

THE CRIMSON CARDINAL

THE TAVERN'S TALE

The Crimson Cardinal is owned by a divorced woman and her androgynous friend. One of the owners is a member of a race that is common for the area, while the other owner's race is distrusted in the area. One of the owners is being mind-controlled by a powerful entity, and the other has a rare medical condition. Before owning the tavern, one of the owners performed minor magic tricks for fun and profit, while the other lived a boring life. The inspiration for the tavern's name was an attempt at humor or irony. It is a tavern of aristocratic quality, and its main draw is its surprisingly clandestine atmosphere.

THE BARTENDER

The bartender at The Crimson Cardinal is a weathered female halfling who is almost average looking. She is often loud in disposition. Her skin is tan, and she has shiny hair, kept in a curly style. Physically, she is notably obese.

THE CLIENTELE

On a typical night, the clientele at The Crimson Cardinal can be described as extremely secretive. On this occasion, there are around thirty other people currently in the tavern. One group of patrons is sharing tales of past adventures—successes and failures. Another group is consumed in a philosophical conversation, while a nearby cluster is singing a drinking song. There are also several patrons dancing/swaying to music.

THE ACCOMMODATIONS

The rooms for rent at The Crimson Cardinal are absolutely comfortably sized and unsettlingly well-cleaned. There are currently four rooms available for rent. The cost for a night's stay is 3 gp, 9 sp. If the party spends the night in the tavern, the mind-controlled owner tells the party of a vast treasure hidden in a nearby cave/dungeon. There is no treasure however; the owner is sending them to a trap—the lair of a powerful mind-controlling entity. Additionally, the ill owner's constant moaning and complaining keeps the party from getting a good night's rest.

BEVERAGES

WINES

Tangy Paladin Riesling

A finely made white wine with flavors that are rich, herbaceous, and earthy.

Bottle price: 14 gp, 2 sp

Glass price: 4 gp, 7 sp

Lovely Gnoll Sauvignon Blanc

An imported white wine with flavors that are deep, herbaceous, and aromatic.

Bottle price: 9 gp, 3 sp

Glass price: 3 gp, 1 sp

Golden Succubus Pinot Noir

A finely made red wine with flavors that are smooth and vibrant.

Bottle price: 13 gp, 7 sp

Glass price: 4 gp, 5 sp

Cloth Dog Merlot

An imported red wine with flavors that are dry and buttery.

Bottle price: 8 gp, 5 sp

Glass price: 2 gp, 8 sp

One bottle of this wine is contaminated with a potent poison that could kill anyone who drinks from it. An old enemy of the party is responsible.

Laughing Tankard Shiraz

An imported red wine with a bouquet that is rich and sweet.

Bottle price: 8 gp, 8 sp

Glass price: 2 gp, 9 sp

LAGERS & ALES

Cat and Carrot Lager

7.68% ABV

A masterfully brewed golden lager. Described as a spicy lager with a sour finish.

Gallon price: 1 gp, 1 sp

Pint price: 2 sp, 2 cp

Boot and Revenant Stout

9.05% ABV

A masterfully brewed chestnut brown stout.

Described as a sweet stout with a hint of caramel and a bitter finish.

Gallon price: 1 gp, 1 sp
Pint price: 2 sp, 3 cp

Dark Eye Malt

6.45% ABV

A microbrewed copper-colored malt. Described as a spicy malt with a pleasant finish.

Gallon price: 1 gp

Pint price: 2 sp, 1 cp

Horse and Lizard Malt

8.36% ABV

An imported chestnut brown malt. Described as a pleasantly bitter malt with a pleasant finish.

Gallon price: 1 gp, 2 sp

Pint price: 2 sp, 4 cp

Sleeping Devil Fruit Ale

8.14% ABV

A masterfully brewed light brown fruit ale.

Described as a sweet fruit ale with notes of malt and a pleasant finish.

Gallon price: 1 gp, 2 sp

Pint price: 2 sp, 5 cp

Slashing Chimera Pilsner

8% ABV

An imported brown pilsner. Described as a complex pilsner with notes of honey and a sweet finish.

Gallon price: 1 gp, 1 sp

Pint price: 2 sp, 3 cp

LIQUORS

Moose and Warrior Vermouth

A finely made dry vermouth.

Bottle price: 12 gp, 1 sp

Shot price: 2 gp

House Gin

A house-made gin.

Bottle price: 7 gp

Shot price: 1 gp, 1 sp

House Whiskey

A house-made corn whiskey.

Bottle price: 7 gp

Shot price: 1 gp, 1 sp

House Whiskey

A house-made wheat whiskey.

Bottle price: 7 gp

Shot price: 1 gp, 1 sp

Smallest Chest Whiskey

A locally produced corn whiskey.

Bottle price: 8 gp, 1 sp

Shot price: 1 gp, 3 sp

FOOD MENU

STARTERS

Deep-Fried Chicken Strips

Chicken strips fried in olive oil. Served with a mustard sauce.

1 gp, 2 sp

Jerky Strips

A basket of several strips of beef jerky.

6 sp, 4 cp

Deep-Fried Potato Wedges

Potato wedges fried in butter. Served with a honey-based sauce.

1 gp, 2 sp

Cheese Platter

A plate of blue cheese with crackers.

6 sp

Deep-Fried Beef Strips

Beef strips fried in vegetable oil. Served with a spicy red sauce.

1 gp, 3 sp

SALADS

Cream of Beef

A luxurious cream of Beef soup with dumplings and onions.

1 gp, 1 sp

Cream of Potato

A thick cream of potato soup with assorted grains and mushrooms.

1 gp, 1 sp

Pork Soup

A delicious soup with hearty chunks of pork, noodles, peppers, onions, and mushrooms.

1 gp, 1 sp

Grilled Chicken and Baby Spinach Salad

Leaves of baby spinach leaves coated in a cider vinegar dressing and tossed with cucumbers, tomatoes, mustard greens, and celery. Topped with grilled chicken.

1 gp, 1 sp

ENTREES

Pan-seared Steak

Pan-seared slices of steak in a vodka sauce alongside

mashed potatoes and a helping of radishes and celery.

2 gp, 2 sp

Stir-fried Duck

Stir-fried bits of duck with a ginger marinade on a bed of rice and cauliflower.

2 gp, 2 sp

Stir-fried Fish

Stir-fried slices of fish in white sauce on a bed of pasta and cooked greens and broccoli.

2 gp, 2 sp

Pan-fried Venison

Pan-fried venison with a ginger marinade on a bed of bread and carrots.

2 gp, 2 sp

Blackened Lamb

Blackened cubes of lamb in garlic sauce on a bed of quinoa with a side of broccoli and mushrooms.

2 gp, 2 sp

Herb-crusted Turkey

Herb-crusted turkey in a thick gravy served with noodles with a serving of brussel sprouts.

2 gp, 2 sp