



THE HEDONIST

*A journal of tastes and travels for those of us
drawn to flavours and faraway places, every
journey offers a new story to sip. I have
wandered the world, seeking out rare ingredients,
hidden corners and unforgettable moments, and
found them captured in these glasses before you.*

*From sunlit markets to frozen skies,
rain-drenched forests to elegant city bars – these
are the moments I have tasted. As you turn
these pages, let each sip take you somewhere new.*

*Perhaps we will meet again,
somewhere around the world.*



The search began, as it often does,
in pursuit of warmth along the
languid shores of Goa.



The ~~air~~ air hung heavy with salt and spice.
Scooters wove lazily through Fontainhas,
past sun-faded Portuguese ~~houses~~ houses
whispering stories of another time.



One afternoon, after wandering past
pastel-hued windows and sun-warmed
stones, a tiny bakery revealed itself.
Behind the counter, an old Goan auntie
watched over ~~the~~ pastéis de nata.



Crisp, golden shells giving
way to soft custard,
fragrant with cinnamon.



Later that evening, seated on a quiet terrace
as dusk draped the coast in amber light,
this was poured:

BRIGHTER THAN SUNSHINE

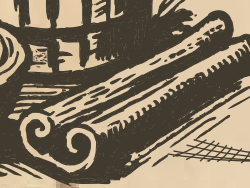
Savouring Pastéis de Nata, Goa's beloved
golden yellow custard tarts at a quaint
bakery in Dona Paula.



Cinnamon

Bourbon Whiskey

Custard



Tasting Notes -
A full-bodied, velvety, sweet creation
The perfect companion to a
sunset that lingered long after the last sip.

Price: 1,100/-



The first taste was the salty shoreline of Goa,
a rare or velvety, but for the first time, the kind
through rustling palms and golden dust
the pastéis de nata and house of

Artisanal Bakery
Dona Paula
Boutique
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In a shadowed tavern of
burnished wood, a glass distilled
the market's richness:

ESPAÑA



From India's coast to the
bustling mercados of Bilbao.
Morning in the city hummed
with life: brimming barrels
of olives, aged jamón, gleaming
almonds, the nutty warmth of
aged cheese.

Sherry, poured generously, laced
each conversation.



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CELEBRAR LA VIDA

Celebrating
Spain's rich
culinary history
while strolling
through the
mercados of
Bilbao and
enjoying decadent
Spanish ham.



Ingredients

Almond Whiskey,
Cognac, Oloroso
Sherry, Dates, Bitters,
Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Tasting Notes:

- Full Bodied,
- Velvety,
- Sweet

Price: 1,400 /-

*Mist-bound, Sumatra beckoned next.
In those drowsy, silver-lit hours before
sunrise, the highland air held a hush
and coffee cherries hung heavy on their branches
~~The~~ cloaked in a veil of fog.*



*It was here, amidst the
tangled greenery that I first
encountered the sacred process
of Sumatra's stories.*

KOPI LUWAK



*Later, beneath the
timbered eaves of a quiet cafe,
indulgence took liquid form:*

KOPI CAT

*Exploring how Kopi Luwak,
the world's most extravagant
coffee, is harvested in ~~the~~ the
magical Indonesian Islands.*

Ingredients: Vodka, Chocolate Figueur,
Kopi Luwak,
85% Dark Chocolate

*Tasting Notes: Rich, Nutty, Chocolatey
A drink for those who savour the slow
reveal of flavour.*

Price: 1,400 /-

From the tropics, I sought the crisp
chill of

SEOUL

In the heart of the old city, behind wooden
gates, I found a serene courtyard. ~~Steam~~ Steam
curled from porcelain cups of rare sencha.
Yet even here, tradition played with
modernity. The tea was reimagined with gin
and soju, bright watermelon,
jalapeño heat and the softness
of vanilla ~~honey~~ honey.



CONFUCIUS SAYS, "TEA"!



Ingredients

Gin, Watermelon, Sochu, Sencha Tea, Jalapeno,
Sesame Oil, Vanilla-Honey

Tasting Notes: Spicy, Nutty, Fruity

A glass where old-world calm
met playful invention.

Price: 1,400 /-

SMOKE & MIRRORS

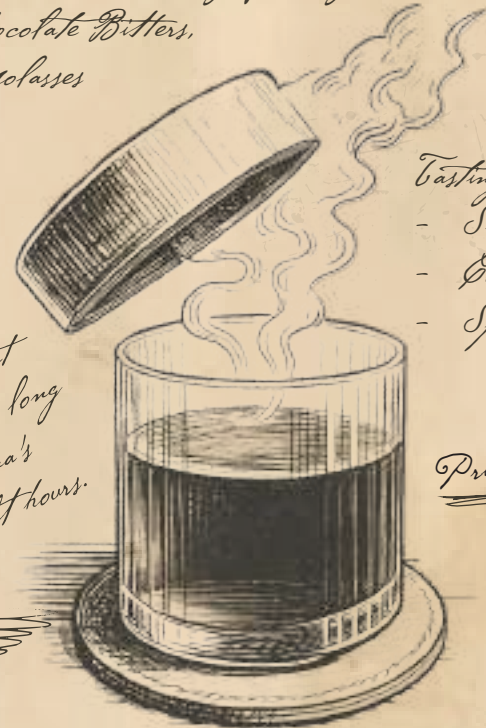
Indulging in decadent cigars,
spiced ~~off~~ music and lively
nights on the streets of Cuba's
beating heart - Havana.

Ingredients: Barbados Rum,
Spiced Rum, Smoky Whiskey,
Chocolate Bitters,
Molasses

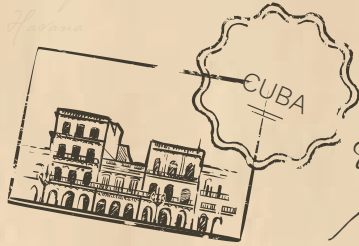
Tasting Notes:

- Smokey
- Complex
- Spirit-Forward

A drink that
lingered as long
as Havana's
midnight hours.



Price: 1500/-



The rhythm of Havana
pulled me next.

The streets beat with life.

Cigar smoke drifted in
lazy spirals.

Rum flowed
beneath the glow
of old chandeliers.



In a small cantina,
a drink was poured, dark and deep,
as layered as the music that
filled ~~the~~ the night.





*The soft promise of spring
led north to Hokkaido.*



*At dawn, the famed Yubari melon
auction unfolded. Perfect orbs, each
gleaming with ripeness, ~~were~~ passed
from eager hands. Their sweetness
lingered long after the stalls
were cleared.*

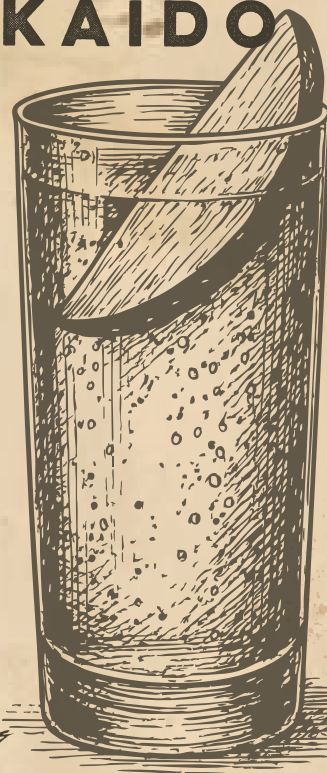
WAKING UP IN HOKKAIDO

Ingredients

Vodka,
Sake,
Melon Liqueur,
Coconut Water,
God

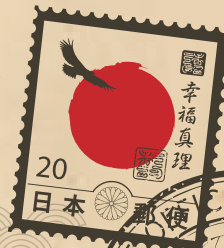
Tasting Notes

Fresh, Fruity, Refreshing



*// A sip of crisp
morning light.*

Price: 1,500/-





MAROC



In Marrakech, the air
thickened with spice, woven
through the sounds of the souk.



Beneath woven canopies,
shadows danced across
mounds of ochre and rust.

My footsteps slowed,
~~as~~ drawn by
the scent trail.

SOUKS OF MARRAKECH

A sip steeped ~~in~~ in the spirit of the souk.

Complex

Sweet Spice

Bitter
Sweet



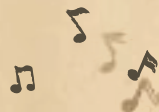
Ingredients:

Spiced Whiskey,
Orange Bitter Liqueur, Sweet Vermouth,
Coffee Liqueur

Price : 1,100 /-



Guadalajara called with its
unmistakable energy.



The streets pulsed with
rhythm — heels striking
stone, mariachi's in full
voice and the low
roar of a city that never
quite winds down.



Lanterns flickered above
crowded squares, where
bottles clinked and stories
poured as freely as the tequila.

Enjoying the ~~the~~ local cantinas
and mariachi performances
in the heart of ~~the~~ Mexico's
vibrant Guadalajara.

MOOD FOR MARIACHI

Ingredients

Tequila, Mezcal, Chili Liqueur,
Grapefruit Cordial,
Orange Juice, Co2

Tasting Notes:
Refreshing
Citrusy
Spicy



*If drink alive with
the city's verve.*

Price: 1,200/-

Then, a moment of stillness
by the Caspian sea.

The day slowed to a hush, as if time
itself had paused to exhale. A gentle
breeze curled in from the water,
salt-tinged and soft. Before me,
the sea stretched out - vast, glassy
and unbothered ~~by~~ by the
world beyond.

Silver spoons, caviar pearls, crisp linen -
all set against a sea that stretched
calm and ~~endless~~ endless.

Caviar pearls - glossy, black
and briny crowned delicate blinis
with quiet opulence. The drink
that followed was just as refined:
cool, clean, and restrained.

PEARLS OF WISDOM

Indulging in a decadent caviar pairing
by the Caspian sea.

Ingredients:

Fortified Gin,
Aromatized wine,
Sherry, Creme Fraiche,
Dill, Orange Bitters

Tasting Notes:

- Complex
- Herbal
- ~~Spirit Forward~~
- Spirit Forward

Price: 1,200 /-



White truffle hinting with
alpha hounds in the Italian alban hills



From still waters to the wooded Alban Hills.

*Here, the scent of earth and truffle guided
eager hounds. The day's treasures,
soon to the table - and the glass.*

TRUFFLE HUNTER

*A drink honouring the rare
and the remarkable.*

Ingredients:

*Limone Gin,
Italian Bitter, Italian
Herbal Liqueur, Sicilian
Lemon, Truffle Butter*



Tasting Notes

*Sweet and sour,
Aromatic*

Price: 1,300 /-



*James G. Thompson
to Mr. W. Chapman
24 Cornhill
Boston
U.S.*

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Finally, the emerald depths of the Amazon.

The air hung heavy
with moisture and mystery,
a quiet hum of life
~~below~~ beneath every leaf.



The rainforest revealed
itself in layers, dense,
fragrant, alive.
So did the drink.

A slow unraveling.
A deep exhale.

RENDEZVOUS IN THE RAINFOREST

a drink alive
with the wild.

Ingredients

- Pisco
- Sweet Vermouth
- Lychee » Guava
- Palo santo
- Milk » Cacao

Tasting Notes:

Complex, Fruity, Tasty

Price: 1,300 /-



The lure of light carried me
beneath the glowing skies
of Scandinavia.

Exploring foraging traditions and
the glorious Northern lights.

CHASING AURORA

Ingredients

Peppermint Vodka,
Green Apple, White
Chocolate + Vodka,
Orange Liqueur,
Blue Spirulina,
Fresh Pineapple,
Aces

Tasting Notes:

Refreshing, Tasty

Price : 1600/-

~~Wanted~~
Wanted

A glass to catch the fleeting
magic of the night.



Here, where the night is never quite dark,
I wandered into a world painted in
frost and quiet.

Snow crunched beneath,
my boots with every step, the cold biting
but clean - like clarity itself. Above me,
the heavens danced - green and violet
ribbons unfurling in slow, celestial waves.