



CLIFTON SPIRITS FESTIVAL

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Hotel Du Vin - Avon Gorge, Sion Hill

Bristol, BS8 4LD

BRISTOL'S BIGGEST SPIRITS FESTIVAL

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WELCOME

New for 2026, the Clifton Spirits Festival brings together an exceptional collection of spirits producers, distillers, merchants and specialists for a relaxed tasting experience at the beautiful Avon Gorge Hotel by Hotel du Vin.

Across two sessions, guests can explore an exciting selection of spirits, from craft gin and whisky to rum, vodka, liqueurs and more.

Meet the makers, discover new favourites and enjoy guided tastings and samples from producers and specialists from Bristol, the South West and beyond.

The Festival takes place in the elegant Aquam Bibe Suite, creating a relaxed and sociable setting in which to discover something new, chat with fellow spirits enthusiasts and enjoy the very best of the region's drinks scene.

Whether you're a curious newcomer or a seasoned spirits enthusiast, or looking for a unique Christmas Gift, Clifton Spirits Festival is the perfect way to spend an autumn afternoon or evening discovering exceptional drinks in one of Bristol's most iconic locations.

There are two sessions to choose from on Sunday 15 November- we can't wait to raise a glass with you!



Owen Franklin
Festival Director

WITCHMARK DISTILLERY



Set in the historic village of Fonthill Bishop in southwest Wiltshire, our distillery takes its name from the medieval 'witch marks' carved into Fonthill's stone buildings. A certified B Corp, we've already received global gold awards for our gin and vodka.

Witchmark Distillery sits at the heart of the 9,000-acre Fonthill Estate, housed in a Grade II listed barn dating back to the 1600s. Beside it, a magnificent grain drying barn houses our visitor centre and shop.

In making our spirits we will use the very best ingredients from the crops growing on the prime chalk downlands that surround us, mixed with Fonthill's pure water, naturally filtered through limestone rock on its journey to our bottles.



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COLLECTIVE SPIRITS



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MINERO de OAXACA *Mezcal*



Collective Spirits is a UK-based global importer, distributor, and brand builder for a community of artisanal spirits.

Our carefully selected partner distilleries originate from the Americas, Europe and Southeast Asia covering several spirit categories such as Tequila, Mezcal, Rum, Liqueur, Pisco, Cachaça, Gin & Vodka.



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CHAIRMAN'S RESERVE

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Chairman's Reserve is Saint Lucia's premier rum and the global icon brand within St. Lucia Distillers. Created by the mid- 1990's and perfected under the watchful eye of Laurie Barnard, Chairman of the unique distillery of the Caribbean island, Chairman's Reserve is nowadays enjoyed all over the world.

A fine quality rum that can represent the iconic style of St. Lucian rum. As a simple line of distinction, Chairman's Reserve Original starts with selected aged rums of both Coffey Column stills and copper pot stills, married together after maturation, and then re-entered into oak for blending and final finishing. The end result has become the flagship St. Lucian rum known for its harmonious well-rounded finesse and style with tremendous character.



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OJO DE TIGRE

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Mezcal Ojo de Tigre® (Eye Of The Tiger), — an inviting mezcal crafted from Oaxacan Agave Espadín and Agave Tobalá from Puebla, is brand a collaboration with renowned Mexican actor and producer Luis Gerardo Mendez.

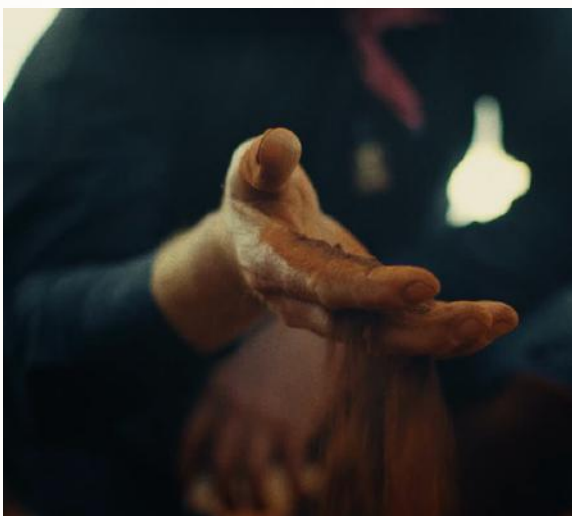
Our name, Ojo de Tigre, comes from the semiprecious stone recognized as a universal amulet of good fortune. And to hold our exceptional spirit, we developed a unique and iconic bottle — inspired by the anforitas of yesteryear; personal amulets that people carried with them in good times and bad.



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ALMAVE

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ALMAVE

Adapting time-honored tequila making traditions, Almave is the first premium non-alcoholic Blue Agave spirit made in Jalisco, Mexico that does not compromise on taste or quality.

With Iván Saldaña's expertise and Lewis Hamilton's passion for greatness, we blended tradition and innovation to create a revolutionary product.

The result?

A Blue Agave Spirit from the highlands of Jalisco expressed without alcohol.

First, Almave's agave piñas are harvested, cooked, and crushed. Then, instead of fermentation, it is distilled several times to concentrate and capture the complexity, delicate aromas, and flavors of authentic tequila.

True to the land, true to the plant, true to our decades of tequila-making experience.

This is Almave. The soul of Blue Agave — beyond proof.



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LOST MOUNTAIN MOONSHINE

FROM BLACK BRIDGE DISTILLERY



Lost Mountain Moonshine from Black Bridge Distillery offers American inspired small batch corn moonshine, from the original ninety proof White Corn to bold fruit flavours and miniature gift sets, crafted as giftable smooth sippin spirits.



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HIVE MIND MEAD



We are beekeepers and mead makers from South Wales who combined our deep love for the natural world, and our interest in brewing to transform our honey into modern, contemporary sparkling and multi-award winning, traditional wine-style meads (and now soft drinks too!).

Our mead is a little different to the more mass-market offerings that are out there. We make ours from 100% British honey (including honey from our own bees), rather than using a base of white wine, and sweetening with sugar. This means our meads are the genuine article that support UK beekeepers, are minimally processed, and all natural (and delicious!).



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FREDDYB POSSET



FreddyB "Posset" Gin & Spirits is a business based in Portishead, Bristol, that produces a wide range of top-quality alcohols, including gin, rum, vodka and bourbon.

What started as a hobby has blossomed into a successful business that supplies products to the public, pubs and events across the Southwest. These products can be dispatched to anywhere in the UK.

FreddyB has just been awarded Taste of The West Gold Award for its latest addition to the FreddyB Premier Gin Collection, Lemon, Root Ginger & Fresh Herbs, and also Commended for his Elderflower & Rose Gin. Two new gins added this year with a distinct emphasis on using the best fresh fruits and herbs available.



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KILTED DRAGON



Kilted Dragon Distillery is an award-winning Welsh and Scottish craft distillery producing premium spirits, liqueurs and bespoke gifts. Combining traditional craftsmanship with innovative flavours, it specialises in small-batch production, personalised engraving and memorable gifting experiences for consumers and businesses alike.



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FIELDEN ENGLISH WHISKY



FIELDEN

WHISKY OF ENGLAND

Fielden is a contemporary whisky rooted in the fields of England, crafted from regeneratively farmed diverse grains and shaped by a pioneering, soil-first philosophy that sets it apart in today's whisky culture.

As a challenger brand redefining what English whisky can be, Fielden grows cultural relevance by tapping into sustainability-led consumer movements and engaging a new generation of drinkers who value provenance and progressive craft. Fielden is seeding into prestigious on-trade venues that align with its mission, alongside contemporary cocktail bars and speciality retail, building both visibility and availability while maintaining the integrity at the core of its identity.



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SAPLING GIN



Sapling distils British non-GMO wheat into their range of super-premium vodka and gin. They are leading the way with sustainability in the drinks industry without compromising on quality and taste credentials.

Whether it be tree planting days or special cocktail serves for Earth Month, Sapling are successfully engaging with consumers by tapping into relevant cultural themes of positive action, sustainable living, and choiceful, more premium drinking.

And with hero listings in sustainability-focused, premium outlets that champion British quality and pursue sophisticated, elevated experiences, Sapling is credibly building their iconicity in trade.



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HERMITAGE COGNAC



Hermitage Cognac offers more than just a spirit—it provides a solution for discerning collectors seeking rare, investment-worthy, luxury cognac.

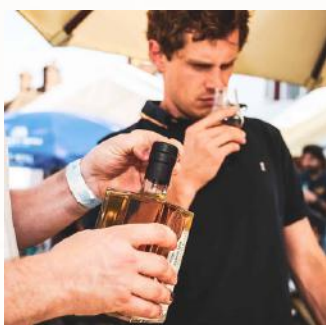
Specialising in distinguished vintage cognacs from a past era, Hermitage Cognac brings an exclusive selection of cognacs that capture the elegance of heritage and time. These rare, unblended offerings reflect the history and artistry of Grande Champagne, with each bottle representing a unique chapter of the region's legacy. From age-stated and Paradis Vintage cognacs to exclusive vintage releases, Hermitage Cognac sources directly from private, family-owned cellars. Every bottle is fully transparent, offering assurance of authenticity, provenance, and unrivalled quality in a market where such qualities can often be hard to find. This commitment to integrity provides collectors with peace of mind—knowing each purchase is not only a genuine, investment-worthy treasure but also a timeless expression of craftsmanship.

Hermitage Cognac is more than a drink; it is a statement of sophistication and legacy—a perfect choice for those who demand the finest.



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SUMMERTON WHISKY CLUB



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WHISKY CLUB

We source the finest artisan whiskies from around the world – and deliver them directly to your door.

Join our journey through a world of amazing whisky and whiskey, discovering a wide range of incredible expressions from fantastic producers, helping you find new favourites and enjoy bottles you won't find in supermarkets. Your bi-monthly whisky subscription opens up access to unique whisky (and whiskey) from around the world, including exclusive releases that are not available anywhere else.



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AVON GORGE BY HOTEL DU VIN

Venue Partner



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Avon Gorge



Hotel du Vin Bristol Avon Gorge is perched on the edge of the iconic Avon Gorge in Clifton Village, offering breathtaking views of the Clifton Suspension Bridge. Enjoy luxurious rooms, an expertly curated wine list, and elegant event spaces perfect for weddings, meetings, or celebrations, all in one of Bristol's most picturesque settings.



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CHRISTMAS IN CLIFTON

11 - 16 DECEMBER 2026

CLIFTON VILLAGE

CLIFTON COLLEGE - CLIFTON OBSERVATORY - HOTEL DU VIN



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WHAT'S ON



VINTAGE SCREENINGS

Vintage Screenings pair classic films with thematically linked wine tastings to create unique evenings in the stunning setting of Averys Wine Merchants' historic wine cellar. Following a sparkling wine reception, the film is accompanied by a tasting of four carefully selected wines courtesy of Averys' resident experts.



PLANETARIUM SCREENINGS

The home of our space and sci-fi programming. Explore the Planetarium's Space exhibition before the screening and see if you're cut out for a life in space, then recline in this unique screening space. As the lights dim, your journey will begin with a tour of the Solar System in a Planetarium star show - the perfect way to set the scene for your film...



SCREENINGS UNDER CONCORDE

Join us for a truly memorable film night in the company of Concorde Alpha Foxtrot, in its magnificent home at Aerospace Bristol. Before the film, step onboard Concorde and enjoy fascinating archival footage of her maiden flight. When the film starts, take your seats beneath the wings of this iconic plane and settle back to enjoy the show.



HALLOWEEN SCREENINGS

October is Spooky Season, with everything from classic silent horror cinema with live organ accompaniment in St Mary Redcliffe to films screened deep underground within Redcliffe Caves. From family-friendly frights to cult chillers and comedy-horror, there's something for everyone no matter how high or low your scare tolerance may be!



CHRISTMAS IN CLIFTON

Coming soon: our December 2026 programme. With a range of festive favourites in pop-up cinemas across Clifton, as well as live jazz concerts, a Christmas gifts fair, and more to be announced. Join our mailing list to be the first to know when the programme goes live in the early autumn.



OTHER EVENTS

Meet the director of an award-winning documentary on sustainable fashion, celebrate Trevor Howard's career in the city he once called home, experience the infamous BBC mockumentary *Ghostwatch* on a cinema-sized screen - and so much more. Bristol Film Festival's rolling programme has a range of events throughout the year.



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