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GO GO GET WHISKEY

When a three hour love-making session with Brad Pitt isn't on the cards, a girl needs something else to warm her cockles on a cold winter's night. Enter Penderyn Single Malt Welsh whiskey – a luxuriously smooth and flavoursome treat for the tongue. This tippie has a pungent aroma of cream toffee and leather, matched by harmonious flavours of tropical fruit, raisins and vanilla. Plus you'll look cool ordering it at the bar.

At home, if a straight whiskey knocks your stockings off, mix two shots with the juice of half a lemon and half a teaspoon of powdered sugar, then decorate with lemon wedges and cherries to your heart's content to create a classic whiskey sour.

Penderyn Single Malt Welsh Whiskey, £27, www.welsh-whisky.co.uk



RESTAURANT REVIEW: BLACK & BLUE, LONDON

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With its life size plaster cows dotted about the building, Black & Blue makes no apology for being a steakhouse. Despite the sleek glass interior and green leather booths, marble slab tables give the matter-of-fact impression that you're there to eat meat, so we forgave them their poor starter menu, featuring three choices of prawns and two tortilla chips 'n' dip dishes – *terribly* inspired.

All meals come with a side salad, which can be swapped for another side dish at no cost, but unfortunately chips accompanied everything with no alternative offered (which is fine if you like chips). If you don't, their nice South African Merlot (£15) from the Tulbagh winery might get you back in the right frame of mind.

Steaks were cooked perfectly, though – a medium rare fillet (£19) oozed just enough bloody juices to keep a true carnivore content and the ribeye (£18) was exceptionally lean. If you want meat – and we know a lot of Scarlet readers do – stick Black & Blue on your To Do list... just don't make it a priority.

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