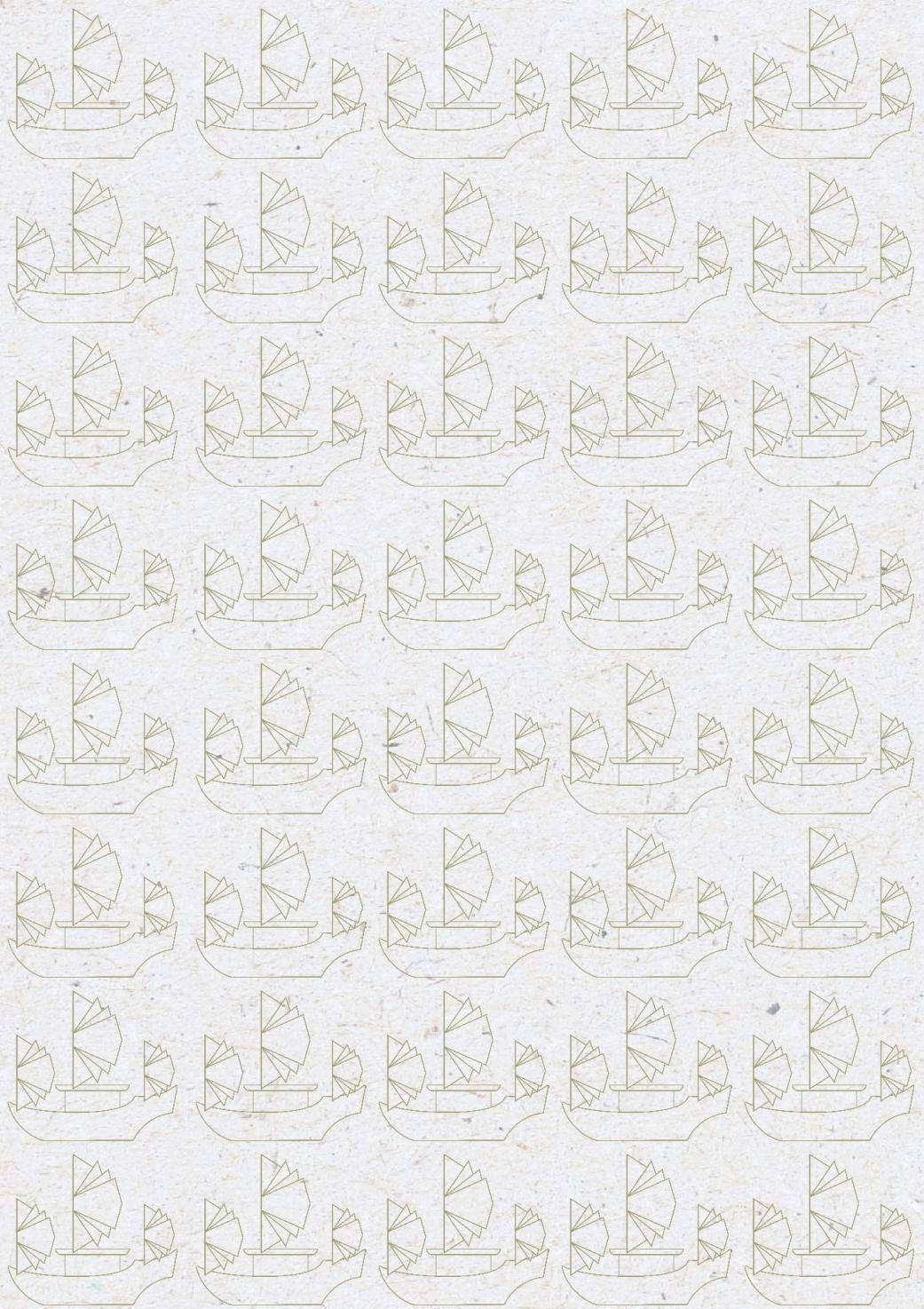


As they explored their new frontier with appreciation  
and curiosity, they were embraced as

# LAOWAI

COCKTAIL & DIM-SUM PARLOUR



# FOREWORD

A hideaway that echoes the old world paired with a modern cocktail experience, Laowai is inspired by the extravagance of prohibition era shanghai; a metropolis at the forefront of entertainment and opportunity, yet marred by swindle and corruption. We are an abode to the unapologetically creative, the audacious and charismatic.

The libations ahead will transport the drinker through each story in ways only a cocktail can, offering our insight and admiration to the lesser-known individuals who shaped a foreign yet familiar history.

As we guide your journey in our unique way, we welcome you whether foreigner or friend.

蓝眸背后

# BEHIND BLUE EYES

**BOLD/SMOKEY**

**\$16**

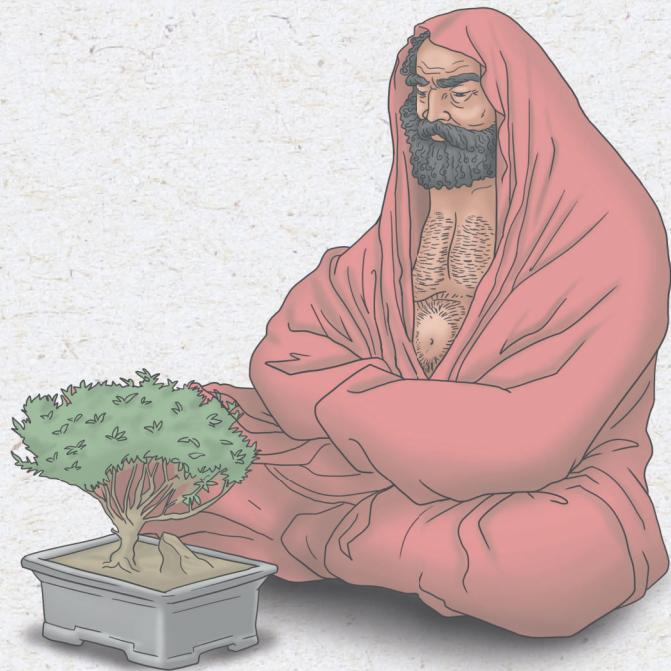
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LAPSANG TEA INFUSED EVAN WILLIAMS 100 PROOF

SALTED ASIAN PEAR SYRUP

APOTHECARY MYSTIC CARAVAN BITTERS

TABOO ABSINTHE



## INSPIRATION

LIFE WAS ROUGH FOR CHINA'S FIRST PATRIARCH OF BUDDHISM. INITIALLY REJECTED FROM THE SHAOLIN MONASTERY AND LABELLED AN ILL TEMPERED 'BLUE EYED BARBARIAN', BODHIRAMA SILENTLY STARED AT A WALL FOR NINE YEARS AND IS SAID TO HAVE SEVERED HIS EYELIDS - SPROUTING THE FIRST TEA LEAVES. EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED INTO THE MONASTERY, HE FOUNDED SHAOLIN KUNG FU.

翡翠帝国

# JADE EMPIRE

TROPICAL/SILKY

\$15.5

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MIDORI MELON LIQUER

CLARIFIED KIWI CORDIAL

ALOE VERA JUICE

MATCHA TINCTURE

MS. BITTERS STRAWBERRY MAH KWAN BITTERS



## INSPIRATION

'BIG EAR'S' DU YUESHENG IS THE MOST PREDOMINANT FIGURE OF SHANGHAI'S PROHIBITION ERA. AS THE LEADER OF THE GREEN GANG, DU LED WITH GUILE AND POLITICAL STRATEGY, MONOPOLISING OPIUM IMPORTS WHILE ALSO HEAD OF THE OPIUM SUPPRESSION BUREAU. LOVED AND REVERED BY THE CITY HE CONTROLLED, HE RULED AS A VELVET HAMMER UNTIL RETIRING TO A HUMBLE LIFE.

白酒老爹

# BAIJIU PAPPI

BRIGHT/TROPICAL

\$15

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RED STAR ERGUOTOU BAIJIU

PATRÓN CITRÓNGE MANGO

ACIDIFIED MINT CORDIAL

CUVÉE JEAN-LOUIS BRUT

PAPAYA SPHERE



ONE LEGGED DRUM DEMON



MASTER OF MUSIC AND DANCE

## INSPIRATION

4000 YEARS BEFORE DRAKE, KUI WAS TOP, SO MUCH SO THAT EMPEROR SHUN SAID, 'MUSIC IS THE VITAL ESSENCE OF HEAVEN AND EARTH AND THE KEY TO SUCCESS AND FAILURE, HARMONY IS THE ROOT OF ALL MUSIC, KUI IS CAPABLE OF MAKING MUSIC HARMONIOUS AND THEREBY OF MAKING THE WHOLE WORLD PEACEFUL. THERE IS ONLY ONE LIKE KUI, AND THAT IS ENOUGH.'

#STARTEDFROMTHEBOTTOM

# 红色旗舰队

## RED FLAG FLEET

TROPICAL/SILKY

\$18

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FLORA DE CAÑA 12 YR RUM

MARQUIS DE VILLARD VSOP

GOJI BERRY INFUSED LILLET ROSÉ

BG REYNOLDS ORGEAT

PRESERVED CITRUS



## INSPIRATION

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND ONLY PIRATE IN HISTORY TO RETIRE WITH A FULL PARDON. CHING SHIH ROSE FROM FLOWER BOAT MADAME TO PIRATE LORD – USING HER 1,500 SHIP FLEET TO TERRORIZE THE CHINA SEAS. A STRICT GOVERNING CODE OF WEALTH DISTRIBUTION AND SAFETY FOR FEMALE PRISONERS ENSURED SHE REIGNED UNCHALLENGED UNTIL HER EVENTUAL AMNESTY.

可汗与我

# THE KHAN AND I

**SPICE/BITTERSWEET**

**\$17**

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5 SPICE BUTTER-WASHED BOMBAY SAPPHIRE EAST GIN

CURRY LEAF INFUSED MARTINI RISERVA RUBINO VERMOUTH

MARTINI RESERVA SPECIALE BITTER



## INSPIRATION

BEFORE YOUR COUSIN CAME HOME EMBELLISHING "HOW AWAKENING" THEIR TRAVELS WERE, MARCO POLO WAS THE ULTIMATE BACKPACKER. AFTER TOURING THE SILK ROAD AND SERVING KUBLAI KHAN, THE VENETIAN RETURNED HOME AFTER 24 YEARS, DETAILING FOR THE WESTERN WORLD THE MOST FAMOUS ACCOUNT OF MEDIEVAL CHINA.

常胜军宾治

# EVER VICTORIOUS PUNCH

SILKY/FRUITY

\$17

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MILK PUNCH

KOCH ESPADIN MEZCAL

LUZHOU LAOJIAO ERQU BAIJIU

YELLOW CHARTREUSE

PINEAPPLE & CITRUS FRUIT

STRAWBERRY & SICHUAN PEPPERCORN FOAM



## INSPIRATION

A CAREER MERCENARY AND FILIBUSTER, FREDERICK TOWNSEND-WARD WASN'T IN THE HABIT OF SENDING THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. REGULARLY TRAVELLING BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND CHINA TO FIGHT ON ANY FRONT AVAILABLE. UNDER THE QING DYNASTY, HE COMMANDED THE EVER VICTORIOUS ARMY TO HELP SURPRESS THE TAIPING REBELLION; FOR WHICH HE PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE.

死亡与欢笑

# DEATH & LAUGHTER

FLORAL/FRUITY

\$15

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OXIDISED GEWÜRZTRAMINER

LYCHEE JUICE

GINGER

ROSE WATER

CAMPARI POMELO SORBET



## INSPIRATION

LACKING INSPIRATION FOR A ROMANTIC GESTURE? LOOK NO FURTHER THAN EMPEROR JIE OF XIA, WHO WAS SO INFATUATED BY HIS CONCUBINE MO XI THAT HE BUILT A LAKE OF WINE FOR THEM TO SAIL, SWIM AND ROMANCE IN. JUST CHOOSE TO SKIP OVER THE SORDID DETAILS THAT SURROUND THE REST OF THE STORY OR HIS REIGN.

流言蜚语

# I HEARD A RUMOUR

SPICY/REFRESHING

\$16

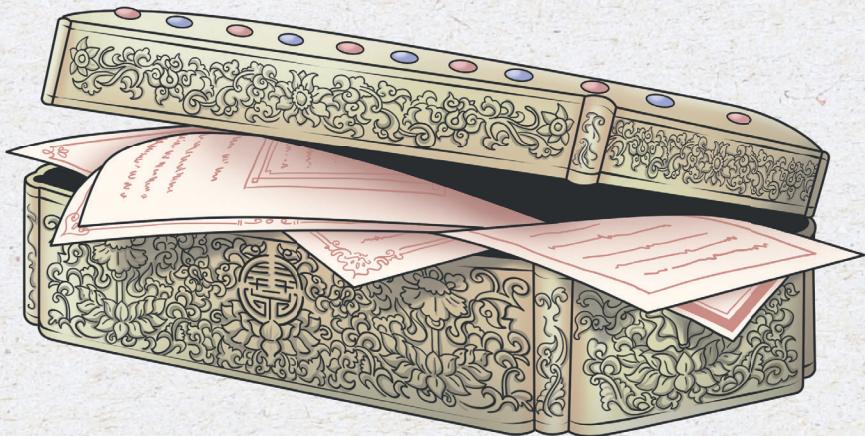
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ABSOLUTE ELYX VODKA

HOUSE-MADE GINSENG GINGER BEER

BAMBOO ORGEAT

LIME JUICE



## INSPIRATION

FROM CONCUBINE TO BEING THE ONLY FEMALE MONARCH IN OVER 3000 YEARS OF RECORDED CHINESE HISTORY, EMPRESS WU ZETIAN USED EVERY RESOURCE TO HOLD POWER LONGER THAN MOST RULERS TO DATE. ONE OF HER MOST NOTABLE METHODS OF LEADERSHIP WAS INSTALLING COPPER SUGGESTIONS BOXES AROUND THE PALACE FOR LOYAL SUBJECTS TO ANONYMOUSLY DENOUNCE THREATS TO THE DYNASTY. #WHORUNTHEWORLD

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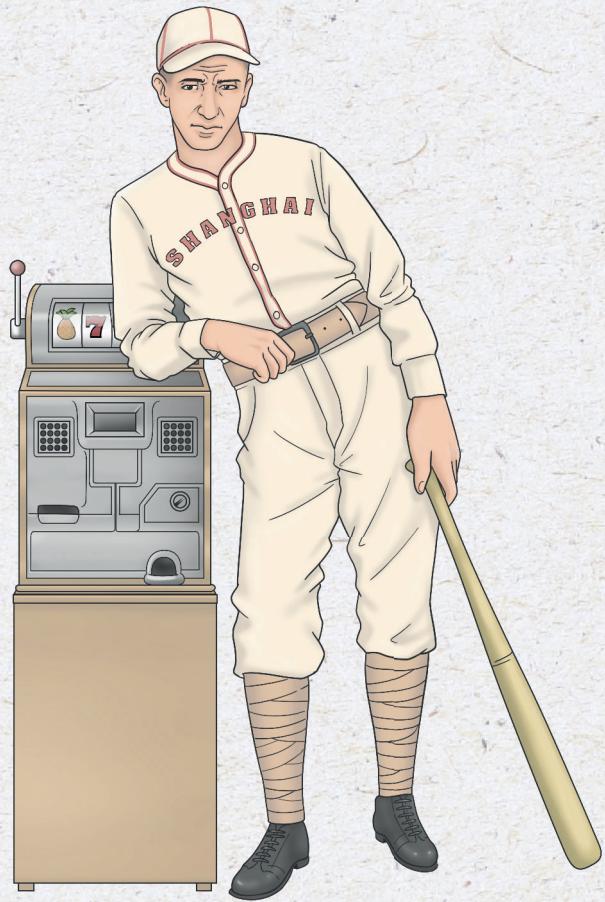
**AROMATIC/BITTERSWEET \$15.5**

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MARTINI RISERVA RUBINO VERMOUTH

CASCARA INFUSED LOT 40 RYE

APOTHECARY SPIRITFIRE BITTERS



## INSPIRATION

ROBBERY, KIDNAPPING, IDENTITY THEFT, ESCAPING PRISON DURING A BASEBALL GAME, AND BECOMING A SHANGHAI GAMBLING KINGPIN - JACK RILEY LIVED A PROHIBITION ERA LIFE AL CAPONE WOULD ENVY. HIS FIRST BAR, THE MANHATTAN, PAVED THE WAY FOR HIM TO HOLD A 15-YEAR MONOPOLY ON SHANGHAI'S SLOT MACHINES UNTIL HIS EVENTUAL CAPTURE IN 1941.

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蠶  
高  
手

# HOW TO TRAIN YOUR GRASSHOPPER

MINT/CREAMY

\$16.5

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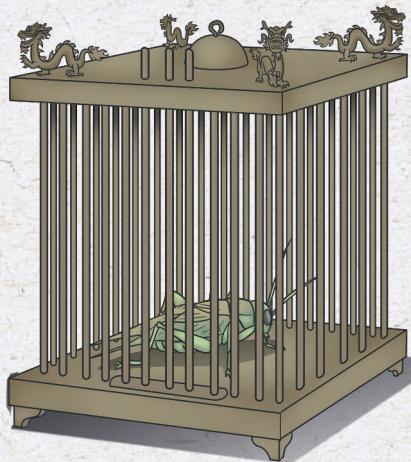
GIFFARD MENTHE DE PASTILLE

TANNIN ADJUSTED TOKAJ

BAMBOO INFUSED CONONUT MILK

GIFFARD WHITE CHOCOLAT SYRUP

SCRAPPY'S CHOCOLATE BITTERS



## INSPIRATION

WHAT DOES ONE DO AS CHANCELLOR WHEN MONGOLS ARE RAIDING YOUR COUNTRY?  
WRITE AN EXTENSIVE BOOK ON YOUR FAVOURITE INSECT OF COURSE... JI SIDAO'S  
POLITICAL IMPOTENCE IS REMEMBERED ALMOST AS MUCH AS HIS LOVE FOR CRICKET  
FIGHTING. ULTIMATELY HIS INEPTITUDE LED TO HIS ASSASSINATION AND THE FALL OF  
THE SONG DYNASTY.

酷猫

# COOL CATS AND KITTEENS

REFRESHING/CITRUS

\$16

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RESURRECTION BC DRY GIN

COINTREAU

PERNOD

CLARIFIED ORANGE JUICE

SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK

EGG WHITE



## INSPIRATION

AFTER HELPING THE GREEN GANG GAIN CONTROL OF SHANGHAI'S OPIUM TRADE, ZHANG XIAOLIN PLAYED SECOND FIDDLE LEADERSHIP WITH UNPREDICTABLE FITS OF VIOLENCE AND CORRUPTION WITH ALL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT. HE IS RUMOURED TO HAVE FED A MISTRESS TO HIS PET TIGER DURING ONE FIT OF RAGE AND EVEN COLLABORATED WITH THE JAPANESE ARMY DURING THEIR INVASION OF SHANGHAI. IT IS NO WONDER HE WAS MURDERED BY HIS OWN BODYGUARD.

蛇与鹤

# SNAKES ON A CRANE

BITTER/FLORAL

\$17.5

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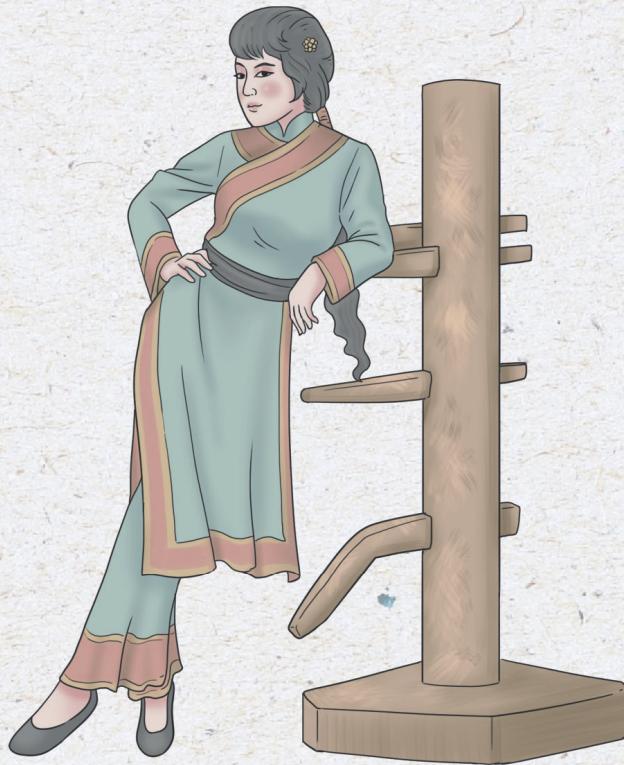
HOUSE-MADE BITTERS BLEND

LUZHOU LAOJIAO ERQU BAIJIU

POMEGRANATE SESAME ORGEAT

SWEETENED CHINKIANG VINEGAR

EGG WHITE



## INSPIRATION

WITHOUT YIM WING CHUN THERE WOULD BE NO BRUCE LEE, NO IP MAN AND NO MARTIAL ARTS AS WE KNOW THEM TODAY. TO WARD OFF THE UNWANTED ADVANCEMENTS OF MEN, WING CHUN MASTERED HER ART UNDER A LEGENDARY SHAOLIN TEACHER TO PRODUCE GREAT POWER FROM LITTLE STRENGTH - EVENTUALLY HAVING ONE OF HISTORY'S MOST FAMOUS FIGHTING STYLES COINED IN HER NAME.

# 白酒

## BAIJIU

	15ML	30ML	60ML
CONFUCIUS FU ZANG SHI SHANDONG - STRONG AROMA - 52%	9	16	25
NIU LAN SHAN ERGUOTOU BEIJING - LIGHT AROMA - 56%	4	7	11
YUANJIANG GUJINGGONG “HAPPINESS” ANHUI - STRONG AROMA - 55%	8	15	24
KINMEN KAOLIANG “PLATINMUM DRAGON” KINMEN COUNTY - LIGHT AROMA - 58%	7	12	19
KWEICHOW MOUTAI YINGBIN CHIEW GUIZHOU - SAUCE AROMA - 53%	9	16	25
LUZHOU LAOJIAO ER QU SICHUAN - STRONG AROMA - 56%	6	10	16
RED STAR ERGUOTOU BEIJING - LIGHT AROMA - 56%	6	10	16
SHAANXI XIFENG SHAANXI - PHEONIX AROMA - 56%	6	11	17
SHUI JUING FANG “WELL BAY” SICHUAN - STRONG AROMA - 52%	12	21	34
YELLOW CRANE TOWER 135 HUBEI - STRONG AROMA - 52%	5	8	13

# SINGLE MALT

威士忌酒

	30ML	60ML
BALVENIE CARIBBEAN CASK SPEYSIDE - 43%	17	27
BENRIACH CASK STRENGTH BATCH 2 SPEYSIDE - 60.6%	19	30
BRUICHLADDICH ORGANIC 2010 ISLAY - 50%	16	26
BUNNAHABHAIN STUIREADAIR ISLAY - 46.3%	12	19
CРАGGANMORE DISTILLERS EDITION HIGHLAND - 40%	17	27
DEANSTON VIRGIN OAK HIGHLAND - 46.3%	9	14
GLENFIDDICH FIRE AND CRANE SPEYSIDE - 43%	14	22
HIGHLAND PARK SINGLE CASK #1780 HIGHLAND / ISLANDS - 62.1%	25	40
LAGAVULIN DISTILLERS EDITION ISLAY - 43%	24	38
BALVENIE CARIBBEAN CASK SPEYSIDE - 43%	18	29
BALVENIE CARIBBEAN CASK SPEYSIDE - 43%	14	22
BALVENIE CARIBBEAN CASK SPEYSIDE - 43%	11	18

# 葡萄酒

## WINE

	GLASS
TERRAVISTA FANDAGO ALBARINO, VERDEJO (2019) PENTICTON, B. C.	14
RIESLING FREAK NO. 8 RIESLNG (2018) AUSTRALIA	18
NATTE VALLEY CINSAUT (2018) NEW ZEALAND	15
KOERNER THE CLARE BORDEAUX BLEND (2019) AUSTRALIA	20
GORGEOUS ESTATES GRENACHE ROSE (2020) AUSTRALIA	16
LIGHTING ROCK BLANC DE BLANC (2019) SUMMERLAND, B. C.	18
CUVÉE JEAN-Louis BLANC DE BLANC (NV) FRANCE	10

# BEER

473ML

SLACKWATER BREWING 7

HELLES LAGER

PENTiction, B. C. - 5% - 18IBU

STRANGE FELLOW BREWING 8

TALISMAN PALE ALE

EAST VANCOUVER, B. C. - 4% - 29IBU

PARKSIDE BREWING 8

HUMANS IPA

PORT MOODY, B. C. - 6.3% - 30IBU

WINDFALL JACKPOT 8

CIDER

NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C. - 7%

CENTRAL CITY BREWING 5

STREET LEGAL PILSNER

SURREY, B. C. - 0.5% - 20IBU

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# PREMIUM ICED TEAS

MANGO, PAPAYA, MINT, HONEY 6

TIPPY SHOU MEI WHITE TEA

COCONUT, LEMONGRASS, 6

PINEAPPLE, CANE SUGAR

SENCHA GREEN TEA

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TO BIG MAN - L. L. H.

TO JACK - B. C.

TO MY GIANTS - A. B.