



FABLES & TALES

*Autumn / Winter Menu
Looking Glass Cocktail Club*

Looking Glass Cocktail Club is a key part of East London's ebullient bar scene for discerning drinkers and hedonists alike. With our unique molecular cocktails, enthralling late night music and eclectic performing arts, we provide a carefully curated cosy environment for patrons of London to find early or late night fun.

Join us as we take you on a whirlwind tour of fables, epics and fairy tales from across the world, with each providing inspiration for a cocktail on our new menu. Journey with us through 13 countries, as we take inspiration from each story plus key regional ingredients and embody them in our new signature serves.

We hope this menu will inspire memories and introduce you to stories in quaffable form.

TRICKERY IN STRIPES

*Inspired by
The Sun and the Moon*

Origin - Peru

Profile - Sour, Floral, Fruity

Ingredients - Pisco, Orange Blossom Water, Lemon

£13

The Sun & the Moon is the tale of an elderly mother who is eaten by a tiger whilst working at a rich family's house. After eating her, the tiger then disguises itself as the mother, using her clothes and head-scarf. The wolf goes to her home, where her children (a boy and a girl) live. The children see the disguised tiger and flee out of the back door and up a tree. The tiger pursues them and the brother and sister pray for help. When suddenly from the sky appears a rope for them to climb. Upon their ascension to the sky they become the sun and the moon.



VOODOO SPIRIT

*Inspired by
The White Witch of Rose Hall*

Origin - Jamaica

Profile - Aromatic, Rich, Mysterious

*Ingredients - Havana 3, Blend of Plantation Rums,
Coffee and Jamaican Chocolate*

£13

The haunting tale of Annie Palmer. Born of an English mother and Irish Father in Haiti (who both die of yellow fever). Annie is adopted by a nanny who teaches her witchcraft and voodoo. She later moves to Jamaica and marries John Palmer the owner of Rose Hall plantation in Montego Bay. Annie murders him along with two subsequent husbands and several plantation workers. She is later murdered herself by a worker called Takoo and buried on the grounds. The spirit of Annie is said to haunt the grounds where locals have crowned her the 'white witch' of Rose Hall.



TIN MAN TIPPLE

*Inspired by
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

Origin - North America

Profile - Smoky, Complex, Nutty

*Ingredients - Blanco Tequila, Lion's Mane,
Hay Liquor, Smoke*

£15

A young Dorothy from the Kansas Prairie gets swept up in a tornado and transported to the land of Oz, where she embarks on a journey along a yellow brick road to Emerald City. Along the way she meets a lion who longs for courage, a scarecrow who wants a brain and a tin man who desires a heart. They journey together in search of their goals and along the way discover that what they had longed for they had within them all along. This is a wonderful tale of the nature and strength of friendship.



DISCO BEANS

*Inspired by
Jack and the Beanstalk*

Origin - England

Profile - Creamy, Dry, Citrusy

Ingredients - Plymouth Gin, Sherry, Lemon

£16

Jack lives on a farm in the English countryside with his family. One day Jack sells the family cow for a handful of magic beans. Jack plants the beans which grow into a giant beanstalk stretching into the clouds. Jack climbs the giant stalk and encounters a terrifying giant. ‘*Fee Fi Fo Fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman*’ cries the giant “be he alive or be he dead i’ll grind his bones to make my bread”. Jack outwits the giant and steals his goose that lays golden eggs and the harp that plays itself. Jack flees the stalk, the giant in pursuit, Jack cuts down the beanstalk killing the giant.



CRAFTY KITTY

*Inspired by
Puss in Boots*

Origin - Italy

Profile - Herbaceous, Balanced, Fizzy

*Ingredients - Redistilled Amaro,
Wild Oregano Cordial, Soda*

£13

Originating in Italy, Puss in Boots is the fable of a smart and wiley cat with a knack for trickery (and magic). The tale begins with a poor man has nothing to hand down to his youngest son as an inheritance but his cat - Puss in Boots. Puss uses his masterful powers of thinking on his paws to help his young master become wealthy and powerful. As well as gain the hand in marriage of a princess for his once penniless master.



WOOLLY PERIL

*Inspired by
Mongán's Frenzy*

Origin - Ireland

Profile - Oaky, Deep, Mellow Spice

*Ingredients - Jameson Irish Whiskey, Ban Poitin,
Rye Bread Syrup, Guinness Foam, Oaked Ginger Wine*

£16

Based on Irish Folklore this is a myth set in the Irish countryside about two warring kingdoms, in dispute over the sale of diseased cows. When one of the kings invades the others land, he kills most of his men and almost wins the war. What the king does not know is that one brave soldier had been rearing venomous sheep. The soldier lets loose the poison inflicting sheep which kill 900 soldiers culminating in the victory over the invading king.



PEACH BOY

*Inspired by
Momotarō*

Origin - Japan

Profile - Fruity, Strong, Elegant

*Ingredients - Hakushu Whiskey, Umeshu Sake,
Peach Distillate*

£18

Momotarō is a Japanese tale from the Edo period about a boy who was found inside a giant peach by a woman who was washing clothes. When the woman and her husband cut open the peach, they discovered a child. He tells them that he had been bestowed by divine power to be their son. The boy grows so strong that by 5 years old he was able to cut down a fully grown tree with just a knife. When he reached adolescence he left his parents to hunt down daemons (demons) that had been terrorising their land. Along his journey Momotarō befriends a talking dog, a monkey and a pheasant who help him in his quests.



GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND

*Inspired by
The Legend of the White Snake*

Origin - China

Profile - Floral, Sour, Herbaceous

*Ingredients - Beefeater Gin, Gunpowder
and Jasmine Cordial*

£14

The legend begins with a merchant who sells a man pills which unbeknown to him are immortality pills.

The man becomes ill and is sick into a lake where the White Snake lives. The White Snake swallows the pills and gains immortality and is very grateful.

Later it sees a man catch a green snake that it is about to gut. The White Snake morphs into a woman and buys the snake thus saving the snake. The green snake is grateful. Later the White Snake, now disguised as a woman, meets the man who originally gave her immortality; he offers her an umbrella.

They fall in love, marry and open a medicine shop together.



PROPHECY FULFILLED

*Inspired by
Why the Sky is Far Away*

Origin - Nigeria

Profile - Woody, Sour/Sweet, Complex

*Ingredients - Havana 3, Eucalyptus,
Candied Oregano*

£13

Nigerian folklore tells a story of the sky being within reaching distance of the earth. The Sky says to humans beneath that it will feed them with all of the nourishment they need. The Sky of course by this means providing sunlight, rain, and air where their crops can grow plentiful. The humans after a while start to reach out and eat pieces of the sky. As this becomes more common humans neglect their crops and only eat from the sky. One day the Sky fraught with anger thunder and lightning, collapses never to exist again. This folklore reflects our modern day struggle with climate change and humanity's inability to look after the earth.



SLITHER & ROCK

*Inspired by
The Rainbow Serpent*

Origin - Aboriginal Australia

Profile - Rich, Fruity, Chocolatey

*Ingredients - Shiraz Gin, Lemon,
Wattleseed Wine Reduction*

£16

It is a creation myth shared by several Aboriginal groups across the continent. The story revolves around the Rainbow Serpent, a powerful and mythical creature that is believed to have created the landscape, rivers, and waterholes. The Rainbow Serpent's movements, as it slithered across the land, formed mountains, valleys, and rivers. This story is significant as it explains the origins of the natural world and holds spiritual importance in Aboriginal culture. Many believe the serpent to be a deity and creator of our world.



THE PRINCESS

*Inspired by
Ramayana*

Origin - India

Profile - Spicy, Fragrant, Complex

*Ingredients - Black Cardamom Ghee Infused Beefeater
Gin, Chai Masala Vermouth, Cinnamon Almond Milk*

£16

This ancient Indian epic follows Prince Rama's quest to rescue his beloved wife Sita from the clutches of Ravana with the help of an army of monkeys. Rama is exiled by his father, the King, for 14 years with Sita and his brother Laksmana, through the plotting of his stepmother. In the forest Sita is abducted by Ravana the King of Lanka. Rama and his brother aided by the Monkey Army wage war and rescue Sita who even walks through fire to prove her loyalty. The story culminates with the return of Rama to his father's kingdom with his wife Sita, where he is crowned king amidst jubilation and celebration.



MR WOLF

*Inspired by
Little Red Riding Hood*

Origin - Russia

Profile - Herbal, Velvety, Earthy

*Ingredients - Absolut Vodka, Konik's Tail, Dill,
Beetroot and Honey Foam*

£14

Little Red Riding Hood's name comes from the red cloak she wears. On her way to visit her sickly grandmother one day with a basket of food, she is unknowingly being stalked by a wolf. The wolf stops her and suggests that she pick some flowers for her grandmother. As she acts on the wolf's advice, the wolf heads to her grandmother's house and swallows her whole. The wolf then disguises itself as Red Riding Hood's grandmother and lays in wait in her bed. Licking its lips savouring the meal to come, Little Red Riding Hood arrives at her grandmother's house to realise that not all is as it seems.....



AMBER TEARS

*Inspired by
Jūratė and Kastytis*

Origin - Lithuania

Profile - Floral, Light, Herbaceous

*Ingredients - Martell VS Brandy, Pine Mead,
Lemon, Soda*

£13

A Baltic story about Jūratė, the goddess of the sea (Jūra” means “the sea”), who lived in a castle of made of amber. A young fisherman named Kastytis is fishing one day and she falls in love with him. They spend happy times in her castle, but the thunder god Perkūnas finds out about their love and becomes furious. He strikes the castle and it explodes into million pieces and Kastytis dies. Jūratė mourns him to this day and according to legend, this is why pieces of amber come ashore after a storm, it's her teardrops and pieces of the castle.



WINES

White Wine

	175ml	Bottle
Picpoul	8	32
Malagouzia	11	42
Chablis	12	54

Red Wine

	175ml	Bottle
Victoria Park Shiraz	8	32
Côtes du Rhône	9	38
Pinot Noir	11	50

Rosé Wine

	175ml	Bottle
St Jacques	7	28
Whispering Angel	12	46

Champagne & Prosecco

	175ml	Bottle
Prosecco	8	30
Gruet Brut Champagne	13	58
Perrier-Jouët		95

BEERS

Asahi	5
Alhambra Reserva	5.75
Meantime Pale Ale	5.75
Brewdog Punk IPA	5.75
Sassy Cidre	5.75
Peroni 0%	4

ABSINTHE

Absinthe Superieure Esprit d'Edouard	14
Terminus Absinthe Oxygenee	14
La Maison Fontaine Blanche	12
La Maison Fontaine Chocolate Absinthe	12



SNACKS

Spiced Peanuts	5
House Asian Pickles	6
Greek Olives	5.5
Marinated Runner Beans	6
Japanese Crackers	5
Sourdough Bread and Butter	5

