

History of the Rubbing House

It is not known when the Rubbing House was originally built but there has always been a form of shelter, near the end of the racecourse, where horses could be rubbed down by their grooms after the exertions of the race since horse-racing began on Epsom Downs, even before the Derby was founded.

By 1801 it had officially become a public house, owned, along with the rest of the Downs, by the Lord of the Manor, and was leased to the Pagden brothers, who also owned several pubs in town.

In 1857 the Rubbing House was destroyed by fire. John Briscoe, the Lord of the Manor, agreed with the Pagdens to share the cost of rebuilding and they got a cheaper lease. The ambitious new designs for the Downs Hotel (as it was now called) ran into difficulty when they came to the attention of the Epsom Grand Stand Association. They would not allow a major hotel to face the end of the course as this would have offered serious competition to the Grandstand itself. By 1866 the pub had been rebuilt on a more modest scale.

The new design included an elegant, cast iron balcony specifically built for the patrons to view the home straight and the pub became geared for race-day traffic. The old Downs Hotel was refurbished in 1968 and the name reverted to the Rubbing House.

These days it's just nice to enjoy a delightful meal or a drink or two. Whether it be a cold evening by our log fire or a sunny day in the extensive beer gardens a warm welcome always awaits you.

WINE TASTE GUIDE

(The number or letter following descriptions)

WHITE, ROSÉ AND SPARKLING WINE - RATED FROM 1 - 9.
Number 1 being the driest and 9 being the sweetest.

RED WINE - RATED FROM A - E.
A being the lightest and E being the most full-bodied.

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List
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Wine

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Bin		Bottle 250ml 175ml
	<i>White Wine</i>	
1	HOUSE WHITE Light fresh and creamy peach flavour.	£16.00 £5.95 £4.60
2	CULLINAN VIEW CHENIN BLANC WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA Deliciously fresh and creamy with peachy fruit character. A classic South African style. (2)	£18.00 £6.70 £5.15
3	BERRI ESTATES UNOAKED CHARDONNAY SE AUSTRALIA Fresh and ripe crisp lemons. (2)	£21.00 £7.70 £5.70
4	PIESPORTER MICHELBERG JOSEF BRADER, GERMANY Medium-dry, crisp and refreshing. (4)	£20.00 £7.20 £5.40
5	MARCHESI ERVANI PINOT GRIGIO ITALY Full floral flourish and racy crispness. (2)	£20.00 £7.20 £5.40
6	CHILEAN SAUVIGNON BLANC Tantalising tropical fruit aromas overlay a base of citrus and herbaceous characters.	£19.00 £6.95 £5.25
7	SOUTHERN RIVERS SAUVIGNON BLANC, EAST COAST, NEW ZEALAND Fresh and crisp with classic characters of gooseberry and tropical flavours. (1)	£26.00 £9.35 £7.00
8	SANCERRE DOMAINE THOMAS & FILS ADRIEN MARÉCHAL, FRANCE Crisp ripe gooseberry. (1)	£32.50
9	GAVI CA'BIANCA, ITALY This refreshingly dry wine shows subtle floral notes on the nose, and has a tangy, minerally palate. (2)	£26.00
	<i>Rosé Wine</i>	
10	PINOT GRIGIO BLUSH Pale pink in colour with a fruity nose and a summer fruit palate.	£20.00 £7.20 £5.40
11	WHITE ZINFANDEL A delicious, medium-sweet rose made using Zinfandel grapes from North America.	£20.00 £7.20 £5.40

Bin		Bottle 250ml 175ml
	<i>Red Wine</i>	
12	HOUSE RED Bright ruby red intense berry aroma with delicious chocolate vanilla and spicy notes.	£16.00 £5.95 £4.60
13	TEKENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON CENTRAL VALLEY, CHILE Light-bodied and juicy, with a plum and bramble-fruit character. (B)	£21.00 £7.70 £5.70
14	RIOJA CRIANZA RAMON BILBAO SPAIN A youthful ruby red wine. Blackcurrants and hints of blackberry yoghurt display on the nose, with spicy nuances of cumin, vanilla and cinammon merging on the palate. (B)	£24.00 £8.25 £6.25
15	PORTILLO MALBEC, UCO VALLEY MENDOZA, ARGENTINA Plums, blackberries and a touch of vanilla; fresh fruit flavours, supported by a touch of spice.	£28.00 £9.85 £7.35
16	MOMMESSIN LES GRANDES MISES, MORGON LES CHARMES, FRANCE Aromas of black fruit, candied cherries and fig. Soft texture, lightly oaked with a fine structure and a charming finish. (C)	£28.00
17	BERRI ESTATES MERLOT SE AUSTRALIA Juicy plums and hints of spice. (C)	£21.00 £7.70 £5.70
18	CÔTES DU RHÔNE, GENTILHOMME, OGIER, FRANCE This specialist House creates a distinctive fuller-bodied berry style with mellow spiciness from time in oak barrels. (C)	£26.00 £9.35 £7.00
19	SHORT MILE BAY SHIRAZ SE AUSTRALIA Warming blackcurrant and bramble fruit. (B)	£20.50 £7.25 £5.45
20	CHÂTEAU FONSCÈCHE, HAUT-MÉDOC, FRANCE A fruit-forward style: the palate shows both bramble and blackcurrant fruit, followed by notes of liquorice and velvety tannins. (C)	£31.00
	<i>Sparkling Wine</i>	
21	PROSECCO EXTRA DRY ITALY Fine, persistent, soft fizz surrounds a fruit spectrum of apple, pear with a hint of peach.	£25.00 175ml £6.65 125ml £4.95
22	GALANTI SPUMANTE ROSE ITALY This wonderful "pink sparkler" shows a balance of cherries, strawberries and lovely refreshing citrus tones.	£25.00

Bin		Bottle
	<i>Champagne</i>	
23	LOUIS DORNIER ET FILS BRUT Stylish, pronounced, biscuity, elegant. (1)	£37.00
24	TAITTINGER BRUT RÉSERVE Dry and elegant, subtly biscuity. (1)	£49.00
25	MOËT & CHANDON BRUT IMPÉRIAL Flowery aroma, a long, biscuity flavour. (1)	£51.00
26	LAURENT-PERRIER CUVÉE ROSÉ BRUT Soft, fruity, fragrant and dry. (1)	£85.00
	<i>Something Special</i>	
27	AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO, BOLLA ITALY The traditional method of semi-drying the grapes first ensures an enveloping, velvet richness with marzipan, raisin and date flavours. (D)	£56.00
28	CROZES-HERMITAGE, LA TUILLIÈRE, JEAN-LUC COLOMBO FRANCE Shows red-fruit and blackcurrant aromas on the inky palate, supported by spicy notes from time spent in barrel. (C)	£37.00
29	CHÂTEAU DES BARDES, SAINT-ÉMILION GRAND CRU FRANCE Rich, fruit aromas; juicy, sweet tannins; soft touches of vanilla-toastiness. (C)	£29.00
30	FLEUR DE PÉDESCLAUX, PAUILLAC, FRANCE Supple and smooth palate: showing red and black fruit with a note of cocoa. (C)	£59.00
31	FIXIN, LOUIS JADOT FRANCE Fixin is one of the most northerly communes in the Côte de Nuits. Ripe hedgerow fruit with a fresh, bright palate.	£59.00

125ml glasses available on request.