

ELSA'S COCKTAIL LIST

Signature Cocktail

Menu

**THE FOLLOWING
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ORIGINAL COCKTAILS.**

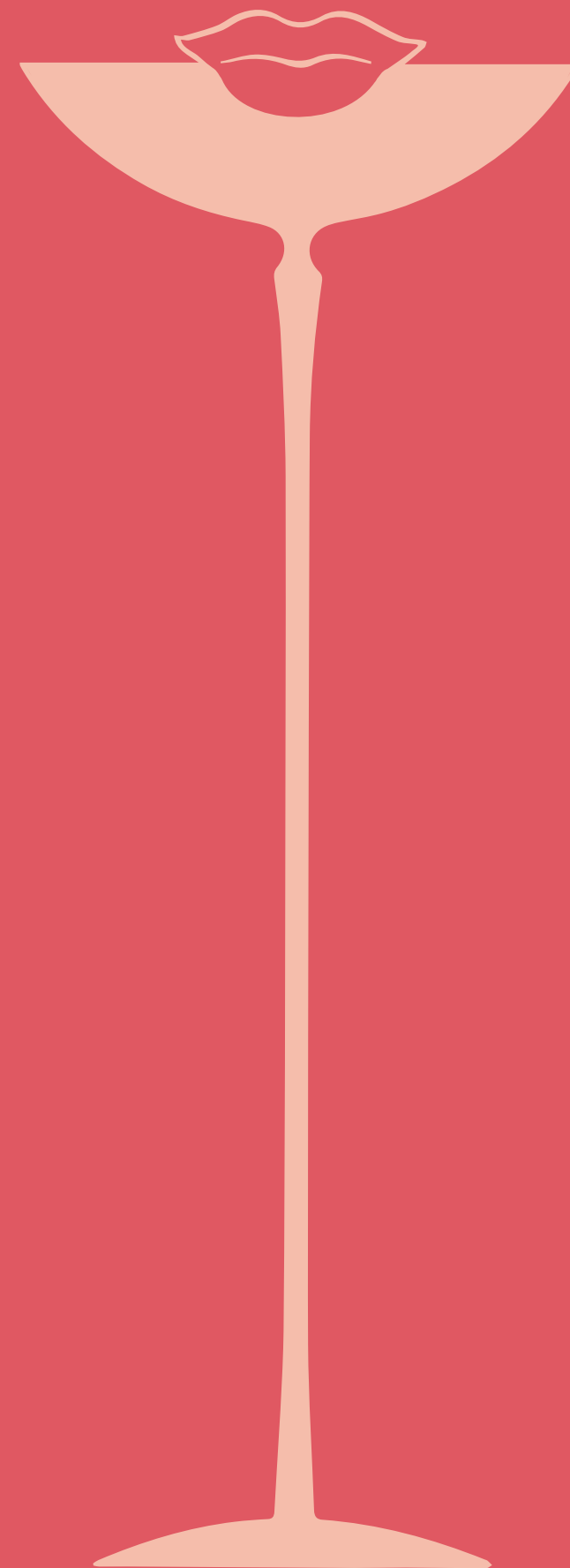
The themes of the guest rooms have been the inspiration for the signature cocktails. They are original creations, using Scottish spirits as the base ingredient and containing infusions, liqueurs or bitters created in house.

In addition, our bar staff will happily make any classic cocktail or mix a drink to your own specifications.



**SERVING UP
JUST WHAT YOU
WANT.**

Elsa's



Shocking Pink

"In difficult times fashion is always outrageous." — Elsa Schiaparelli



DARK MATTER RHUBARB LIQUEUR. AELDER. PROSECCO. LAVENDER. SPRAY OF SHOCKING PINK PERFUME £14

Pink was the favourite colour of Frances Farquharson, first wife of the 16th laird of Invercauld and one of Deeside's first fashionistas, credited with 'bringing style to the Highlands'. — Mrs Farquharson was fashion editor for Vogue magazine and was friends with the surrealist Italian designer Elsa Schiaparelli. Schiaparelli worked closely with Salvador Dali, her great rival Coco Chanel called her 'that artist who makes clothes'. — Schiaparelli created the colour 'Shocking Pink' and this colour could be seen all over Braemar Castle, from bathrooms, to curtains and ceilings.

The Douglas

"You will begin to think I manufacture pines at my pleasure."

THE BOTANIST GIN. GLAYVA. GREEN CHARTREUSE. CAMPARI. HOUSE MADE DOUGLAS-FIR BITTERS £14



David Douglas (1799 – 1834) was a British botanist, best known as the namesake of the Douglas-fir. He worked as a gardener, and explored the Scottish Highlands, North America, and Hawaii, where he died.

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Dark Skies

HOLY GRASS VODKA. CROSSBREW COFFEE LIQUEUR. CREAM. BURNT MARSHMALLOW. CINNAMON. COCONUT SMOKE £14

Born John Lamont on 13 December 1805, at Corriemulzie near Inverey in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The son of Robert Lamont (forester to James Duff) and Elizabeth Ewan, his education began at the local school in Inverey, near Braemar. In 1817 his father died and John was sent to be educated at St James' monastery (Scots Benedictine College) at Ratisbon, Germany. Johann von Lamont, also referred to as Johann Lamont (1805 – 1879), was a Scottish-German astronomer and physicist.



The Widdy

"The important thing is not what they think of me, but what I think of them."

— Queen Victoria

ROYAL LOCHNAGAR 12 YEAR OLD. CLARET. HAROOSH. DARK CHOCOLATE. . . . £14. . .



In 1895, after revelations about the Queen's whisky-drinking were made public, teetotalers were quick to voice their disapproval. But there were many who leapt to the defence of the Queen (known to many of her subjects as 'The Widow', or 'Widdy').

Buried Gold

"Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of playing a poor hand well."

— Robert Louis Stevenson

UWA REPOSADO TEQUILA. HAZELNUT. PINEAPPLE. FENNEL. LEMON OIL. GOLD. £16

RLS spent the summer of 1881 writing in Pitlochry and Braemar. After staying in Pitlochry for most of June and all of July, the Stevenson party (RLS, his mother, Fanny, his wife, and Lloyd, his stepson — his father joined the party later) arrived in Braemar on 2 August. They stayed in a cottage there, "the late Miss MacGregor's cottage", until 23 September. During this period, RLS began to work on The Sea Cook, the text that would later become Treasure Island (1883). Indeed, RLS began to work on the text after he drew a treasure map to entertain Lloyd. RLS wrote about this experience in his essay "My First Book: Treasure Island" (1894).



WE TAKE REQUESTS

Maman

"The Spider is an ode to my mother."



HENNESSY FINE COGNAC. DUNEDIN RUM. HOUSE MADE VERMOUTH. TRUFFLE REDUCTION. FIFE ARMS BITTERS. £18

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Louise Joséphine Bourgeois (1911 – 2010) was a French-American artist. Louise Bourgeois exhibited with Abstract Expressionists and her work has much in common with Surrealism and Feminist Art. In the late 1990s Bourgeois began using spiders as a central image in her art both a predator and a protector.

The Fairy and the Fiann

"Beart de réir ár mbriathar"
(Action to match our speech)

— War cry of the Fianna

GLENFIDDICH 15 YEAR OLD. PEAR INFUSED CAMPARI. MURMICHAN RINSE. PEACH LIQUEUR. NUTMEG. £14



One of the crowning achievements of early Gaelic culture was the creation of a vast body of mytho-poetic lore dedicated to hunter-warrior heroes, the Fingalians or Fiann. The Dord Fiann was the war-cry of the Fianna, and they frequently employed its use prior to and amid battle, either as a mode of communication or to put fear into their enemies.

The Old Pretender

THE FLYING STAG GIN. ROSE PETAL. FIFE ARMS BITTERS. CHAMPAGNE. £18



James Francis Edward, Prince of Wales (1688 – 1766), was the son of King James II and VII of England, Scotland and Ireland, and his second wife, Mary of Modena. — James Francis Edward was raised in Continental Europe and after his father's death in 1701, he claimed the English, Scottish and Irish crown as James III of England and Ireland and James VIII of Scotland, with the support of his Jacobite followers and his cousin Louis XIV of France. Fourteen years later, he unsuccessfully attempted to gain the throne in Britain during the Jacobite rising of 1715.