

# **PUNCH ROOM**

**SINGAPORE**

IN PREVIEW



For ten years, since opening our first Punch Room, we've been remarking on the shady origins of punch: So much is shrouded in mystery, lost to the shadows between fact and fiction. We can imagine the drink's popularity with sailors, who passed its recipes from hand to hand through the tropics, adjusting its ratios by intuition using whatever spices and teas were on hand. And we know that those recipes made their way into the parlours of nobility, but beyond this lies much speculation.

What we can be sure of is that the history of punch is deeply interwoven with the prosperity and renown of this cherished Little Red Dot. It's a concoction that mirrors the rich history and captivating mythology of The Lion City, that unique formula of cultures, stories, and culinary traditions that gave rise to the modern Singaporean identity we know today. This ever-evolving, multi-cultural, forward-thinking city cradles the spirit of conviviality, welcoming travelers from across the globe.

It is with this spirit that we serve punchbowls to both friends and friends-to-be. As the punch flows, and conversations unwind, will this evening go down in history? Or will it become the making of a legendary tale?

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# SIGNATURE PUNCHES

## STRAITS PUNCH

William Farquhar, known locally as Raja Melaka, had the distinction of being Singapore's first Resident Commander, by order of the British Empire. When finally reaching Britain, he brought with him a stunning collection of 477 drawings of the fauna and flora of the Malay Peninsula. This punch is named for the Penang transit during which Farquhar received his fateful orders.

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botanist gin, kakubin whisky, ruby port, pomegranate, spiced lemon, ceylon tea

## CORNERSTONE PUNCH

An undeciphered text, carved in mysterious script, on a monolithic slab that stood at the entrance to the Singapore River. The knowledge inscribed on The Singapore Stone was already obscure upon the stone's discovery in 1819, and now is all but lost, save for some small fragments, housed in a museum. We can only imagine what kind of momentous occasion inspired an ancient civilization to etch the record in solid rock.

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codigo blanco tequila, ceylon arrak, pear, kedondong, star anise, lime, english breakfast tea

## EMPORIUM PUNCH

The course of empire, so frequently guided by trade and dressed to the nines: "Ships from all parts of the world are constantly arriving, and the flags of Great Britain, Holland, France, and America may often be seen intermingled with the streamers of Chinese junks, and the fanciful colors of the native perahus." – George Windsor Earl, upon arriving at the port of Singapore, 1833

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remy martin 1738 cognac, bruichladdich 'classic laddie' scotch whisky, apricot, lime, sarawak pepper, green tea

## TEMPEST PUNCH

In a time veiled by history, the adventurous spirit of Prince Sang Nila Utama set sail, and was soon caught up in a tempestuous storm, testing his courage. He relinquished his crown to the wild embrace of the furious sea, as an offering to appease the storm, and to pave his path to Temasek, which he soon named Singapura. We believe the prince got the better end of the bargain.

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stranger & sons gin, veritas rum, fino sherry, cucumber, lime, coriander seed, jasmine silver needle tea

## DAENG'S PUNCH

For those of you following along, let's say it all together now: "Punch has some pretty shady origins..." And no one embodies this more than the Temmengong Daeng Ibrahim, ruler of Johor, honored as the most successful pirate hunter, yet formerly a prolific pirate in his own right. Use what you know, and you'll go far in this world...

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bacardi ocho rum, nikka coffey grain whisky, muyu vetiver, betel leaf, starfruit, assam tea

## KUSU ISLAND PUNCH

Legend tells of fishermen and sailors, stranded at sea by a maelstrom, yet saved by a giant turtle that transformed itself into Kusu Island, offering safe harbor and shelter. The redeemed men subsequently returned year after year, to bring offerings of gratitude, and since that time, descendants and believers now pay respect at Kusu Island on the ninth month of the lunar calendar cycle.

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roku gin, hanatomoe 'splash' sparkling sake, pandan, lemongrass, sencha tea

# SIGNATURE PUNCHES

## URBAN JUNGLE PUNCH

Famed writer, Munshi Abdullah captured the dynamic transformation of Singapore in the 19th century, transcribing the shift from romanticized chronicles and into the modern age. Per his impressive autobiography, "The very jungle becomes a settled district, while elsewhere a settlement reverts to jungle." Welcome to the jungle, indeed...

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hendrick's gin, clairin rum,  
lemongrass, ginger tea

## RACE COURSE PUNCH

Much is made of Singapore's deep harbors and history of maritime trade, but can we pause for a moment and talk about its evolution into modern day hub for global aviation? Singapore Changi has built a reputation as one of the world's most efficient airports, but not many know that the very first plane to land in Singapore was at the old Race Course in contemporary Farrer Park, bounded by the Serangoon Road, in 1919.

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citadelle gin, christian dhrouin  
vsop calvados, falernum,  
grapefruit, blue spirulina

## BUKIT MERAH PUNCH

Magical realism pierces the veil between this world and the next. Fierce swordfish once plagued the southern coast of Singapore, until a young boy proposed a barrier of banana tree trunks to entrap the fish. This ingenious solution brought much love from the villagers, but tragically, the boy was killed by misfortune at the top of a mount, and his blood ran down the hillside, soaking it red, which gives Bukit Merah (Redhill) it's infamous name.

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brass lion gin, montelobos espadín  
mezcal, banana, tamarind, coconut

## MERLION PUNCH

The storm of storms crashed down on the shores of Temasek's southern coast, and darkness engulfed the sky. Villagers trembled and knelt in prayer, when suddenly a radiant light appeared from the south: The now-mythical Merlion emerged from the waters—half lion, half fish—to combat the lightning-streaked skies. As the clouds parted, the legend of the Merlion was born.

## RADIN MAS PUNCH (NON-ALCOHOLIC)

Tales about love, and the lack of it, color the past. Daughter of a Javanese warrior prince, Radin Mas Ayu turned down a marriage proposal. Inflamed with rage, the suitor threatened her father, and in her attempt to protect him, Radin Mas Ayu was fatally stabbed. She is buried at the foot of Mount Faber, and a shrine was built in her honor. Let's raise a glass to her here.

## BOTANIC GARDEN PUNCH (NON-ALCOHOLIC)

Singapore Botanic Gardens, established by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1822, has long been a refuge in this city-state, and serves as a northstar for Singapore's Garden City initiative. In fact, the importance of greenspace to Singaporean society can be seen everywhere in the city's skyline, draped with vertical gardens, and the tropical flowers that line the boulevards. It's beautiful here in paradise.

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the macallan double cask 12yo  
scotch whisky, teh, plum

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melati classic, betel leaf,  
teh-o, turmeric, calamansi

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seedlip garden 108, hibiscus tea,  
black currant, lemon, salted  
caramel

# BITES

MARINATED OLIVES 10

Munoz EVO Oil, Lemon Thyme, Garlic (GF, PB)

CRISPY WHITEBAIT 15

Cherry-Ginger Oolong Mayonnaise (CS)

SWEET POTATO CHIPS 18

Coriander Sour Cream Dip, Trout Roe (V, GF)

BEETROOT & GINGER TEA KOFTA 20

Coriander Aioli (PB, N)

GINGER CURRY POPCORN CHICKEN 20

Manuka Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce

OSSOBUCO CROQUETTES 25

Saffron Rice Cracker

CHILI CRAB SPRING ROLL 25

Sweet & Spicy Sauce (S, CS)

ANGUS BEEF TARTAR'TINES 35

Gochujang, Lemon, Kaviari Pearls (S, CS)

LOBSTER BRIOCHE 35

Tea Poached Lobster, Mango Salsa (S, CS)

PLANT-SLIDERS 25

# SWEETS

PISTACHIO LOLLIPOP 16

Cheesecake Bites, Rose Tea Jam (S,N)

MAGNUM BITES 18



# WINE

GLASS    BOTTLE

## CHAMPAGNE

R' de Ruinart, Brut NV	36	210
Ruinart Brut Rosé	46	288

## WHITE

Villa Wolf Pinot Gris 2020, Pfalz, Germany	20	110
Gitton Père et Fils Sancerre Blanc 2020, Loire, France	24	130

## ROSÉ

Domaine de Triennes Rosé 2019, Provence, France	20	108
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## RED

Valle Reale Montepulciano 2021, Abruzzo, Italy	24	138
Le Médoc de Cos 2014, Bordeaux, France	30	168

## FORTIFIED

Tio Pepe Fino Sherry	19	
Graham Fine Ruby Port	18	
Lustau Pedro Ximénez San Emilio Sherry	22	

## BEER 17

EDITION Lioness Session IPA, 330ml

Brewlander Love Wild IPA, 330 ml

## SOFT DRINKS 9

Pepsi/Pepsi Black

Fever Tree Sicilian Lemonade

Fever Tree Soda

Fever Tree Indian Tonic

Fever Tree Ginger Beer

Fever Tree Ginger Ale

London Essence Tonic Water

London Essence Ginger Ale

London Essence Ginger Beer

London Essence Soda Water

## FRESH JUICES 14

Orange

Watermelon

## WATER

Purified Sparkling, Refillable 3

Purified Still, Refillable 3

Perrier Sparkling 330ml 9

# SPIRITS

## SCOTCH WHISKY - BLENDED

Smokey Monkey	20
Compass Box Hedonism	33
Dewar's 12yo	20

## SCOTCH WHISKY - SINGLE MALT

Bruichladdich Classic Laddie	21
Clynelish 14yo	26
Highland Park 12yo	22
Ardbeg Corryvreckan	42
Bunnahabhain Staoisha 2013 Artist Collective 6.7	33
Balvenie Carribean Cask 14yo	33
Benromach 15yo	33
Glendronach 12yo	25
Glenfiddich 15yo	26
Glenlivet 15yo 2007 #900284 Whisky Live Singapore S.V 122 28 150	39
The Macallan Double Cask 12yo	27
The Macallan Double Cask 15yo	51
The Macallan Sherry Oak 18yo	99

## JAPANESE

Hibiki Harmony	41
Nikka Coffey Grain	21
Nikka Miyagikyo Single Malt	25
Nikka Yoichi Single Malt	25

## IRISH

Redbreast 15yo	33
Waterford 'The Cuvée'	32

## AMERICAN

Buffalo Trace	20
Blanton's Original	25
E.H. Taylor Single Barrel Bourbon	36
Knob Creek Rye Small Batch	22
Michter's US* 1 Single Barrel Rye	21

## RUM

Yaguara Blue Cachaca	21
Clairin Communal	20
Mhoba Select Release White	23
Veritas	20
Appleton Estate 21yo	62
Long Pond VRW 2006 Habitation Velier 15 yo Single Cask #16	55
Foursquare Indelible	28
Hampden 8yo	23
Mount Gay Black Barrel	20
Samaroli Barbados Rapshody	46
Neisson Le XO par Neisson	34
Plantation OFTD	24

# SPIRITS

## MEZCAL

Los Siete Misterios Doba-Yej	24
Koch Borrego	28
Rey Campero Jabalí	33
Montelobos Espadín Joven	20

## TEQUILA

Codigo Blanco	20
Codigo Añejo	42
Tequila Ocho Reposado	21

## CALVADOS

Christian Drouin Calvados 17yo Caroni Angels	40
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## COGNAC

Hennessy XO	69
Remy Martin 1738 Accord Royal Cognac	21

## PISCO

Barsol Primero Quebranta	20
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## GIN

Bombay Premier Cru	20
Brass Lion	25
Colombo Navy Strength Gin	20
Citadelle Original	20
Elephant Gin	29
Hendrick's	20
Jung One Gin	25
Monkey 47	26
St George Terroir Gin	22
Stranger & Sons	20
Suntory Roku Gin	20

## APERITIF

Carpano Antica Formula	18
Mancino Secco	18
Mancino Rosso	18
Lillet Blanc	18