

Drinks



The first Match bar opened in Clerkenwell in the late summer of 1997.

Our mission was to fix great drinks for a mixed crowd of grown-ups who appreciated the difference.

Our ambition was to inspire a new drinking culture where the quality of the ingredients reigned and the craft of the bartender was recognised.

After over a decade of delivering unrivalled drinks made from the best and freshest ingredients we can find, we remain committed to providing quality, hospitality, innovation and a cracking good time.

This list has been compiled by Kevin Armstrong (in London) working with Dale DeGroff (in New York), Matt Skinner (in Melbourne) and the best team of bartenders you'll find anywhere. Enjoy the difference.

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Please note: There is no such thing as a Chocolate Martini

Match EC1

Evening Standard Bar of the Year 1999
Time Out Bar of the Year (runner-up) 1999
One of “the 50 best bars in the world”
The Independent
Now open until 1am Th/Fr/Sa

Match Bar

Time Out Bar of the Year (runner-up) 2000
One of “the 50 best bars in the world”
The Independent
Now open on Sundays from noon

Sosho

Time Out Bar of the Year 2001
One of “the 50 coolest places in 21st century London”
The Independent
24hr license

MB: Ibiza

Open from 6pm until 4am every day
from late May to early October

Match Bar & Grill Melbourne

Open from noon until: 11pm (Mo/Tu),
1am (We/Th) and 3am (Fr/Sa)



All Match bars have free water and free WiFi

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LONDON • MELBOURNE • IBIZA

Champagne & Sparkling

125ml gls. bottle

£6.00

£28

Match Sparkling

Light, easy-drinking, made by the Champagne method

£7.50

£36

Match Sparkling Rosé

Delicious, fruity party pink

£40

Forget-Brimont Premier Cru

Crisp, well-balanced and light aperitif Champagne

£65

Delamotte Rosé

Beautiful, rich pink Champagne from a boutique house

£70

Ruinart Blanc de Blancs

Light, delicate, refined and delicious

£85

Billecart-Salmon Rosé

Delicate, highly sophisticated, salmon-pink

£160

Krug Grande Cuvée

Wonderful depth, complexity and power

Champagne Cocktails

£7.00



Bellini

A choice of white peach, strawberry or raspberry purées topped with prosecco

£7.25



The Tropical Royale*

Havana Club Especial rum, fresh pineapple and lime juices, topped with Champagne

£7.25



Silver Angel*

Zubrowka vodka shaken with passion fruit, peach and fresh apple juice, topped with Champagne

£7.25



Match Spring Punch*

The infamous Champagne punch – Wyborowa vodka, shaken with lemon juice, raspberries, cassis and framboise, topped with Champagne

£8/14



Nicola Six*

A girl's best friend – Stolichnaya raspberry vodka shaken with lemon juice, summer berry cordial, strawberries and cucumber topped with rosé Champagne (for one or to share)

£12.00



Champagne Smash*

The latest Match Bar Champagne punch - Wyborowa lemon vodka muddled with fresh peach, lemon and mint, topped with Champagne (designed for two to share)

*Indicates a cocktail originally created by Match bartenders or by Dale DeGross

Matt Skinner Wine

"This is my first wine list for the guys at The Match Bar Group in London – short and sweet but with an interesting mix of styles and varieties from the new world and the old. If you're adventurous enough to try something other than your 'usual', then don't be shy of the shiraz or afraid to 'upgrade' your sauvignon. I'll be adding things over the coming months from the vineyards and wineries I visit along the way. I spend a lot of my time prospecting for better wines and more interesting stuff and hopefully some of it will be with you soon."

Matt

175ml glass	500ml carafe	750ml bottle	White Wine
£4.50	£12	£16	Match House White
£6.00	£16	£22	Match Chardonnay (FR)
£6.00	£16	£22	Match Sauvignon Blanc (NZ)
		£30	Pinot Grigio Alois Lageder 2007 Alto Adige, Italy The Queen of Pinot Grigios
		£45	Amayna Sauvignon Blanc 2007 Leyda Valley, Chile Unusual and sophisticated oaked sauvignon

175ml
glass

500ml
carafe

750ml
bottle

Pink Wine

£4.50

£12

£16

Match Rosato

£22

Rioja Rosado 2006, Bodegas Tobia

Rioja, Spain

Creamy raspberry fruit rounds off this lovely rich wine

£36

Charles Melton Rosé of Virginia 2008

Barossa Valley, Australia

Juicy fruit-bomb Australian pink

175ml
glass

500ml
carafe

750ml
bottle

Red Wine

£4.50

£12

£16

Match House Red

£6.00

£16

£22

Match Shiraz (AUS)

£6.00

£16

£22

Match Merlot (AUS)

£7.00

£18

£26

Match Pinot Noir (CHI)

£36

Eguren Saigoba Rioja Reserva 2005

Rioja, Spain

Smooth, cedary mature Rioja

£60

Chateau Leoville Poyferré 2005

St Julien, Bordeaux

An excellent top-flight claret from a good vintage

Match Originals

Drinks created by Match bartenders and Dale DeGross



Grapefruit Julep (Dale DeGross, 2003)

Finlandia grapefruit vodka shaken with fresh pink grapefruit, lime and pomegranate juices and a drizzle of honey syrup



Long Mango (Rafal Szczypek, 2003)

Finlandia mango vodka shaken with triple sec, cranberry and lime juices, mango purée and a dash of passion syrup



Fa' afafene (Sam Jevons, 2004)

42 Below vodka shaken with lime and apple juices, honey and passion fruit syrups and a dash of grenadine



Space Gin Smash (Pete Kendall, 2004)

Tanqueray gin shaken with muddled grapes, elderflower, fresh mint, lemon and apple juices



Sosho Cooler (Kevin Armstrong, 2005)

Finlandia mango vodka and sauvignon blanc shaken with muddled red grapes, lemon and apple juices



The Anniversary Fizz (John Cowley, 2007)

Winner of our annual cocktail competition in 2007. Beefeater gin shaken with Aperol, fresh lemon juice, passion fruit syrup and topped off with soda. Named to celebrate a decade of great drinks since Match opened in Sept 1997



Gin Melon (Kevin Armstrong & Alex Orwin, 2008)

Tanqueray No. Ten gin, homemade watermelon syrup, crisp white wine, apple and pomegranate juices

All at £7.00

The Matchnificent Seven

Seven of our best mixed drinks

£6.75



The Bramble* (Yul Brynner)

Tanqueray gin, lemon juice and sugar, served over crushed ice, laced with mure

£6.75



Cosmopolitan (Robert Vaughn)

A giant-sized measure of Wyborowa lemon vodka, shaken with Cointreau, cranberry and lime juices, flamed with an orange twist

£6.75



Vodka Espresso* (Horst Bucholz)

Wyborowa vodka shaken with coffee liqueurs and Illy espresso

£6.75



Dark & Stormy (James Coburn)

A devastating blend of Gosling's rum, lime juice and ginger beer

£6.75



Mojito (Brad Dexter)

Havana Club Especial rum, fresh mint and lime juice

£7.00



Old Fashioned (Steve McQueen)

Woodford Reserve Kentucky bourbon stirred through with sugar, bitters and a lick of orange

£7.25



Match Spring Punch* (Charles Bronson)

The infamous Champagne punch – Wyborowa vodka, shaken with lemon juice, raspberries, cassis and framboise, topped with Champagne

*Indicates a cocktail originally created by Match bartenders and copied by everyone

Dale DeGroff's Original Recipes

Dale DeGroff is the King of Cocktails – the man who made the Cosmopolitan famous, tended bar at The Rainbow Room in Manhattan for over a decade and he is now working with us in London and Melbourne.

£6.75



Americano Arancio

Campari, sweet vermouth and fresh squeezed orange juice topped with Champagne

"I created this one for Keith McNally's Italian-themed restaurant, Morandi."

£6.75



Cocowee

Finlandia vodka, coconut cream, fresh kiwi and lime juice

"Las Vegas cocktail wizard Tony Abou Ganim and I have travelled to 5 countries and 33 cities presenting bartending seminars. This cocktail was created for our session in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico."

£7.00



Tropical Nirvana

Plymouth gin, muddled fresh banana and strawberries, agave syrup, honey and maraschino

"This is a different take on a drink called a Strawberry Nirvana... like most bartenders since the whole big affair began I am never satisfied and continually change my recipes... and for that matter other peoples as well."

£8.00



The Perfect Werthmann

Hendrick's gin shaken with apple liqueur, fresh lime juice, velvet falernum and cucumber

"Comedian John Hodgman, the personification of a PC in a series of successful Mac commercials asked me to create a cocktail for the winner of the Little Gray Book lecture series he did at a popular saloon in Brooklyn called Galapagos... this one was for the winner of the adult spelling bee... no kidding."

Classics

These are some of our favourite classic cocktails. Their simple elegance is often ignored by modern bars. Try them if you enjoy sipping strong drinks that taste of good alcohol or long drinks that hark back to bygone days.

£6.50



Daiquiri

Havana Blanco, fresh lime and sugar

£6.50



Caipirinha

Velho Barreiro Cachaça, fresh lime and sugar

£6.75



Martini

A triple shot; wet or dry, olive or twist, gin or vodka – It's your choice

£6.75



Tom Collins

Beefeater gin, fresh lemon juice, sugar and soda

£7.00



Whisky Sour

Compass Box Asyla, fresh lemon juice, sugar

£7.00



Brooklyn

Rittenhouse rye, sweet vermouth and a splash of maraschino

The Rum & Tequila Collection

- Do you have feelings of inadequacy?
- Do you suffer from shyness?
- Do you sometimes wish you were more assertive?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions... ask your bartender about TEQUILA.

Tequila is the safe, natural way to feel better and more confident about yourself and your actions. Tequila can ease you out of your shyness and free you to tell the world that you are ready and willing to do just about anything.

You'll notice the benefits of tequila almost immediately and with a regimen of regular doses you can overcome many obstacles that prevent you from living the life you want to live. Shyness and awkwardness will be a thing of the past and you'll discover many talents you never knew you had.

Stop hiding and start living with TEQUILA!

Disclaimer: Tequila may not be right for everyone. Women who are pregnant or nursing should not use tequila. However, women who wouldn't mind nursing or becoming pregnant are encouraged to try it. Side effects may include dizziness, nausea, vomiting, incarceration, erotic lustfulness, loss of motor control, loss of clothing, loss of money, loss of virginity, delusions of grandeur, table dancing, headache, dehydration, dry mouth, and a desire to sing karaoke and play all night rounds of strip poker, truth or dare, and naked twister.

£7.00



Piña Colada

A heady combination of Appleton V/X and coconut rums blended with coconut cream and pineapple juice

£7.00



Mary Pickford

Havana Blanco, fresh pineapple juice, maraschino and a splash of grenadine

£7.00



Soul Happiness*

JC Tradicional, home-made watermelon syrup and fresh lemon juice

£7.50



Mai Tai

Appleton V/X rum and orange curaçao shaken with fresh lime juice and orgeat

£8.00



Tequila Cobbler

Arette Reposado, muddled seasonal fruit, orange curaçao and honey

£8.50



Golden Dragon*

Arette Reposado built with Pisang Ambon, fresh apple and lime juices and a dash of passion fruit syrup

£12/20



Zombie

The original recipe for this all-time great and deadly drink. A mix of 5 rums (2 more than 20 years old), exotic juices, absinthe, syrups, bitters and trepidation (for one or to share)

*Indicates a cocktail originally created by Match bartenders or by Dale DeGross

% abv. bottle

4.8 £3.25

5.0 £3.60

4.9 £4.00

Beers

Proof (UK)

Refreshing, crisp and delicious Cologne-style lager

Proof Pilsen (UK)

Voted Best Premium Lager in the World at the International Beer Challenge 2005

Union (UK)

Dark and nutty, a lager for real ale fans

Food

Our food is almost as good as our drinks. Please ask for a separate menu if you're feeling peckish.

Groups & Party Bookings

If you're planning a party please ask one of our managers about the various spaces available... The Stage, The Cage, The Den, The Stretch, The Bridge, The Gallery, The Lounge or The Lot!

Feedback

Give us your feedback and we'll buy you some drinks. We are always looking for ways to improve. Every month we give a £50 bar tab for the most useful feedback we receive – good, bad or indifferent.

Please email your thoughts, comments and criticisms to feedback@matchbar.com mentioning which Match bar you visited and then wait to hear back from us.

Match Facts

- All of our beers are fresh, small-batch, unpasteurised and micro-brewed according to the German purity law of 1516.
- We source more than half of our wines and champagnes direct from the producers in France, Italy, Australia and New Zealand in order to bring you better stuff at a good price.
- We fresh squeeze all of our lemon, lime and grapefruit juice on site every day.
- We invest heavily in bartender training. We think you'll recognise the difference.
- We are a doubles bar. All spirits with a mixer are served in 50ml measures. We do not charge for mixers served with a double.

**“Alcohol – the cause of,
and the solution to, all
of life’s problems.”**

Homer Simpson

We've been mixing brilliant drinks with great music and good people for over a decade now. There is a lot that we do to ensure you have a good time with us, there's also a long list of things we'd rather have nothing to do with.

Here's just some of stuff you won't find here.

No pints

No alcopops

No energy drinks

No happy hour

No 'Chocolate Martinis'

No 'Apple Martinis'

No drinks with vanilla in

No bought-in ice

No chart tunes

No awards wall

No door whore

No dress code

No VIP

No peanuts

No pork scratchings

No Sky Sports

No quiz night

No flair bartending

No smoking anymore




NO

Match EC1

45-47 Clerkenwell Road EC1

020 7250 4002


 Farringdon

Open until midnight (Mo/Tu/We) and 1am (Th/Fr/Sa)
(or until 2am if we feel like it)

Match Bar

37-38 Margaret Street W1

020 7499 3443


 Oxford Circus

Open until midnight 7 days a week

Sosho

2 Tabernacle Street EC2

020 7920 0701


 Old Street/Moorgate

Open much later and until whenever we feel like it most
nights thanks to our 24 hour licence

MB:Ibiza

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 Puerto de Ibiza


Open from 6pm until 4am every day
from late May to early October

Match Bar & Grill

249 Little Lonsdale Street

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 Little Lonsdale

Open from noon until 11pm (Mo/Tu)
1am (We/Th) and 3am (Fr/Sa)

“The atmosphere of a great bar will affect most cultured men and women in approximately the same way. It will conjure relaxation, it will invite depth and savor to fellowship. It will encourage reflection. In short a great bar is a place of high purpose. A great bar is a way of life.”

Esquire, 1954

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Please feel free to take this menu for a walk...



The Match Bar Group London