aromas of pear and quince combine with delicate floral notes & a pinch of nutmeg spice to showcase the true essence of the grape. French oak adds a hint of vanilla custard and contributes to a round, smooth texture while preserving the fresh taste.

34. Boschendal 1685 Chardonnay £18
South Africa

This bold statement wine is big on aroma and flavours, combining a nutmeg nose with zesty citrus and ripe tropical fruit on the palate. Well balanced with a soft buttery character from barrel fermentation and maturation adds to the complexity & roundness of the wine.

35. Catena Chardonnay £22
Argentina

The nose shows mango, banana and apple fruit flavours with hints of sweet spice and wet stone. The mouthfeel is full yet clean, with pear and fig fruit flavours and finishes with fresh, crisp acidity.

36. Boisset Pouilly Fuisse £30
France

Brilliant gold in colour highly characterized by notes of exotic fruits and white flowers, indicating excellent ripeness. Rich and full of substance, it lines the palate without heaviness, supported by a judicious vivacity. A lovely refreshing Chardonnay you'll be in no rush to finish.

Wine is one of the most civilized things in the world and one of the most natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection, and it offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than, possibly any other purely sensory thing...

Ernest Hemingway
Death in the Afternoon

Soft & Juicy Reds

Fruit driven red wines that are lighter bodied -
Ideally suited for lunchtime sipping...

- 37. Palmento Nero d'Avola** £15
Sicily
The most important red wine grape in Sicily & easily comparable to a light Shiraz. It has spicy plum notes & sweet tannins so it works well with red meat or tomato based dishes.
- 38. Cotes Du Rhone Le Pas de La Beaume** £18
Camille Cayran, France
Packed full of Southern French "Garrigue" character of herbs and spices while roasted strawberries & raspberries lead the fruit flavours, then it finishes spicy and smooth. Mild tannins and a rich flavour profile make this wine simply perfect.
- 39. Antinori Peppoli Chianti Classico** £25
Italy
This famous Chianti offers floral, ripe black fruit aromas and a delicate chocolate powder note. Full-bodied, with soft, silky tannins and plenty of fruit on the finish. The fruit & subtle oak are very well integrated while the finish is unbelievably long.
- 40. Crozes Hermitage - Cave de Clairmont** £25
France
A beautiful purple colour with jammy black fruits, vanilla & toasty aromas. The palate is a combination of spiciness, fine structure & smooth oak flavour. A hint of pepper & a great length for a delicately balanced wine.
- 41. Villa Maria Cellar Selection Pinot Noir** £22
New Zealand
A perfumed bouquet of red and dark cherries, plums and spice notes. Fruit driven and elegant, with long layers of flavour, full-bodied and well balanced with fine, grainy tannins. This wine is concentrated and rich - an elegant Pinot Noir with finesse and complexity.
- 42. Cotes Du Rhone Villages** £16
Louis Bernard, France
An easygoing but fleshy red with blackberry fruit flavours, & hints of toast and briar. A juicy perfumed finish opens nicely in the glass.
- 43. Fleurie Cellier des Samsons** £20
France
Light juicy red from one of the top villages in Beaujolais, this wine bursts with clean ripe flavours of strawberry & raspberry. It is fresh with soft tannins & a sensual palate. Simply lovely.
- 44. Little Yering Pinot Noir** £18
Australia
Very moreish, fresh & rounded, this Pinot Noir has generous fruit character. Aromas of strawberry and red cherry fruit with subtle vanilla oak. Well-structured and persistent with great depth of fruit and savouriness on the finish.

Good wine is a good familiar creature if it be well used.

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Othello, II. iii. (315)

Bruising Reds

Powerful full-bodied wines

Great with hearty red meat dishes

45. Peter Lehmann Weighbridge £15

Cabernet Merlot

Australia

The colour is black cherry and the bouquet shows blackcurrants with hints of violets. It is a well structured seamless wine with a good depth of fruit on the middle palate and finishes with firm, yet gentle tannins.

46. Woodbridge Zinfandel £16

USA

The lower alcohol content opens up the fruit content of this delectable wine. This Zinfandel's bright aromas & flavours exhibit dark berry fruit and oak spice coupled with a soft lingering finish. A perfect accompaniment to red meat, rich tomato pasta and curry dishes.

47. Montes Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve £16

Chile

Intense ruby-red color. The nose is packed with layers of caramel, cinnamon, candy and hints of mint, with a prevalence of fruit over oak. A spicy, full-flavored wine, with good body, fruit and firm tannins. An engaging and strong finish.

48. Errazuriz Max Reserve £20

Cabernet Sauvignon

Chile

A very expressive nose with a profile of red and black fruits such as cassis & blackcurrant; coffee and cedar, along with sweet spice notes of cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg from the oak heighten the blend. The palate has a balsamic touch that lends additional complexity and fine, supple tannins lead to a very firm, bright wine with a great finish.

49. Catena Malbec £22

Argentina

A big, juicy, plummy, black fruit flavoured example of Argentina's finest grape, produced by one of its best exponents from high-altitude vineyards in the Mendoza region. A lovely, smooth mouthful, with touches of spice and leather and a lengthy finish.

50. Don Reca £25

Chile, 2007

The 2007 Cuvee Don Reca is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere and Syrah. It exhibits an aromatic array of eucalyptus, violets, clove, sage, and blackcurrants. Mouth-filling, intense and spicy.

51. Domaine La Souco Chateauneuf-du-Pape £30

France

Very supple, modern style Chateauneuf-du-Pape becoming full and long, finishing on spicy notes with a powerful aroma of black fruits and liquorice. The Grenache core gives baked and jam fruits, ending on a clear note.

What contemptible scoundrel stole the cork from my lunch?

Larson E. Whipsnade (W.C. Fields)

You Can't Cheat an Honest Man (1939)

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52. Campillo Reserva £25 Spain

Aged in American oak casks for almost 2 years, this Reserva is then refined to achieve a perfect balance. Intense cherry-red with a tawny rim, its ripe fruit aroma stands out, finely blended with spicy, toasty notes from the cask. Long and complex in the mouth, with a persistent finish.

53. Faustino I Gran Reserva £30 Spain

Intense & complex to the nose. Aromas of spices & new wood against a mildly alcoholic background. Well finished. Powerful, enveloping tannic notes in the mouth that develop into an elegant meatiness & just the right acidity to match any dish.

Big Easy Reds

Velvety wines oozing class & sophistication...

54. Errazuriz Estate Merlot Reserva £17 Chile

Softly textured & exceptionally smooth Merlot. Fresh blackberry & ripe red cherry aromas balance with the soft palate of classical herbal blackberry and coffee flavours with deep colour.

55. Oyster Bay Merlot £19 New Zealand

Distinctive cool climate Merlot with vibrant alluring flavours of juicy black plum and sweet berry fruits, with an exquisite background of spice, subtle oak & fine grained tannins. It has a light finish with ample flavour to pair with food.

56. Faustino de Crianza £19 Spain

Bright, clean, intense & deep. Honest nose with aromas of ripe, dark fruit, light toasty notes from good wood & sweet spices with elegant balsamic nuances & a long finish with hints of vanilla from the aging process.

57. Chateau Dupray St Emilion £22 France

The bouquet is rich and complex, developing aromas of fruit of the forest and a few animal touches. On the palate, the wine is well structured and fruity with pleasant tannins. It is a lovely wine with lots of character, well-structured and harmonious. Classic Merlot which is an all-round food friendly wine.

58. Boschendal 1685 Shiraz £18 South Africa

The intense red colour of this wine is a perfect introduction to the flavour profile. The nose effortlessly combines ripe mulberries & notes of black cherries with very attractive white spice. The palate intensifies this, with a juicy tannin structure allowing the red fruit to come into its own.

Pinkies

59. Bougrier Rose D'Anjou £15
France

This medium-sweet Loire rosé is fresh with acidity. The sweetness here is not heavy, making it ideal on its own or with delicately flavoured Asian food. With notes of raspberry, strawberry and plum, this little palate pleaser is a great aperitif before dinner or as a light refresher.

60. Woodbridge Grenache Rose £16
USA

This lush rose offers aromas and bright fruit flavours of fresh summer berries. On the palate, lovely raspberry and strawberry notes mingle with touches of honeysuckle and sweet spice.

Sweeties & Port

61. Errazuriz Late Harvest £13
Sauvignon Blanc
(375ml) Chile

Aromas of citrus and ripe apricot & quince lend complexity and freshness to the blend. The percentage of Gewürztraminer in the blend contributes to the citrus and floral notes. This honeyed wine has an excellent balance between acidity and sugar, which makes it feel fresh and fruity. Perfect with a citrus based dessert.

62. Warre's Otima 10yr Old Tawny Port £23
(500ml) Portugal

A ripe & rich tawny port with loads of caramel, honey & dried fruit. It is full bodied, sweet & very toffee-like on the palate. The finish just goes on & on. Perfect on its own or to complement a good meal.

63. Graham's Late Bottled Vintage £25
(750ml) Portugal

A complex port combining vibrant youthful aromas of jammy red fruits such as raspberries with hints of peppery spice. It is rich and full-bodied, with concentrated flavours of wild berries and nuances of black chocolate balanced by well structured tannins, leading to a long, firm finish. Enjoy with chocolatey desserts!

Seven Deadly Whites

175ml Glass & 500ml Carafe Measures

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| 70. Sancerre Select Premier
France | £5.95 | £16.95 |
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| 76. Faustino de Crianza Rioja
Spain
Bright, clean, intense & deep. Honest nose with aromas of ripe, dark fruit, light toasty notes from good wood & sweet spices with elegant balsamic nuances & a long finish with hints of vanilla from the aging process. | £4.95 | £12.95 |
| 77. Errazuriz Max Reserve
Cabernet Sauvignon
Chile
A very expressive nose with a profile of red and black fruits such as cassis & blackcurrant; coffee and cedar, along with sweet spice notes of cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg from the oak heighten the blend. The palate has a balsamic touch that lends additional complexity and fine, supple tannins lead to a very firm, bright wine with a great finish. | £5.50 | £14.95 |

Cognac

35ml Measures

Remy Martin Louis XIII

£120

The highest quality Cognac on the market today, Louis XIII has been carefully tended by three generations of Remy Martin cellar masters. The result is a magical combination of savoir-faire, art and patience.

Remy Martin Louis XIII uses only grapes from the Grande Champagne region which guarantees it's unique, exclusive quality. It is blended from Eaux de Vie, some more than a century in age, then it is aged in 'tiercons', barrels that are several hundred years old, in a cellar set apart for it alone.

The first nose is of narcissus, jasmine, very old tawny port, cigar box scent, curry, saffron, nutmeg and passion fruit. The second nose is of violet, iris, litchi, pineapple, eucalyptus and sandalwood. The first palate is very concentrated and wonderfully rich in aromas, warm and harmonious. Second palate is of the highest complexity including aromas from the first and second noses. A long finish of up to an hour.

Remy Martin XO Excellence

£10

Remy Martin XO Excellence has a unique velvety texture with a memorable taste that lingers longer on the palate. With top notes of delicate jasmine and iris; an aromatic heart of ripe fig, candied orange and juicy prune & final base notes of freshly grated cinnamon and oven-baked brioche. The taste of excellence lasts for up to 15 minutes on the palate. Try it neat, on the rocks or with fine foods like chocolatey desserts.

Remy Martin VSOP

£3.55

The VSOP stands for 'Very Special Old Pale' with a fresh, full nose with notes of vanilla, limousin oak, dried rose and apricot. Very mellow with a short, slightly warm finish. Consider the fact that one of every three V.S.O.P.s sold in the world carries the name of Remy Martin.

Courvoisier VS

£3.40

This award winning cognac has a fruity, delicate taste with a bouquet suffused with ripe fruit and spring flowers. The aroma is rich, fresh and oaky balanced with the vigour of a young cognac. The finish is short, but very intense and as powerful as the aroma.

A selection of fine Havana cigars
are also available

Cognac, because everything else is second best

Anonymous

Whisk(e)y- Irish, Scotch & Bourbon

35ml Measures

Famous Grouse £3.15
Deceptively rich and full for what is really quite a light bodied blend. Fruity, with a touch of smoke. Brittle toffee and spices, along with a hint of grain, in the medium finish.

Black Grouse £3.15
Initial bonfire smoke overlies the rich, smooth, fruity, cereal character associated with The Famous Grouse. Full-bodied and silky smooth in the mouth, smoky and fruity, with spice and a backbone of satisfying oak. Lingering smoke and citrus fruits in the finish; complex, creamy and balanced.

Laphroaig £3.40
Peat smoke and seaweed leap off the nose, followed by something a little sweeter and fruitier. Massive on the palate, with fish oil, salt and plankton, though the finish is surprisingly tight and increasingly dry. The biggest beast in the jungle, with its flavoursome roar.

Highland Park 12 Year Old £3.40
The nose is fragrant and floral, with hints of heather and some spice. Smooth and honeyed on the palate, with citric fruits, malt and distinctive tones of wood smoke in the warm, lengthy, slightly peaty finish. Highland Park is one of the world's great whiskies.

Macallan 10 Year Old £3.40
The Macallan, one of the great malts of the world. The nose is sweet and distinctive, with sherry, toffee and malt. Big bodied but always refined and elegant. The sherry lingers long in the finish, accompanied by orange, oak and just a wisp of smoke. Deservedly considered a classic.

Macallan 18 Year Old £5.50
Sweet dried fruit aromas followed by chocolate spice & sugar cane sweetness. Sweet oaky flavours with nuances of Christmas cake. The finish is medium & sweet leaving a spicy tingle long after the other flavours are gone. A real charmer of a dram!

Maker's Mark £3.45
A bourbon created using a proportion of red winter wheat instead of the more common rye, which reduces the 'burn' left by many Bourbon. A subtle yet complex, nose, with vanilla and spice, a delicate floral note of roses, plus lime and cocoa beans. Medium in body, Maker's Mark offers a palate of fresh fruit, spices, eucalyptus and ginger cake.

Jim Beam Black £3.45
There are vanilla and delicate floral notes on the nose of this four-year-old Bourbon. Initially sweet, with restrained vanilla, then drier, oaky notes develop, fading into furniture polish and soft malt in the finish. Once described, with absolute justification, as "a mellow baritone of a spirit."

Jim Beam Red Stag £3.45
Made with 4 year-old Jim Beam Bourbon, Red Stag has been slowly infused with natural black cherry using a unique artisanal process, to create a sophisticated drink that retains the Jim Beam quality standard.

The tools I need for my work are paper,
tobacco, food, and a little whiskey.

William Faulkner