

The Ritz Bar & Lounge
Journal

For Jackael

“Never show surprise,

never lose your cool”

Brian Coughlin, Cocktail

The Food & Beverage team

SEPTEMBER 8

The irony is that this first page of my diary, is actually the very last entry that I am making in it. What you are now holding in your hands, is the very 1st Edition of our Ritz-Bar + Lounge Journal.

We all started planning this project back in 2015 and my amazing team presented me with this diary to help map out the lists + menus for the bar. In the following pages you will not only find the finest Cress drinks and food items we have created for you, but also many hand-written notes I have made along the way.

Enjoy reading as we have all put our hearts and souls into this project and we very much want to showcase some old world Shanghai Charm.

"Let me pour my heart out for you"

Jackael He
The Ritz Bar & Lounge Manager

SEPTEMBER 5

SNACK MENU

I have eaten so many samples from the kitchen today. Bradley, William, Harry, I seriously don't know how they do it all day. Looking forward to going home and having a nice cold beer - Coopers. Maybe some oysters first!

TAMARIND WINGS ORANGE, MINT	95
BBQ PORK RIBS COLESLAW	95
BEEF TARTAR POMME FRITE	95
PORTMAN'S CAVIAR CLASSIC GARNISH	
30GR TIN	575
50GR TIN	1050
CHICKEN LIVER MANDARIN CROSTINI BREAD	95
MIXED OLIVES DA VINCI AND HERB DE PROVENCE	95
ITALIAN JOB BACON, SPECK, TALEGGIO	95
FRESHLY SHUCKED OYSTERS SELECTION OF DAVID HERVE FRENCH OYSTERS MINIONETTE & LEMON	
1/2 DOZEN	275
1 DOZEN	500

SEPTEMBER 2

DESSERT MENU

Chef Harry. This ones all yours. After pages and pages of drinks, I can leave the amazing sweets all to you. As long as I can have a piece of Black Pepper lemon tart tonight before I go home - I will be happy

EXOTIQUE	80
TRADITIONAL TIRAMISU	80
THE RITZ-CARLTON CAKE	80
SECRET STRAWBERRY GARDEN	80
MANGO-COCONUT BAVAOISE	80

JULY 15

SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

KINGSMAN

CHIVAS 18 YRS, BRANCA MENTA, DOLIN AMERICANO (ADD SOME SMOKE)

120

'Being a Man is a Matter of Age,
Being a Gentleman, is a Matter of Choice!'

MIST SOUR

BACARDI SUPERIOR, IRISH MIST, PASSIONFRUIT SYRUP,
FRESH LIME JUICE, EGG WHITE, AND A LITTLE ABSINTHE

80

Kylie Minogue - 'the little green fairy'. Maybe it feels
like a touch of Moulin Rouge, but I just have
a feeling for making something with ABSINTHE.

BIRDS 'N' BEES

TOWN BRANCH BOURBON, MIDDLE DRY SHERRY, ORANGE BITTERS,
AND OSMANTHUS FOAM

90

A basic in any bar should be ATTRACTION. NOTE TO
SELF: Jackal, make something using osmanthus.
There is plenty growing in South China. If this
flower attracts bees, then it will definitely make
a very attractive cocktail.

FAT WASHED

BACARDI 8 YRS, ITALY SWEET VERMOUTH, AROMATIC BITTERS
AND BACON!

90

There are some very special methods for creating
delicate flavours of food, especially meat, with liquors.
One of the we call 'Fat Washing'. I am thinking of
using Bacon for this one - EVERYONE LOVES BACON!

SMOKE JUMPER

RANSOM DRY GIN, YELLOW CHARTREUSE, LAPSANG SOUCHONG SYRUP,
AND FRESH LIME JUICE

80

I wanted some kind of 'Cool bar guy' reply for when
anyone asks me, 'Hey, Can I smoke in the bar?' I'm
gonna use some 400 yr history and make something
with a touch of Chinese tea. A nice boiled tea
syrup with a great smoky flavour, with great gin
and some fresh lime.

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BROADWAY

100

THE CLASSIC LADDIE, CHERRY BRANDY, GREEN CHARTREUSE, AND PEYCHAUD'S BITTERS

NOTE TO SELF: Jackael, make something which tips the hat to those old days in New York. Just looking at the design drawings of our new bar and it really looks like it's gonna be straight out of the old movies. Think like Jerry Tomas. Now he knew what he was doing.
Yep. Nice one Jackael, Jerry Tomas - BROADWAY!

WIZARDS KISS

70

BASIL INFUSED GIN (ASK ME ABOUT THAT ONE) LUXARDO TRIP SEC., FRESH LEMON JUICE, FRESH CUCUMBER + BASIL

I am sure every girl dreams of being kissed by a famous wizard. I often think infusing herbs with alcohol is a lot like mixing magic potions. Let's give this one a try and see what we can conjure up!

RITZ-CARLTON PIMM'S CUP

80

PIMM'S NO.1, ITALY SWEET VERMOUTH, FRESH CUCUMBER, + GREEN APPLE JUICE

I simply love the old classics and wanted to bring this one back to life. We have 'jazzed' it up a little by increasing the fresh juice. Our Chef wanted me to use WATERMELON juice, however, that's an entire story in itself. If you have some spare time, come ask me about it.

TROPICAL OCEAN SWIZZLE

80

TULLAHORE OEN, LUXARDO MARASCHINO, ANARETTO, FRESH PINEAPPLE JUICE AND SOME SAKINE SOLUTION

I entered this cocktail in the 2015 CIVITAS MASTERS competition. Soldiers in WWII landed on a beach and found 100's of burning pineapples. These creative lads took the roasting pineapples and added some spirit to create a fruity alcohol for their troubles. This one is a tribute to those 'CRAFTY SERVICEMEN'.

BEEF NOODLE SOUP

110

MONKEY'S 47 GIN, ELDERFLOWER LIQUEUR, CORIANDER, + FRESH LIME JUICE

I used to have this amazing beef noodle soup after work when I was still washing glasses at a local bar. Mr. Zhu used to have a small shop at the end of my street. Well, this ones for you Mr. Zhu. (I've added a little GIN here to give this memory a little kick!)

JUNE 29

(3:05AM)

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH

NOTE TO SELF: Jackael, give this one to Richard. He seems to always be able to find the good 'single ones.

SPEYSIDE	POUR	BOTTLE
Aberlour 12 Yr	80	1000
Aberlour 16 Yr	150	1870
Aberlour 18 Yr	180	2240
Balvenie Doublewood 12yr	100	1240
Balvenie Carribean Cask 14 Yr	120	1490
Balvenie 17 Yr	170	2120
Benriach 10 Yr	100	1240
Benriach 12 Yr	100	1240
Cragganmore 12 Yr	80	1070
Cragganmore Distiller's Edition	130	1620
Dalwhinnie 15 Yr	90	1200
Glenfarclas 12 Yr	90	1120
Glenfarclas 15 Yr	110	1370
Glenfarclas 17 Yr	140	1740
Glenlivet 12 Yr	100	1240
Glenlivet 15 Yr	120	1490
Glenlivet 18 Yr	160	1990
Glenfiddich 12 Yr	80	1070
Glenfiddich 21 Yr	170	2120
Glenfiddich 30 Yr	390	5200
Macallan 12 Yr	90	1200
Macallan 18 Yr	290	3610

SKYE

Talisker 10 Yr	80	1070
Talisker 18 Yr	150	2000
Talisker Storm	80	1000

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JULY 2

ISLAY	POUR	BOTTLE
Ardbeg Uigeadail	110	1370
Ardbeg Blasda	250	3110
Bowmore 12 Yr	100	1240
Bowmore 18 Yr	170	2270
Lagavulin 16 Yr	110	1370
 HIGHLANDS		
Dalmore 15 Yr	130	1620
Dalmore 18 Yr	190	2360
Edradour 10 Yr Sherry	90	1120
Glenmorangie Signet	240	2990
Glendronach 12 Yr	90	1120
 ORKNEY		
Highland Park 12 Yr	90	1120
Highland Park Dark Origins	160	1990
Scapa 16 Yr	150	1870
 LOWLAND		
Auchentoshan Three Wood	120	1600
Auchentoshan 18 Yr	160	2130
 CAMPBELTOWN		
Spring Bank 10 Yr	100	1240
Spring Bank 15 Yr	160	1990
Spring Bank 18 Yr	270	3360

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JULY 26

BLENDING SCOTCH WHISKY

A little Malt, a little grain-Perfect. Thanks to Friar John Cor of Lindores Abbey for giving us this 'Water of Life.' I'm thinking to start with some Dewar's, some Chivas, Ballantines... oh, and Royal Salute. Pull up a stool, let me pour you a dram - or maybe two.

	POUR	BOTTLE
Chivas Regal 12 Yr	80	1070
Chivas Regal 18 Yr	120	1490
Chivas Regal 25 Yr	350	4360
Royal Salute 21 Yr	200	2640
Royal Salute 38 Yr	850	11330
Johnnie Walker Black	80	1070
Johnnie Walker Blue	180	2400
Ballantine's Finest	65	810
Ballantine's 17 Yr	110	1370
Ballantine's 21 Yr	180	2240
Ballantine's 30 Yr	410	5100

JAPANESE + TAIWANESE WHISKY

I want to showcase the Asian region for Whisky. It may have been invented in Scotland, but there are some great bottles from the East. Suntory Hibiki, Yamazaki, Hakushu --- (talk to Chef about a cocktail using Miso)

	POUR	BOTTLE
Suntory Hibiki 21 Yr	510	6350
Yamazaki 12 Yr	150	1870
Yamazaki 18 Yr	530	6600
Hakushu 12 Yr	110	1370
Hakushu 18 Yr	350	4360
Kavalan Solist Ex-Bourbon Cask	150	1870
Kavalan Solist Sherry Cask	150	1870

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NORTH AMERICAN WHISKY WHISKEY

(Pascha, make sure you spell check the lists) Ok, start with Jack Daniels or else I won't have a job any more. Tullamore Dew will make great cocktails. Town Branch also, McCarthy's, Noah's Mill, Elijah Craig --- hmmm, I'm gonna need a bigger piece of paper.

	POUR	BOTTLE
Buffalo Trace	90	1200
Town Branch	90	1120
Woodford Reserve Distiller's Batch	90	1200
McCarthy's Oregon Single Malt	140	1870
Whipper Snapper Whiskey	150	2000
Jack Daniels	65	870
Elijah Craig	90	1200
Maker's Mark	100	1330
Noah's Mill Small Batch	110	1470
Old Fitzgerald Bond Bourbon	65	870
Rittenhouse Straight Rye	90	1200
Canadian Club	65	870

Irish Whiskey

Jameson	65	870
Tullamore Dew	70	870

Rum

I need to find somewhere to store all of our Rum where Henri can't find it. (check with engineering to get some extra padlocks). Bacardi for the cocktails, Mount Gay + Zacapa for the 'neats'!

	Pour	bottle
Myer's Dark	55	730
Bacardi Light	55	730
Bacardi 8 Años	65	1160
Zacapa	100	1240
Sagatiba Pura Cachaça	70	870
Mount Gay Black Barrel	65	810
Mount Gay X.O.	120	1490

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JUNE 24

TEQUILA

I'm getting a headache just thinking about them. Pascha suggested a tasting day next week for some 'research'. I might leave this list for Richard and focus on the juice list.

	POUR	BOTTLE
1800 Reposado	80	1070
1800 Añejo	90	1200
Olmecca Silver	65	810
Olmecca Gold	65	810
Fogata Silver	80	1070
Fogata Reposado	90	1200
Patron Coffee	80	1070

COGNAC + ARMAGNAC

A guy walks into a bar and asks for a Cognac and coke — I said NO!
OK - Remy Martin, Martell + Hennessy - Done!

	POUR	BOTTLE
Remy Martin V.S.O.P.	90	1120
Remy Martin X.O.	180	2240
Remy Martin Louis XIII	2800	34840
Martell Noblige	100	1240
Martell V.S.O.P.	180	2240
Martell Cordon Bleu	180	2240
Martell X.O.	230	2860
Martell Extra	370	14500
Martell L'or	2900	36090
Hennessy V.S.O.P.	120	1490
Hennessy X.O.	220	2740
Hennessy Paradis	590	7340
Hennessy Richard	3300	41070

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JANUARY 25

GIN. of all the GIN joints in the World!
 Nothing beats a great G+T - Well, almost.
 (Check with Pascha on the new Qi Pao designs).
 I'm going to source some great lines from Thailand,
 just for the GIN. It must be 5 o'clock
 somewhere, time to unpack the new glasses.

	POUR	LONGDRINK	MARTINI	BOTTLE
Genever Gin	80	90	130	1070
Hayman's Old Tom Gin	70	80	120	870
Botanist Gin	88	98	130	1070
Beefeater	65	75	110	870
Beefeater 24	100	110	160	1240
Bombay Sapphire	70	80	120	930
Ransom Old Tom Gin	100	110	160	1240
Ransom Dry Gin	90	100	150	1120
Tanqueray	70	80	120	870
Tanqueray No. 10	80	90	130	1070
Hendrick's	90	100	150	1120
Monkey 47	120	130	200	1420

VOODKA

*Inspired by a couple of Russians today.
 I know it sounds stereotypical but Boy could
 she throw them back. (Make sure you put some
 caviar on the snack menu Chef). ABSOLUT-ely.
 GREY GOOSE, BELVEDERE, KETEL ONE, BELUGA*

	POUR	LONGDRINK	MARTINI	BOTTLE
Absolut	65	75	110	870
Absolut Elyx	80	90	130	1070
Beluga Noble	90	100	150	1120
Ketel One	70	80	120	930
Belvedere	90	100	150	1120
Grey Goose	80	90	130	1000
Absolut Peach	65	75	110	810
Absolut Citron	65	75	110	810

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MAY 8

BEER

My boss is Austrian. His boss is Australian. His boss is British one day and American the next. The only one I can possibly make happy here is the Chef!
And he thinks it's called Watermelon Juice.

LOCAL BEER - CLASSIC AND CRAFT

Tsing Tao	China	60
Songha	China	60
TPA - Tibetan Pale Ale	China	60

EUROPEAN CLASSICS

Heineken	Netherlands	60
Hoegaarden	Belgium	60

UNIQUE AND CRAFT

Cooper's Pale Ale	Australia	70
Cooper's Sparkling Ale	Australia	70
Goose Island IPA	USA	70
Goose Island Honker's	USA	70

CRAFT SODAS + LEMONADES

3:18 am last night. I'm dog tired after a full week of very long nights and Pascha calls me as excited as a 5yr old on his birthday. What could he possibly want to talk about - Sodas + Tonic Waters. 10 minutes later and he is at my door ringing my bell. He has a bottle of Thomas Henry mango lemonade in one hand, and an Elderflower tonic in the other. We sat designing coasters until 6:30 - wish he had brought a few more - they are perfect.

Mango Lemonade	200ml	50
Grapefruit Lemonade	200ml	50
Elderflower Tonic	200ml	50

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APRIL 29

WINES BY THE GLASS

SPARKLING WINE & CHAMPAGNE

	GLASS	BOTTLE
ITALY CHIARO PROSECCO Spumante	70	290
FRANCE BOLLINGER Special Cuvee	168	880
FRANCE BOLLINGER Rose	320	1800

WHITE WINE

	GLASS	BOTTLE
AUSTRIA DOMAENE WACHAU Gruener Veltliner	110	450
FRANCE CHATEAU TIMBERLAY BLANC Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc	95	375
ITALY CHIARO Pinot Grigio	75	300
NEW ZEALAND RIVERBY Sauvignon Blanc	110	450
SOUTH AFRICA WARWICK THE FIRST LADY Unoaked Chardonnay	110	450

ROSE WINE

FRANCE AIX Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah	125	480
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APRIL 29

RED WINE

	GLASS	BOTTLE
ARGENTINA		
AMANCAYA GRAN RESERVA	140	550
Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon		
AUSTRALIA		
JIM BARRY THE LODGE HILL	165	650
Shiraz		
AUSTRALIA		
TIM ADAMS THE FERGUS	125	500
Grenache, Tempranillo, Shiraz, Mataro		
ITALY		
RUFFINO CHIANTI SUPERIORE DOCG 1L	120	590
Sangiovese		
NEW ZEALAND		
RIVERBY	125	480
Pinot Noir		
USA		
GNARLY HEAD OLD VINE ZIN	140	550
Zinfandel		
USA		
CASTLE ROCK NAPA VALLEY RESERVE	185	750
Cabernet Sauvignon		

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MAY 8

MINERAL WATERS

Keep this simple. AP + San Pellegrino.
I should have had more of these over the
past few months. I would have had a lot less
early morning headaches. Pascha calling me now,
it's 3:18 AM. What could he possibly want at 3:18?
I feel another headache coming

STILL WATER

Acqua Panna	250ml	35
Acqua Panna	750ml	50

SPARKLING WATER

San Pellegrino	250ml	35
San Pellegrino	750ml	50

JUICE

Ordered my new juicer today. Also
these amazing limes from Thailand. I want this
bar to feel like a kitchen - great fruits and the
best spirits. I need a day off today however,
just a nice sweet OJ.

Orange	freshly pressed	60
Grapefruit	freshly pressed	60
Watermelon	freshly juiced	60

JULY 25

COFFEE

Most nights over the past few months have been with a Whisky in one hand, and Pascha in the other ear. 2-3 hrs sleep and then back to work. Couldn't have done it without my coffee. Found some amazing coffee from Yunnan, Organic. Funny enough, it's from the famous Pu-Erh village just like the tea.

ORGANIC FROM YUNNAN

A great, great coffee from Yunnan. Famous for their teas, but this coffee helped me through a lot of very long days.

Espresso	50
Double espresso	60
Americano	60
Cappuccino	60
Cafe latte	60
Macchiato	60

BLUE MOUNTAIN BLEND

Soft acidity, sweet finish. A very surprising and somewhat familiar taste. I love this blend. I prefer this for my espresso - which it's time for right now.

Espresso	60
Double espresso	70
Americano	70
Cappuccino	70
Cafe latte	70
Macchiato	70

TEA

APRIL 1

I have spent the past three days with our Ladies choosing Qipao fabrics and designing Agnes' uniform. Our daily tea service should be stunning. The team has helped me select some equally beautiful teas - Piao Liang!

CHINESE TEAS

T. KUAN Yin SUPERIOR
BLUE TEA FROM FUJIAN

This renowned semi-oxidized tea from Fujian province creates a mellow infusion with a sweet orchid-like fragrance and a delicate taste. 70

EMPEROR PU ERH
MATURED TEA FROM YUNNAN

Recognized for its medicinal qualities, this matured tea yields a strong and earthy fragrance with a warm taste of terroir. A perfect tea after a meal. 70

IMPERIAL LAPSANG SOUCHONG
BLACK TEA FROM FUJIAN

This smoky black tea boasts beautiful leaves and a smooth, full-bodied flavour infused with the aroma of rare Chinese pine. A generous daytime tea that is perfect with a savory meal. 70

LUNG CHING
GREEN TEA FROM ZHEJIANG

Yielding a beautiful jade infusion, this green tea, otherwise known as "dragon's well", has a full, round flavor with a fresh aroma that delights the senses. 70

JUNE 8

UNIQUE TEAS

EMPEROR SENCHA GREEN TEA FROM JAPAN

A fine TWG tea with a subtle taste, this invigorating japan green tea is ideal during or after a meal, as it is rich in vitamin c and contains little theine. 70

IMPERIAL OOLONG GREEN TEA FROM JAPAN

A well-balanced and flavourful semi-fermented twg tea with a sweet and fruity savour and a divine, lingering aftertaste. 70

ETERNAL SUMMER RED TEA FROM SOUTH AFRICA

A fragrant south africa red tea embellished with notes of sweet summer rose blossoms accented with raw berries which finish with a lingering aftertaste reminiscent of ripe tuscan peaches. A theine-free tea to be enjoyed hot or iced at any time of the day. 70

EXCLUSIVE TEA BLENDS

SWEET FRANCE

Gather strength from this aromatic twg green tea which infuses into an emerald cup inflected with soft notes of sweetness. 70

WEEKEND IN CASABLANCA

A pure moment of happiness captured in an unforgettable creation, this blend of green tea and black tea yields a complex fruity bouquet accented by notes of wild mints. 70

PLACE VENOME

The emblem of perfection and purity, this tea symbolizes the harmony between the taste of the orient and europe - a magical paradox uniting fruits and flowers into a wonderfully blended, fine twg green tea. For a special guest. 70

1837 BLACK

TWG tea's renowned signature tea, 1837 black is a unique blend of black tea with notes of fruits and flowers from the Bermuda triangle which leaves a lingering aftertaste of ripe berries, anise, and caramel. 70

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JUNE 9

CLASSIC TEAS

ENGLISH BREAKFAST

This classic was originally blended as an accompaniment to the traditional english breakfast. Very strong and full-bodied with light floral undertones, this twg broken-leaf black tea is perfect with morning toast and marmalade 70

BREAKFAST EARL GREY

The legendary grand classic, this fragrant black tea is richly infused with the finest twg bergamot. 70

ROYAL DARJEELING

From the pristine fujian province of china, these elegant, pale-green leaves infuse into a delightful cup, emanating an intense and enchanting fragrance of sweet jasmine. 70

MOROCCAN MINT

A great favorite, this fine twg green tea is perfectly blended with suave and strong sahara mint. A timeless classic. 70

ROYAL ORCHID

This twg semi-fermented formosa oolong is delicately infused with the fragrance of a night-blooming orchid, suggestive of a warm summer evening. 70

JASMINE QUEEN TEA

Intoxicating twg jasmine flowers enhance the sparkling elegance of this delicately fashioned green tea. 70

CHAMOMILE

Soft and soothing, these rare chamomile flowers boast a rich honey aroma and yield a golden, theine-free cup. 70