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# Mabinogion

*The tales of the Mabinogion represent some of the earliest prose literature in Britain. The stories were compiled in Middle Welsh in the 12th-13th centuries from earlier oral traditions. But beyond their origins, they have influenced the modern culture of Wales.*

*We have taken the tales and characters as inspiration for our menu. As well as traditional ingredients, many herbs and medical remedies from earlier times survive to this day, and offer inspiration for the cocktails we have carefully created for you to enjoy.*



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## Part 0 -

### *Croeso • Welcome*

*"Hail, chief of the kings of this island. May this greeting apply equally to your nobles and your retinue and your battle-chiefs. May no one be without a share of it. As my greeting to you is all-encompassing, may your grace and your word and your honour in this island be all-encompassing."*

**First Prince - Pwyll ..... £4.0**

*Campari, Martini Extra Dry Vermouth, Plum, Soda, Rose Water.*

*A bitter sweet aperitif with a hint of rose & stone fruit.*

*"Of all the courts he had seen on earth, that was the court with the most food and drink and golden vessels and royal jewels."*

**Spirit of Annwyn - Ysbryd yr Isfyd ..... £4.0**

*Montolobos Mezcal, Green Chartreuse, Lime, El Jimador Tequila, Aloe Vera.*

*Powerful grassy flavour with subtle smoke & sweet herbs.*

*"And there was not a single vessel served at table except ones of gold or silver or buffalo horn. And I can assure you that I have never seen nor tasted food or drink that I did not see there, and the service I saw there was better than anywhere else."*



Maiden of the Meadows - Olwen

## Part I - *Morynion • Maidens*

Flowers of the Oak - Blodeuwedd ..... £8.0

*Meadowsweet, Calvados, Aquavit, Orchard Bitters, Lemon, Egg White.*

*Orchard fruits with a dry caraway finish.*

*“Then they took the flowers of the oak, and the flowers of the broom, and the flowers of the meadowsweet, and from those they conjured up the fairest and most beautiful maiden that anyone had ever seen.”*

Maiden of the Meadows - Olwen ..... £9.0

*Passionflower, Hennessy Cognac, Becherovka, Bergamot, Lemon, Soda.*

*Long & refreshing with hints of citrus, balanced with sweet herbal tea.*

*“Yellower was her hair than the flowers of the broom. Whiter was her flesh than the foam of the wave. Whiter were her palms and her fingers than moist cotton grass amidst the fine gravel of a bubbling spring.”*

Golden Bride - Rhiannon ..... £8.0

*Bacardi Heritage, Kumquat Liqueur, Mascarpone, Quince Tea, Burlesque Bitters, Lemon.*

*Rich in texture with citrus & tart tropical fruit notes.*

*“If I could choose from all the women and maidens in the world, it is you that I would choose.”*



Ordained Knight - Peredur

## Part II -

### *Marchogion y Chwedlau • Knights of Legend*

Black Knight - Bedwyr ..... £9.0

*Nettle and Skullcap syrup, Star of Bombay Gin, Amaro Montenegro, Manzanilla Sherry, Lemon, topped with Blackcurrant Sorbet.*

*Bitter orange & dry nutty sherry, sweetened by dark forest fruits.*

*"No one was as handsome as he in this Island except Arthur and Drych son of Cibddar. And this, too, that though he was one-handed, no three warriors could draw blood in the same field faster than he."*

Ordained Knight - Peredur ..... £8.0

*Kummel, Absinthe, Cream, Egg White, Lemon, Lime, Soda.*

*Herbal tones give way to wormwood & fennel with a luxurious texture.*

*"Go after the knight who left here for the meadow, and take the goblet from him, and overthrow him, and take his horse and weapons. And after that you will be ordained a knight."*

White Knight - Cai ..... £10.0

*Glenmorangie 10 yr, Ardbeg 10yr, Strawberry & Vanilla Mead, Benedictine, Orange & Angostura Bitters.*

*Sweet & sour strawberry transitions into light smoke & a honeyed finish.*

*"Honey that will be nine times sweeter than the honey of the first swarm, without drones and without bees, to make bragget for the feast."*





Red Dragon - Y Ddraig Goch



## Part III - *Annwfn • The Otherworld*

White Dragon - Y Ddraig Wen ..... £8.0

*Portobello Road Gin, Sauternes, Suze, Mead & Tarragon Tincture.*

*Dry & bitter gentian flavours paired with sweet honey & anise.*

*"He saw the dragons fighting. When they had grown tired and weary, they landed on top of the sheet and pulled it down with them to the bottom of the vat. And when they had drunk the mead, they fell asleep."*

Red Dragon - Y Ddraig Goch ..... £9.0

*Evan Williams Single Barrel, Malbec, Cynar, Yellow chartreuse, Habanero Shrub.*

*Orange peel, vivid spice with a touch of charred oak & dry tannins.*

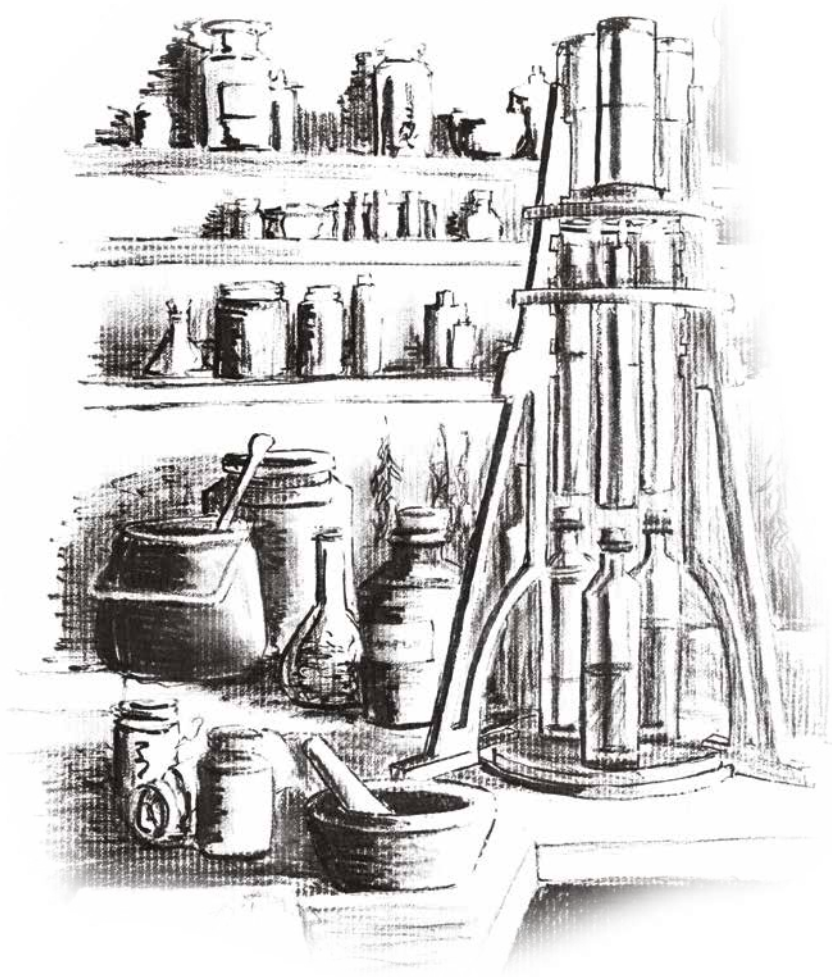
*"The second plague in your land, that is a dragon, and a dragon of another foreign people is fighting it and trying to overthrow it."*

Son of the Sea - Dylan Eil Ton ..... £9.0

*Deaths Door Gin, Cocchi Americano, Ceylon Arrack, Olive Brine, Anglesey Sea Salt & Seaweed.*

*Dry earthy juniper with a hint of the sea served with olives on the side.*

*"He took on the sea's nature and swam as well as the best fish in the sea."*



Cauldron of Rebirth - Y Pair Dadeni

## Part IV - *Alcemi • Alchemy*

### Cauldron of Rebirth - Y Pair Dadeni ..... £8.0

*Reyka Icelandic Vodka - Cold Drip infused with TDC Aromatic Coffee Blend, Averna, Merlyn Cream Liqueur, Roasted Cashew infused Maple Syrup, Egg White.*

*Bitter coffee, nutmeg & dark chocolate, with a sweet cream finish.*

*"The property of the cauldron is that if you throw into it one of your men who is killed today, then by tomorrow he will be as good as ever except that he will not be able to speak."*

### Birds of Rhiannon - Adar Rhiannon ..... £9.0

*Arette Blanco Tequila, Strega, Cucumber, Lemon, Egg White, Matcha.*

*Fresh, herbal and grassy with an earthy finish.*

*"They that wake the dead and lull the living to sleep."*

### Grassholm Island - Ynys Gwales ..... £8.0

*Velho Barreiro Cacacha, Ancho Reyes Verde, Celery, Cucumber, Basil, Tabasco and Lime.*

*Fiery chilli spice cooled with green fruit & vegetables.*

*"And there they spent eighty years. It was no more unpleasant than when they first arrived, nor could anyone tell by looking at the other that he had aged in that time."*



Llewellyn's Owl - Cwn Cawlwyd

## Part V - *Brenhinoedd • Sovereigns*

### The King - Arthur ..... £10.0

*Solera Cask Aged Flor de Cana 4yr & 7yr old Rums, Calvados, Almond and Coffee Golden Syrup, Umeshu, Fernet Branca.*

*Complex and strong wooded character, subtle orchard fruits with a sweet plum finish.*

*"And Owain accompanied Arthur to the Island of Britain. Once he had arrived among his people and drinking companions, he stayed for three years instead of the three months."*

### Llewellyn's Owl - Cwm Cawlwyd ..... £10.0

*Old Forester Bourbon, Clementine, Balsamic Cherry Shrub, Martini Rosso, Absinthe, Lemon.*

*Mulled red wine with red fruits with a touch of spice.*

*"I will not kill you. I will do worse. Namely, I will release you in the form of a bird. And you will never dare show your face in daylight for fear of all the birds. And all the birds will be hostile towards you. You shall not lose your name however, but shall always be called Blodeuwedd. Blodeuwedd is 'owl' in today's language."*

### Stags Blood - Gwydion ..... £12.0

*Dalmore 12yr, Chambéryzette, Amer Picon, Rosemary Tincture.*

*Powerful cedar wood notes with hints of strawberry, orange blossom & herbal aroma.*

*"Then he took his magic wand, and struck Gilfaethwy so that he changed into a good-sized hind, and he caught Gwydion quickly - he could not escape although he wanted to - and struck him with the same magic wand so that he changed into a stag."*

## Part VI - *Peiriau • Cauldrons*

### Northward Winter - Gwynedd ..... £7.0 per head/min 6

*Apple and Quince with Monkey Shoulder Scotch and Wild Turkey Bourbon, Camus VSOP Cognac, Cloves, Ginger Tea & Lemon.*

*Winter spices and wooded spirits with light citrus and sour apple.*

*"Math son of Mathonwy was lord over Gwynedd. At that time he could not live unless his feet were in the lap of a virgin, except when the turmoil of war prevented him."*

### Home of Autumn - Morgannwg ..... £7.0 per head/min 6

*Mixed berries with St Germain Elderflower Liqueur, Finlandia Vodka, Citrus, Meadowsweet cordial, Chambord, Mint & Rooibos tea.*

*Sweet Red Fruits with Floral Sweetness a hint of mint and dry botanicals.*

*"Porter," said Gwydion, "go inside and say there are poets here from Morgannwg." The porter went."*

### Sun in the West - Dyfed ..... £7.0 per head/min 6

*Mezan XO, Appleton Signature Jamaican rum, Passion Flower syrup, pressed Pineapple, Hibiscus Tea & Lime.*

*Tropical fruits with Punchy Rum, citrus and stones fruits.*

*"And Pryderi ruled the seven cantrefs of Dyfed successfully, beloved by his realm and all those around him."*

### Mountain Spring - Powys ..... £9.0 per head/min 6

*Aviation Gin, Fresh lemon, cucumber, fresh mint, basil, Hendricks gin, Nettle tea topped with Piper Heidsieck.*

*Herbaceous with fresh cool botanicals, crisp champagne.*

*"But Iorwerth refused that, and went raiding in England, and he committed murder, and burned houses and took prisoners. Madog took counsel, together with the men of Powys."*



## Part VII - *Moctels • Mocktails*

Lake of the Virgins - Llyn y Morynion ..... £5.0

*Thyme, Lemon Tonic, Nettle & Skullcap Syrup, Lemon, Green Tea.*

*Bitter, long, refreshing and citrusy.*

*"And they were so afraid that they could only travel with their faces looking backwards. And they knew nothing until they fell into the lake and were drowned, all except Blodeuwedd."*

Lady of the Well - Iarlls y Ffynnon ..... £5.0

*Apple, Pear, Asparagus, Cucumber, Avocado, Lime, Mint, Ginger Beer.*

*All the green flavours.*

*"And when he saw the woman he was inflamed with love for her until it filled every part of him."*

Blackbird - Cilgwri ..... £5.0

*Passionfruit, Apple, Quince, Clementine, Lemon, Black Tea.*

*Tropical fruits with tannins and sweet citrus.*

*"When I first came here, there was a smith's anvil here, and I was a young bird. No work has been done on it except by my beak every evening. Today there's not so much of it as a nut that is not worn away."*

## Part VIII -

### *Cwrw a Seidr • Beer & Cider*

Baa Brewing ..... £4.5

*Pilsner - Chepstow. 5% 330ml.*

Geipel ..... £6.0

*Pilsner - Gellioedd. 4.6% 500ml.*

Son of a Beach Pale Ale ..... £4.5

*Tenby Brewery. 4.2% 330ml.*

Wild Horse ..... £4.0

*Palomino Pale Ale, Llandudno. 5.4% 330ml.*

Tiny Rebel ..... £5.0

*Dirty Stop Out, Oak Smoked Stout, Newport. 5% 330ml.*

Hallets ..... £4.5

*Real Cider, Newport. 6% - 330ml.*

## Part IX -

### *Gwinoedd a Swigod • Wines & Bubbles*

Vine Trail Viognier ..... £5.0 / £7.0 / £20.0

*White. Rapel Valley, Chile.*

Te Awa Left Field Sauvignon Blanc .... £6.0 / £8.5 / £25.0

*White. Marlborough, New Zealand.*

Durbanville Hills Pinotage ..... £5.0 / £7.0 / £20.0

*Red. Durbanville, South Africa.*

Atamisque Serbal Malbec ..... £6.0 / £8.5 / £25.0

*Red. Durbanville, South Africa.*

Mirabeau ..... £5.0 / £7.0 / £20.0

*Rose. Cotes de Provence, France.*

Bocelli Prosecco ..... £8.0 / £28.0

Piper-Heidsieck Brut ..... £5.0

Piper-Heidsieck Cuvee Sublime Demi-sec ..... £55.0

Piper-Heidsieck Rose Sauvage Brut ..... £60.0

Piper-Heidsieck Vintage 2006 ..... £80.0

Piper-Heidsieck Rare 2002 ..... £200.0



## Part X - *Diolch • Thank You.*

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