# THE CHINESE WHISPERS AFTERNOON TEA

Reminiscing on afternoons spent with friends, under tropical green foliage hiding from the sun, the playful 'click-clack' of Mah Jong tiles colliding and intermingling with the hum of banter in the background and the sound of songbirds never far away, gossiping, sharing naughty secrets, drinking tea and eating moreish sweets and savouries.

## AFTERNOON TEA £52

" O H B E H A V E . . " With a Glass of Champagne Champagne Thienot Cuvee Stanislas Blanc de Blancs £62 (additional glass £22)

"PUTTING ON ROSE TINTED GLASSES" With a Glass of Pink Champagne Canard Duchéne, Charles VII Grand Cuvee, Brut Rosé £67 (additional glass £24)



"There are two rules in life: 1. Never give out all the information,"



# MENU

TRUTH POTIONS

## Tea 'Truth' Potion

A light, alcoholic, 'tongue loosening' start to the afternoon. Spill those secrets! (additional glasses at £3 / cocktail) | (non-alcoholic version available)

## SWEET SECRETS & WHISPERS

## "Jar of Whispers & Conversations"

A jar of Tea & Vanilla Sablé Breton treats shaped as symbols of memories and conversation starters.

"A little Birdie once told me..." Rich chocolate cookie piped with royal icing

"Who needs money when you've got cake!" Kaya Money Cake with coconut & Pandan Custard

### "It must be true if you heard it three times during Mah-Jong"

Mah-Jong Tile White Chocolate Bon Bons filled with combinations of lychee, coconut and calamansi.

"Stories from Childhood" Pandan Crème Brulee with Stolen Milo Powder

## MACAROONS WITH CLOTTED CREAM

## "Willy Wong's 'Apothecary Macaroons' with Clotted Cream"

A playful recollection of memories from visiting traditional Chinese medicine shops filled with vials of mysterious fragrant powders, guarded by the masters who blended them together to create remedies. 'Blue and White China' Macaroon shells, clotted cream, fruit essences & powders, toppings & condiments for the creation of your own secret combination of flavour.

## BAO 'SANDWICHES' & SAVOURIES

'Chai' Bao Sliders (v) with Nanyang chilli sauce

Bao Chopped Vegetables (v) with shavings of Summer Truffles.

Prawns on Toast

Chinese Tea Egg Soft egg, soy broth, tea caviar

Potion of 'Eternal Youth' (v) Inspired by the Chinese 'essence' tonics with anti-aging properties

Bao with Crispy Duck

[An optional service charge of 13.5% will be added to your bill]



# TEA MENU

### BLACKTEAS

#### Earl Grey

A delicious full-bodied base black tea from Ruhuna in Sri Lanka and a touch of natural bergamot to temper the tea's natural richness giving the tea its delicious, citrussy note.

#### English Breakfast

A blend of pure single-origin second flush teas from a selection of Assam's best gardens to ensure a bold and true expression of Assam Character.

## GREEN TEAS

#### Jasmine Pearls (£2 supplement)

A true labour of love, each pearl is hand-made by nimbly rolling spring-fresh green tea into pearls. Then, when the temperature is just cool enough, the tea is scented with freshly plucked jasmine blossoms in season. This process is repeated over five consecutive nights, resulting in the most beautiful floral green tea with a deep and long-lasting jasmine aroma from the Fujian Province in Southern China.

#### Dragon Well

Dragon Well is China's most famous green tea, produced in the hills around Hangzhou's West Lake. This perfect introduction to the unique taste of Dragon Well combines grassy spring freshness and hazelnut sweetness.

## WHITETEAS

#### Jasmine Silver Needle (£2 supplement)

This tea grows in early spring in Yunnan Province, when only the most perfect, downy buds are picked and then dried in the sun. Then in late summer, the tea is laid beneath a bed of fresh jasmine blossoms from the neighbouring Guangxi Province for five consecutive nights, infusing and balancing this sweet white tea with the freshest jasmine aroma.



#### O O L O N G T E A S

#### Iron Buddha (£2 supplement)

With a history of tea production stretching back over a thousand years, this Iron Buddha tea showcases one of the best oolong teas available. It balances your tastebuds with a refreshingly light and floral taste, with a slightly tart finish. Gently oxidised, unlike the more traditional but heavily roasted commercial Iron Buddha Teas

#### Phoenix Honey Orchid (£6 supplement)

Hailing from China's famous Phoenix Mountain ranges, this Oolong is a seductive shade of orange blossom, with complex notes of orange, vanilla and honey. The tea's fruity, honeyed flavour produced from elegantly long, twisted leaves is accentuated when pairing with our savoury delectables. One of the most complex of Oolongs, a choice that is sure to pull all to the darker side of oolong teas.

#### Organic Wuyi Oolong

The <u>Wuyi Cassia</u> is an open leaf Oolong harvested in Wuyi, Fujian Province. Through the steepings the tea reveals baked yellow apple and rose petal aromas.

#### FLORALINFUSIONS

#### Flowering Osmanthus (£8 supplement)

A flower prized in Asia for its detoxifying qualities, and its incredible natural scent of ripened fruit, with a fragrance that can be smelled from afar. A cup a day promotes beautiful skin!

#### Whole Pink Rosebuds

Far surpassing citrus fruits in vtamin C, this beaufitul tea is composed of rosebuds and nothing more. Picked when fresh and slowly dried, they retain all their natural goodness – essential oils, aroma and wonderfully enchanting flavour. Upon infusion, they release their charming perfume, with a touch of fresh leaf for a soothing and visual experience.

#### TISANES

Ginger & Lemongrass Whole Chamomile Flowers Canarino Fresh Cut Ginger Fresh Mint Leaf Dried Peppermint Leaf

## COFFEES

A selection of Coffees available