

History of The Round Robin Bar



The polished mahogany and stately atmosphere of the historic Round Robin Bar makes it the perfect place for an afternoon or evening cocktail. It was at this great classic bar that Kentucky senator, Henry Clay, introduced Washington to the Mint Julep, which would become the Round Robin's signature cocktail.

• In 1862 Walt Whitman immortalized the Willard's bar in his poetic appeal to Union Troops:

"There you are, shoulder straps, but where are your companies? Where are our men? Speak, blow, put on airs in Willard's sumptuous bar, or anywhere! No explanation will save you. Bull Run is your work."

• In 1904, as the hatchet-toting prohibitionist Carrie Nation raged against drink, a sign in the Round Robin Bar went up: "All Nations Welcome Except Carrie."

• Upon hearing from a waiter that the Willard was closing, the Board of Governors of the National Press Club raced across the street to its favorite watering hole, the Round Robin Bar, and drank until the hotel doors closed.

• The Board of Governors of the National Press Club reopened the Round Robin Bar on August 20, 1986 - the day the Willard InterContinental opened its doors to continue its long historic legacy.

OUR SIGNATURE DRINK



THE HENRY CLAY MINT JULEP



2 oz Makers Mark Bourbon

1 tsp Sugar

Branch Water or Soda Water

8 to 10 Mint Leaves

Crushed Ice

Place mint leaves, sugar and a small measure of bourbon in a glass.

Muddle with spoon. Half fill the glass with ice and gently combine the mixture.

Fill with remaining ice, add remainder of bourbon, and top off with branch or soda water.

Garnish with a lightly sprinkle fresh sprig of mint and a twist of lemon. Gently dust with sugar & enjoy!

FROM THE KITCHEN

SHARED PLATES



Willard Smoked Salmon Tartar

Red Apple | Chives Sour
Cream 18

Blue Cheese-Stuffed Bacon Wrapped Dates

18

Fried Camembert

Lingonberry Preserve
Toast 16

Swedish Toast Skagen

Pickled Shrimp | Robiola
Cheese | Crispy Farm Bread
19

Korean Chicken Lollipops

Spicy Mambo Sauce 18

Lobster Corn Dog

Dill Mustard Sauce 22

Crab Cake Sliders

Old Bay Mayonnaise 20

Duck Leg Confit Sliders

Maytag Blue Cheese on a
Potato Roll 19

Potato Skins

Pepper Beef Bacon | Sharp
Cheddar Cheese 21

Grilled Chicken

Quesadilla

Roasted Peppers | Manchego
Cheese | Guacamole | Salsa
Sour Cream 19

Duck Flat Bread

Duck | Prosciutto | Fig
Arugula | Parmesan Cheese
17

Steak Flat Bread

Grilled Poblano | Skirt Steak
Cojita Cheese | Avocado 23

SOUPS



Maryland Crab Soup 12

French Onion Soup 13

BIG PLATES

Blueberry & Kale Salad

Baby Kale | Spinach | Blueberries | Faro Grains | Carrots | Beets |
Honey Mustard Vinaigrette 18

Cobb Salad

Romaine Hearts | Cucumber | Tomato | Blue Cheese | Bacon |
Avocado | Chicken | Egg | Ranch Dressing 19

Braised Beef Cheeks

Blue Cheese Gnocchi | Caramelized Onions 24

Cedar Plank Roasted Salmon

Charred Corn | Quinoa 28

Classic Triple Stack Club

Smoked Ham | Roasted Turkey | Bacon | Swiss Cheese | Lettuce
Tomato | Fried Egg | Whiskey Salt Fries 20

The Willard Burger

Fried Onions | Roasted Tomatoes | Raclette Cheese | Truffle Aioli
Whiskey Salt Fries 20

12 oz. Black Angus New York Strip Steak

Whiskey Salt Fries | Onion Caramelized French Beans 37

DESSERTS

Black Forest Cheesecake

Chocolate Crumb Crust Kirsch Cherries | Chocolate Mousse 10

Red Velvet Cake

Dark Red Sponge Cake | Sweet Cream Cheese Icing 10

Classic Tiramisu

Coffee Soaked Ladyfingers Mascarpone Cream 10

ROUND ROBIN LIBATIONS

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JINGLE BELL JULEP

Bulleit Rye, Blackberries, Fresh Mint

SPICED APPLE CIDER

Calvados Brandy, Grand Marnier, Hot Spiced Apple Cider

“CLASSIC” HOT BUTTERED RUM

Havana Añejo Rum, Butter, Seasonal Spices

RYE & COMPANY

Bulleit Rye, Green Chartreuse, Absinthe,
Lemon Juice, Spiced Honey Syrup

FIG MANHATTAN

Makers Mark, Port, Fig, Lemon Juice, Sparkling Wine

FIREPLACE SANGRIA

Absolut Pears, Apple Cider, Wine, Lemon Juice,
Orange Juice, Ginger Beer

**ASK YOUR BARTENDER FOR OUR
UNRIVALLED CLASSIC COCKTAILS**

WINE SERVED BY THE GLASS OR BOTTLE



WHITE / ROSE

Château Ste. Michelle | Riesling | Washington

Fresh and Fruity Character with Crisp Apple Aromas and Flavors with Subtle Mineral Notes 14 | 55

Caliterra Reserva | Chardonnay | Chile

Fruity Aromas of Mango and Pear with Citrus and Mineral Notes. Flavors of Pear on the Palate 12 | 46

Château St. Jean | Chardonnay | Sonoma

Bright, Tropical Fruit Aromas of Pineapple and Citrus with Ripe Peach and Nectarine Flavors 15 | 58

Stags Leap | Chardonnay | Napa Valley

Aromas of Lemon Zest with Vibrant Citrus Fruit Intensity Flavors, Balanced by a Wet Stone Core and Nutty Undertones 18 | 68

Cloudy Bay | Sauvignon Blanc | New Zealand

Silky and Concentrated, Revealing Ripe, Juicy Stone Fruit and Lemongrass, Supported by a Subtle Minerality 16 | 60

Girard | Sauvignon Blanc | Napa Valley

Bright Acidity Balanced by Mandarin Orange, Kiwi, Lime and a Hint of Honeydew Melon 15 | 58

Danzante | Pinot Grigio | Italy

Aromas of Tropical Fruit. The Wine is Wonderfully Fresh and Well Balanced, with Persistence 12 | 46

Chateau D' Esclans | Whispering Angel | Rose | Provence

Tart Bing Cherry, Jasmine, Pear Blossom, Tasting Exhibits Papaya, Melon and Lemon 14 | 55

Chateau D' Esclans | Rock Angel | Rose | Provence

Fresh yet Intense on the Palate with Blood Orange and Rose Water Notes 18 | 70

BUBBLES



Moët & Chandon Imperial | Champagne | France

Delicious Sumptuousness of Pear, Peach and Apple 20 | 110

Veuve Clicquot | Champagne | France

Subtle Notes of White Peach, Anise, Biscuit and Kumquat
25 | 130

Villa Sandi Il Fresco | Prosecco | Italy

Dry, Fresh and Flavoursome Sensation Followed by a Fruity
and Harmonious Aftertaste 12 | 60

Chandon Brut | Sparkling | Yountville

Apple, Pear and Citrus Flavors with a Hint of Spice 13 | 75

RESERVE CHAMPAGNE LIST

Veuve Clicquot | Ponsardin | Brut | Vintage

Reserve 1998 | Reims, France 295

Nicolas Feuillatte | Palmes d'Or | Brut | Vintage

2006 | Epernay, France 395

Krug | Grande Cuvee | Brut | Reims, France 395

Perrier Jouet | Fleur de Champagne | Brut |

Vintage 1999 | Epernay, France 525

Dom Perignon | Brut | Vintage 2006 | Epernay,

France 550

Veuve Clicquot | La Grande Dame | Brut | Vintage

1996 | Reims, France 695

Krug | Reserve | Brut | Vintage 1995 | Reims,

France 695

Louis Roederer | Cristal | Brut | Vintage 1995 |

Reims, France 750

RED



Caliterra Reserva | Merlot | Chile

Voluptuous and Fresh with Juicy Fruit Flavours and a Vibrant Acidity 12 | 46

Decoy | Merlot | Sonoma

Flavors of Ripe Blackberry, Black Cherry and Cassis, Hints of Sweet Spice, Cocoa and Leather 15 | 58

Robert Mondavi “Maestro” 50th Anniversary Blend

Harmonious Dark plum, Spicy Cardamom, Nutmeg, and Dried Herb Flavors. 20 | 80

Caliterra Reserva | Cabernet Sauvignon | Chile

Balanced and Fresh with Fruity Flavors 12 | 46

Château Greysac | Bordeaux Blend | Medoc

Medium-Bodied with Fine Tannins, Well-Integrated Oak 18 | 68

Etude | Pinot Noir | Carneros

Flavors of Bing Cherry, Pomegranate and Raspberry with Savory Notes of Earth and Spice 15 | 58

Masút | Pinot Noir | Mendocino

Intense high-Toned Red Fruits Combined with Hints of Licorice and Spice 18 | 70

Felino By Paul Hoobs | Malbec | Argentina

Delightful Herbal Notes to Freshly Cut Oregano and Rosemary 14 | 56

14 Hands | Red Blend | Washington

Flavors of Cherries, Ripe Berries and Plums 13 | 48

COGNAC, PORT, SHERRY & BRANDY



Hennessy VSOP 16	Fonseca, LBV 14	Taylor Fladgate 20yr 30
Hennessy XO 44	Ramos Pinto 58	Harvey Bristol Sherry 12
Remy Martin VSOP 13	Sandeman Reserve 14	Pisco Porton Brandy 14
Remy Martin XO 32	Sandeman 20 yr 30	

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Beefeater 10	Hendricks 12	Plymouth 11
Bombay Sapphire 12	Green Hat (local) 14	Tanqueray 12

VODKA

Absolut Elyx 15	Grey Goose 13	Stolichnaya 12
Absolut Cilantro, Pears, Citron, Mandarin 12	Ketel One 13	Tito's 12
	Smirnoff 10	Belvedere 13

RUM

Bacardi Superior 10	Captain Morgan 12	Havana Club 13
Myers Dark 13	Ron Zacapa 20	



TEQUILA

Sauza Gold 10

Patrón Silver 13

Hornitos

Reposado 11

Don Julio

Reposado 14

Don Julio

Anejo 16

Casamigos 15

Espòlon Silver 11

Espòlon

Reposado 13

Espòlon Añejo 14

Espòlon Extra
Añejo 25

MEZCAL

Delirio Joven 13

Delirio

Reposado 15

Amaras 12

WHISKY

BOURBON

Bakers 13

Blanton's 18

Bulleit 12

Four Roses Single
Barrel 14

Jefferson's Small
Batch 14

Jim Beam 10

Knob Creek 13

Maker's Mark 12

Maker's Mark 46
15

Wild Turkey Rare
Breed 13

Woodford
Reserve 14

TENNESSEE

Jack Daniel's 10

RYE

Bulleit Rye 12

Michter's 13

Old Overholt 12

Knob Creek 14

IRISH

Bushmills Black
13

Jameson 12

CANADIAN

Crown Royal 13

Canadian Club 10

Seagram's 7 10

Seagram's VO 12

SCOTCH



BLENDDED

Dewar's 12

Johnnie Walker
Black 14

Johnnie Walker
Gold 29

Chivas Regal 14

Johnnie Walker
Green 18

Johnnie Walker
Blue 60

Johnnie Walker
Red 12

SINGLE MALT

CAMPBELTOWN & ISLAND

Springbank 18 yr 40

Talisker 10 yr 15

HIGHLAND

Ardmore
1898 16

Glenmorangie
10 yr 15

Oban 14 yr 18

Glenmorangie
12 yr 17

ISLAY

Bunnahabhain
12 yr 21

Lagavulin
16 yr 25

Port Charlotte
7 yr 40

Bunnahabhain
18 yr 40

Laphroig
10 yr 17

Port Charlotte
10 yr 55

Caol Ila 17 yr 55

LOWLAND

Glenkinchie 12 yr 18



SPEYSIDE

Glenfarclas
17 yr 37

Glenfarclas
21 yr 47

Balvenie 15

Cragganmore
12 yr 15

Dalwhinnie
15 yr 20

Glenfiddich
12 yr 14

Glenlivet
12 yr 15

Glenlivet 21yr 60

The Glenrothes
21

Macallan 12 yr 16

Macallan
18 yr 43

BEERS

IMPORTED 8

Amstel Light

Corona Extra

Corona Light

Heineken

Stella Artois

Kaliber Non Alcoholic

CRAFT 8

DC Brau The Public Pale Ale
(local)

Flying Dog Easy IPA (local)

Sam Adams Boston Lager

DOMESTIC 7

Budweiser

Bud Light

Coors Light

Miller Lite

DRAFT 8

DC Brau The Citizen
Belgium Pale Ale(local)

Modelo Especial



Portraits in The Round Robin Bar



The portraits in the Round Robin Bar depict only a few of the prominent guests of the Willard.

1. Henry Willard (1822-1909)

The first owner and general manager of Willard's City Hotel.

2. Henry Hardenbergh (1847-1918)

The architect of the current building constructed from 1901-1904. Hardenbergh was also the architect of the Plaza and Waldorf Astoria hotels and the Dakota Apartments in New York City.

3. Alice Roosevelt Longworth (1884-1980)

The daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt. She created a stir by publicly smoking in the Willard dining room.

4. Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)

The 28th American president (1913 - 1921). In 1916, Wilson convened the League to Enforce Peace at the Willard and set forth his far-reaching program for worldwide accord, the genesis for the League of Nations and the United Nations.

5. Buffalo Bill Cody (1846-1917)

American West Scout and showman.

6. John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)

American bandmaster and composer of patriotic marches.

7. Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

American poet. In Washington to tend to the injured and report on the Civil War, Whitman wrote a poem referring to the Willard bar.

8. Lillian Russell (1861-1922)

American singer and actress. Russell was a guest while performing at the National Theater.



9. Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933)

The 30th American president. Coolidge lived at the Willard during his time as vice president to President Warren Harding. When Harding died in office, the Willard became the official presidential residence while Coolidge waited for Mrs. Harding to move from the White House. The same presidential flag that flew over the Willard in 1923 was flown again when President Reagan attended a dinner during the grand opening of the Willard InterContinental in September 1986.

10. Warren Harding (1865-1923)

The 29th American president (1921-23.) Harding stayed at the Willard prior to his inauguration.

11. Mark Twain (1835-1910)

American writer and humorist. Twain's biographer, Albert Bigelow Paine described his theatrical descent into Peacock Alley, "It is like descending the steps of a throne room, or some royal landing place - where Cleopatra's barge might lie.

12. Victor Herbert (1859-1924.)

American composer and conductor.

13. William Taft (1857-1923)

The 27th American president (1900 - 1913).

14. Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864)

American author. Hawthorne stayed at the Willard while covering the Civil War for The Atlantic Monthly. He wrote, "This hotel, in fact, may be more justly called the center of Washington and the Union than either the Capital, the White House, or the State Department."

15. Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

English novelist. Dickens stayed at Fuller's City Hotel (The predecessor of the Willard located on the same site) in 1842.

16. Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

The 16th American president (1861-65). Lincoln and his family lived at the Willard for ten days before his inauguration. He held staff meetings in the lobby and his first presidential paycheck went to pay his Willard bill (you can review a copy in The Willard History Gallery).