

# BELL'S DINER & BAR ROOMS

At Bell's we take our drink as seriously as our food. That is to say, we like lovely things that lift the spirit, nurture the soul and offer something a little bit different.

To kick off, our aperitifs are designed to tickle every fancy as well as every appetite.

To quench the thirst and sharpen the tastebuds; anything involving jolly bubbles and the clunking of ice is bound to be a winner. Tonic water is our all-time favourite mixer: always great with gin but surprisingly good with other things too.

PROSECCO (draught) 9% 4.75  
Bright and bouncy Italian bubbles fresh out of the tap. 125 ML

BRUNO SORG 38  
CHARDONNAY BTL  
CREMANT D'ALSACE NV (ORG) 12%

Crémants are French sparkling wines made by the methode traditionnelle but without the hefty price tag attached to those from Champagne. Fresh and yeasty with a lovely creamy mouthfeel.

CLASSIC CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL 7.5

BLOOD ORANGE FIZZ 6.5  
Solerno blood orange liqueur topped up with fizz. 125 ML

ALVEAR, CAPATAZ 'SOLERA DE LA CASA' FINO MONTILLA-MORILES 15% 5.25  
75 ML

A very fine fino made from pedro ximenez by Alvear, who have been making sherry-style wines since 1729, so they really know what they're doing.

RHUBARB GINGER GIMLET 8.5  
The wonderful Chase Distillery's rhubarb vodka with ginger cordial and fresh lime.

CLASSIC NEGRONI 9  
Campari, Beefeater gin and Punt e Mes vermouth in the cocktail drinker's cocktail.

BLACK NEGRONI 9  
Campari, Beefeater gin and Averna amaro: a double hit of bitter in this dark and delicious take on the classic.

ORANGE NEGRONI 9.5  
Aperol, Beefeater gin, Solerna blood orange liqueur and a dash of orange bitters make a lovely fruity negroni.

COFFEE NEGRONI 9.5  
Campari, Averna amaro and Chase Distillery's espresso vodka. Swoon.

BOULEVARDIER 9  
A negroni but substituting bourbon for the gin. Try it.

Schweppes is still our favourite tonic despite what the hipsters say. It's such a good mixer for so many things so take your pick from these.

FINO + T 5.5  
Think that sherry's just for granny? Think again! This gorgeous crisp fino makes a great aperitif with tonic over ice. 50ML

NOILLY PRAT + T 5  
France's classic dry vermouth, Noilly Prat makes a marvellous martini but we love it with tonic too. 50ML

PUNT E MES + T 5.5  
Possibly our favourite Italian vermouth, spicy and fruity with a delicious bitter backbone. 50ML

BEEFEATER G + T 6  
The quintessentially English gin still made in London and still most bartenders' gin of choice for mixing. 35 ML

XORIGUER G + T 6.25  
Made on the island of Menorca since 1708 to slake the thirst of British soldiers stationed there. Juniper berries and fresh, astringent herbs. 35 ML

BRECON G + T 6.75  
This is our new favourite gin Brecon Botanicals. Made in the Welsh hills, it sings with layers of citrus fruit, juniper, cloves and saffron. 35 ML

SLOE G + T 6.75  
Made from sloe berries plucked from the hedgerows of Gloucestershire. Fruity like Terry Thomas. 35 ML

KAY & T 6.25

Kamm and Sons brilliant British aperitif made in the badlands of Crouch End from ginseng, grapefruit and honey. 25ML



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## BEERS AND CIDERS

### DAWKINS ALES

Brilliant local ales made by our favourite pub landlords. Stocks vary according to what's best in the brewery. Ask your server what we've got.

50cl FROM  
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### INEDIT DAMM 4.8%

Brewed with wheat and barley malt, flavours are accentuated with coriander, orange peel and liquorice.

ON TAP  
THIRD of  
a PINT 3

### ALHAMBRA RESERVA 1925 6.4%

Award-winning lager from Grenada.

33cl 4.75

### SHRUB SHANDY

The famous Bristol herb cordial, originally made to mask the taste of smuggled rum spoilt in barrels at the bottom of the sea. We serve it with Inedit Damm beer to make a very fine shandy.

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### AMERICANO SHANDY

Campari and Alvear rojo vermouth topped up with Inedit Damm. You better believe it.

4.75

### PILTON CIDER 5.5%

Made by the traditional West Country method of keiving - slowly fermented and naturally sweet without the addition of sugar - this sparkles gently with a soft apple taste. A refreshing change from prosecco, in fact.

37.5cl 5.5

## PINK SPARKLING WINE

### INNOCENT BYSTANDER, MOSCATO YARRA VALLEY, AUSTRALIA 2017 5.5%

Rosewater, rhubarb, pink grapefruit and candy floss: this fluffy fizz is slightly sweet and is the taste of the colour pink. Ooh la la.

HALF  
BOTTLE 15

## SPARKLING WINES

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4.75  
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### CHARDONNAY

### CREMANT D'ALSACE NV (ORG) 12%

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BTL

### CLOS LENTISCUS BLANC DE NOIRS

### SUMOLL

### PENEDÈS, SPAIN 2013 (BIO) 12%

A very special pale red fizz made with the rare sumoll grape in the mountains south of Barcelona. Manel Avinyó's family has been making wine since the 14th century and in their glorious biodynamic vineyards they use sheep to keep the weeds at bay and plough with a horse called Ringo, and the dosage is with honey from their own bees. What's not to love?

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BTL

## PINK WINE

### COMBEL-LA-SERRE 'L'EPATANT ANTIDOTE' MALBEC

### CAHORS, FRANCE 2016 (ORG) 12.5%

Cahors is best known for its meaty red malbecs but here the grape is tamed into a very special rosé at a brilliant price. Full of bright berries warmed by the sun with a gently textured grip.

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BTL

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## WHITE WINES

TASTE 75ML GLS 125ML BTL 750ML

CAVINO 'IONOS'	taste	2.5	LEMBURG	taste	4
RODITIS/MUSCAT OF RIO	gls	3.75	HARSLEVELU	gls	6
GREECE 2016 <sup>11.5%</sup>	btl	20	TULBAGH, SOUTH AFRICA 2014 (org)	btl	30
Made at high altitude in the northern Peloponnese, this is a fine example of modern Greek winemaking - fresh and clean with a lip-smacking citrus finish.			Closely related to furmint, the glorious grape of Hungary's Tokaj region, harslevelu is hard to pronounce but very easy to drink. Naturally fermented, slightly oxidative and gently aged in old French oak, this award-winning wine has peachy fruit and appetising spice with crunchy texture and very seductive length.		
BARBADILLO 'CASTILLO DE SAN DIEGO' PALOMINO	taste	2.75	KARAVITAKIS, 'KLIMA' VIDIAN CRETE 2016		26
SANLUCAR DE BARRAMEDA	gls	4.25	The Ancient Greeks were making wine 5000 years ago and modern Greek winemakers are now at the top of their game, making wonderfully distinctive wines at really great prices. Vidiano is an ancient grape native to Crete and this is something special: wild herbs and sweet almonds and really very beguiling.		
SPAIN 2016 <sup>12%</sup>	btl	24	TETRAMYTHOS 'BLANC NATURE' MUSCAT SEC		28
This is one of Spain's best selling wines but it's been unavailable in the UK for nearly a decade. We're thrilled to be the first to welcome it back to these shores and it's drinking better than ever. Palomino is usually used to make sherry, light, fruity and floral ending with a fantastic saline zip.			PELOPONNESE, GREECE 2015 <sup>13.5%</sup>		
DE KLEINE WIJN KOOP 'EEKHORING' CHENIN BLANC/MARSANNE/GRENACHE BLANC/VIURA	taste	3	Grown at 850m altitude and cooled from breezes from the gulf of Corinth, this staggeringly delicious wine has classic muscat notes of rose petals and orange blossom with honeyed grapefruit zestiness balanced with some mineral weight.		
STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA 2017 <sup>12.5%</sup>	gls	4.5	MARIO ROVIRA, TOSCA CERRADA PALOMINO EN RAMA		28
'Eekhorning' means 'squirrel' and there is something pleasingly nutty about this, a blend of chenin blanc and some more unexpected grapes from old vines, fermented in a mixture of stainless steel and old oak barrels. Along with the nuttiness are lovely floral aromatics and a zappy crisp finish.	btl	26	CADIZ, SPAIN 2016		
CHATEAU DE BEL 'ECHAPPEE' MUSCADELLE/SAUVIGNON BLANC	taste	3.25	Totally different from the other palomino on our list, this is aged for seven months under a flor of yeast, as in sherry making, then bottled unfiltered with just a touch of sulphite to keep it fresh. Peaches, rose petals and toffee apples in this fine and funky (in a good way) wine.		
BORDEAUX, FRANCE NV <sup>14.5%</sup>	gls	5.25			
Chateau de Bel for Bell's Diner? How could we resist? Especially when the wine is this good - breaking the often-stuffy Bordeaux mould by macerating on the skins and mixing wines from different vintages, this is voluptuous but not blowsy with a gentle crunch. Ding dong.	btl	28			

'WINE URGES ME ON, THE BEWITCHING WINE, WHICH SETS EVEN A WISE MAN TO SINGING AND TO LAUGHING GENTLY AND ROUSES HIM TO DANCE.' (Homer)



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BODEGAS CARBALLAL  
'PROLOGO' ALBARINO  
RIAS BAIXAS, SPAIN 2015 <sup>12%</sup>  
We're very hard to please when it comes to albarino as so many fail to excite us despite their increasingly ambitious pricing. This is stand-out special. Made in the traditional style - fermented with natural yeasts, left on its lees for five months and wrapped in paper to protect it from light - this made us fall in love with albarino once again.

TERRAZZE DELL'ETNA 'CIURI'  
NERELLO MASCALESE/CARRICANTE  
SICILY 2015 <sup>12.5%</sup>  
Nerello Mascalese is usually made into red wine but here it's white and really special. Made on the slopes of Mount Etna, it has characteristic volcanic smokiness along with clear and rounded fruit and a savoury, herbaceous twang.

BLANK CANVAS MARLBOROUGH NZ  
SAUVIGNON BLANC 2016 <sup>13%</sup>  
Matt Thompson is a flying Kiwi winemaker who makes wine for other people in both the northern and southern hemispheres, clocking up more than 50 vintages to date. This is his own project, and the one closest to his heart. Grapes from a single vineyard make this stunning sauv blanc, expressive and pure with a flourish of stony minerality on the finish.

DOMAINE DES MARNES  
BLANCHES 'LES MOLATES'  
CHARDONNAY  
COTES DU JURA 2015 (ORG) <sup>13.5%</sup>  
We adore wines from the Jura, France's smallest region, for their smouldering personalities and distinctive mineral kiss. Old-vine fruit is fermented and aged very gently in old barrels giving a really juicy, complex wine with just enough snappy grip. One for serious chardonnay lovers who like to take a risk.

THE GARAJEEST 'JIM'  
SEMILLON/SAUVIGNON BLANC  
ELGIN, SOUTH AFRICA 2015 <sup>15.5%</sup>  
Twenty-something Zimbabwean ballerina Callan Williams swapped her pointe shoes for wellies and is now being lauded as one of the most exciting and talented young makers in South Africa. Named after Jim Morrison of The Doors, this has caught our attention of many of the nation's top tasters. The ballet world's loss is undoubtedly the wine world's gain. Come on baby, light my fire.

Our wines have been carefully chosen to suit our food and our personality. We have a roving eye when it comes to wine regions and fall in love at the drop of a hat so we change things around every six months to accommodate our current crushes.

We remain rock-solid in love with Spain, but flit around its regions and get off with their grapes and have always found something special to drink.

Volcanic soils so often give us that grip we adore so we're still hanging around with lava-based wineries in places as diverse as Turkey, Madeira and Sicily, and we've been seduced back to France where we've sniffed out some gloriously good wines at astonishing prices.



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## RED WINES

TASTE 75ML GLS 125ML BTL 750ML

DOMINIO DE REQUENA BOBAL UTIEL-REQUENA, SPAIN 2016 <sup>12%</sup> This grape can be a bit brutal when it's been blended into cheap Spanish vino collapso; here Ana Suria treats it gently and gives light slugging for a great price.	taste 2.75 gls 4.25 btl 22	PASAELI '6N' KARASAKIZ/MERLOT IZMIR, TURKEY 2015 <sup>14.5%</sup> Karasakiz translates as "black chewing gum" which sounds pretty unappealing though this does have a certain minty freshness which we absolutely adore. Made within sight of the Mediterranean in one of Turkey's most exciting wine regions, this has sour cherries and cranberries along with a pleasing savoury finish.	28
BARON BADASSIÈRE CARIGNAN LANGUEDOC, FRANCE 2016 <sup>13%</sup> Wines from the Languedoc offer fantastic value for money compared to many from more nobby parts of France and carignan is the grape that expresses itself so well here. Rustic and assertive with aromatic herbs and plummy fruit - Badassière by name; badass by nature.	taste 2.75 gls 4.25 btl 22	E&F JOURDAN CINSAULT LANGUEDOC, FRANCE 2014 <sup>13%</sup> Oh wow. 45-year-old vines give incredibly pure concentration of fruit in this beautifully ethereal wine while the concrete tanks in which it's made allows its delicacy to shine through. Jaw-droppingly delicious for those who like something with Burgundian elegance and lightness of touch but without a whopping price tag.	28
PALACIO QUEMADO 'ALANGE' TEMPRANILLO RIBERA DEL GUADIANA, SPAIN 2016 <sup>14%</sup> Made by a team of groovy young Spanish winemakers in this little-known region that butts up to Portugal, this terrific tempranillo is a textbook example of contemporary Spanish winemaking. Clean and fresh with bouncy fruit; delicious to drink by itself and also very versatile with food.	taste 3 gls 4.5 btl 24	ALVAR DE DIOS 'TIO UCO' TINTA DE TORO/GARNACHA TORO, SPAIN 2016 <sup>(ORG) 14%</sup> Old vines in this little-known region of Spain give a terrific value red full of Spanish verve. Organic grapes are gently macerated then undergo spontaneous fermentation and bottled with no filtration and just a touch of sulphur. Fresh and funky but very clean and characterful, Uncle Uco after whom it's named would be very proud.	28
FOG MOUNTAIN MERLOT/PETIT SYRAH CALIFORNIA 2015 <sup>13.5%</sup> California is known for its over-ripe, over-oaked and over-alcoholic fruit bombs but this is something else. Rich and silky merlot is lifted with a little petit syrah and given just six months gentle ageing in oak to give it firm but not brutish structure. A real crowd-pleaser at a great price.	taste 4 gls 6.5 btl 32	QUINTA DE VAL DA FIGUEIRA DOURO, TOURIGA NACIONAL/FRANCA/TINTA RORIZ PORTUGAL 2009 <sup>14.5%</sup> This 500-year-old winery continues to make wine in the traditional way, taking local grapes, pressing them by foot in stone legares and ageing them gently in French oak. Robust and muscular with fruit of almost figgy richness, this is a meaty mouthful yet has a surprisingly fresh finish.	30
BARBADILLO 'NUDE' TINTILLA DE ROTA SANLUCAR DE BARRAMEDA, SPAIN 2016 <sup>14.5%</sup> This made us gasp with joy when we tasted it. Fermented with natural yeasts and nothing else, it has an incredible colour from these native low-yielding grapes along with juicy bramble fruits and a modern, bracing lift that belies its sturdy abv. Only 2000 bottles were made, so drink this while you can.	taste 4 gls 6.5 btl 34		

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CANTINE PAOLINA 'E'  
NERELLO MASCALESE/  
NERELLO CAPPUCCIO  
ETNA, SICILY 2012 <sup>13%</sup>

We hold wines from volcanic soils close to our hearts for their very distinctive minerality and really luscious texture. These grapes, native to Sicily, were grown on the slopes of Mount Etna and give a wonderful robust, brambly wine with warming notes of smoke and winter sunshine.

SPICE ROUTE 'CHAKALAKA'  
MOURVEDRE/SYRAH/GRENACHE/CARIGNAN/  
PETITE SIRAH/TANNAT  
SWARTLAND, SOUTH AFRICA 2014 <sup>14%</sup>

Charles Back is a pioneer of winemaking in this region and this is his signature wine. Named after a spicy South African relish, it cleverly balances the grapes in the blend to give us something with spice, body and a lovely bit of grunt.

BODEGAS LAN D12  
TEMPRANILLO CRIANZA  
RIOJA, SPAIN 2013 <sup>13.5%</sup>

Who doesn't love a Rioja? It ticks so many boxes for warming winter drinking and this is a great example of the modern wines of the region. Grapes from old vines give concentration and finesse; D12 is the name of the tank where the best of them were fermented. Ageing for 12 months in oak pulls everything together into this splendid wine.

DE KLEINE WIJN KOÖP 'HOENDERTANDE'  
GRENACHE

SWARTLAND, SOUTH AFRICA 2016 <sup>12%</sup>  
Hoendertande means 'hen's teeth' in Afrikaans and guess what? Not only is the grenache grape rare in this high-altitude part of the Swartland region, only 200 bottles of this wine ever made it to the UK so we're very honoured to have it on our list. Delicate and fragrant, a really exciting wine from these really exciting young makers. Drink it while you can.

CLOSERIE DES MOUSSIS  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON/MERLOT/CABERNET  
FRANC HAUT-MEDOC, FRANCE 2014 (BIO) <sup>12.5%</sup>

Vignerones Laurence Alias and Pascale Choime work biodynamically at their small but perfectly farmed estate in Bordeaux. This is their fourth vintage and is their best yet, full of dark but very pure fruit but with an herbaceous freshness on the finish and something that sets it apart from the boys.

32 ZORAH 'KARASI'  
ARENI NOIR/VAYOTZ DZOR  
ARMENIA 2014 <sup>13.5%</sup>

We're so thrilled to have this wine back on our list. Made in concrete eggs and aged in traditional clay amphorae called karas, this immaculate Armenian winery stands at 1400m and is in view of recently excavated caves where karas used for wine making 6100 years ago were found. Areni noir is the grape, native to the region, in this truly breathtaking wine, full bodied and silky with huge finesse.

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We are particularly drawn towards wines that are organic, biodynamic and/or natural simply because we think they tend to express the personalities of their makers and terroirs so well.

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Along with unusual grape varieties from innovative producers working in interesting parts, we have some classic wines made by famously good makers so we hope you find something to suit your taste.

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Our staff will be able to talk you through the list and offer advice if you'd like it. We like our guests to experiment with wines they might not usually choose so we add a modest cash margin rather than the usual restaurant mark-up which means they all offer incredible value for money.

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When it comes to the grand finale, perfect pairings make much more sense. Ask your server for suggestions to go with your pudding that together will make up something much more than the sum of its parts. We also have a small but effective list of digestifs and other nightcaps for a finish with a flourish.

PETER LEHMANN 75 ml 5  
SEMILLON BOTRYTIS 2016 11% 1/2 btl 22.5

Peter Lehmann is one of the masters of the Barossa Valley in Australia and wines such as this show us why. Honey and lime marmalade with an incredibly luscious texture and freshening acidity on the finish.

CANTINE LEONARDO 'DA VINCI' 75ml 7.5  
VIN SANTO 2009 16.5% 1/2 btl 50

Vin santo (holy wine) is perhaps Italy's finest sweet wine, made by drying the grapes on straw mats after harvest to concentrate the fruit and sweetness then fermenting the wine in small oak barrels. Heavenly notes of figs and roasted almonds; once tasted, you'll be as hooked as we are.

MAURY 'SOLERA 1928' 17% 75ml 7.5

Sweet red wine is one of life's greatest joys and this is one of the best. A blend of fortified wines dating back to 1928, this is intense but not too sweet and really should be tasted.

CESAR FLORIDO MOSCATEL 'DORADO' 17.5% 75 ml 5  
1/2 btl 22

This special sherry made in the seaside town of Chipiona has all the floral, honeyed sweetness we love in moscatel along with a nutty crunch and a touch of warm spice.

ALVEAR 1927 PEDRO XIMENEZ 17% 75 ml 5

The colour of polished mahogany, the texture of expensive velvet and the taste of a proper Christmas pudding. Made in a solera system dating back to 1927, this is all you want in a good PX and a bit more besides.

JUSTINO'S BOAL 10 YO MADEIRA 19% 50ml 7  
1/2 btl 40

God, how we adore madeira, a desert island dessert wine if ever there was one. This has Boal's characteristic flavours of nuts and raisins along with hints of curry leaves and varnish with madeira's classic uplifting acidity at the end. You lucky, lucky people.

D'OLIVERA MALVASIA 1996 COLHEITA 19% 50ml 8

Malvasia is the sweetest of the madeira grapes and here it sings of dark chocolate, toffee and roasted nuts with an astonishing, lingering finish.

## QUAFFING SPIRITS

to settle the stomach and soothe the soul. Straight up or on the rocks, depending on your fancy.

A GRANDE JOSIANE ORANGE ARMAGNAC 36%	25 ml	5
LAPHROAIG 10YO 40%	25 ml	6
GLENMORANGIE 10YO 40%	25 ml	5.5
PAUL LOUBERE BAS ARMAGNAC NAPOLEON 40%	25 ml	6
SOMERSET CIDER BRANDY 5YO 42%	25 ml	6
HENRY DE QUERVILLE, CALVADOS 40%	25 ml	5
BUSHMILL'S BLACKBUSH IRISH WHISKEY 40%	25 ml	4.5
OVD: OLD VATTED DEMERARA RUM 40%	25 ml	4.5
6 O'CLOCK SLOE GIN 26%	35 ml	6
SALIZA AMARETTO 28%	35 ml	5.75
CHASE DISTILLERY ESPRESSO VODKA	25 ml	6

## FRENCH PRESS COFFEE

Going back to the old way of doing things at Bell's, what used to be called cafetiere is known in modern parlance as French Press. HIGHGROUND is a blend carefully selected by our new friends at Roasted Rituals.	2-cup	4
	4-cup	8

Highground espresso house blend is a seasonal creation of our favourite coffee lots. Round and full bodied with plenty of sweetness and medium acidity.

Tasting Notes. Caramel, sweet orange, milk chocolate

Try with a snifter from the quaffing spirits above our best match is with the orange armagnac or Chase distillery espresso vodka.

Decaf blend for those that crave the flavour but not the late night.	2-cup	5
	4-cup	10

Tasting Notes. Orange zest, green apple, lime, vanilla, cream, sugar cane

