

Twisted Victorian Cocktails

“Cocktail is a stimulating liquor composed of spirits of any kind, sugar, water, and bitters—it is vulgarly called a bittered sling and is supposed to be an excellent electioneering potion, inasmuch as it renders the heart stout and bold, at the same time that it fuddles the head. It is said, also to be of great use to a democratic candidate: because a person, having swallowed a glass of it, is ready to swallow any thing else”

~The Balance and Columbian Repository, May 13th 1806~

This was the first publicised definition of the word cocktail & illustrates the key prime ingredients used at the beginning of the 19th Century. Throughout the Victorian Era (1837-1901) the cocktail revolution began, with drinks becoming more complex & refined, gathering notoriety & acclaim from the likes of Jerry Thomas, Harry Johnson & William Boothby.

Here at Sam’s Chop House we are honouring this pivotal stage with a selection of drinks originating from the Victorian era freshened with a modern day twist.

Of course if there are any of your favourites omitted from the list we will be happy to accommodate.

1850’s

Whiskey Smash - Bourbon, peaches, mint, white sugar

Pacific Fix - Vodka, peach liqueur, passion fruit syrup, pineapple & lemon juice

1860’s

Sam Collins - Gin, elderflower liqueur, apple & lime juice, soda water

Hot Honey Sazerac - Whiskey, honey liqueur, honey & lemon peel

1870’s

Pink Passion Fruit Daisy - Gin, passion fruit syrup, apple juice, bitters, soda

Ginger Classic - Cognac, fresh ginger, orange peel, bitters, topped with bubbly

1880’s

Maple Manhattan - Rye whiskey, sweet & dry vermouth, maple syrup

Royal Raspberry Daiquiri - Rum, raspberry syrup & lime juice, topped with bubbly

1900’s

Reserve Old Fashioned - Woodford bourbon, orange peel, cherry, sugar & bitters

Cucumber Rickey - Hendricks gin, fresh cucumber, lime juice & soda

1920’s

Marmalade Sidecar - Cognac, orange marmalade, cointreau & lemon juice

Blackberry Cosmo - Vodka, blackberry liqueur, lemon & cranberry juice

~£6.50~