

# **Spry – a new wine shop and bar open now on Haddington Place**

## **Independent wine shop and bar pops up in capital**

You can now enjoy a glass of your favourite tippie at Edinburgh's latest independent wine bar and bottle shop, Spry.

'Spry', a word meaning lively and energetic, hopes to encapsulate the spirit of its name by only stocking organically made wines that are living products, free of the additives and preservatives usually found within many mass-produced wines.

Putting a focus on purity, all the wines stocked at Spry follow strict criteria. On the shelves are small-batch, independently produced wines made by growers trusted to deliver quality rather than quantity.



All of the shop's wines can be purchased to take away or enjoyed in the bar with a flat £10 corkage charge per bottle, Spry also serves a selection of wines by the glass and other drinks accompanied by light bites from its own kitchen.

Matt Jackson, owner of Spry has a wealth of experience in the hospitality industry having worked behind the bar since the age of 18 in some of the city's top eateries including Castle Terrace and more recently Timberyard.



Owner Matt, said: “Spry has given me the chance to fully immerse myself in the industry that I love, and be able to share my passion with the rest of Edinburgh. I wanted to create a space that combines both a bottle shop and a relaxed environment where people could come to both learn and enjoy themselves.

“What matters the most to me is the taste, which is why I love wines that are made naturally. I find them much more complex and possessing an indescribable energy that I don’t find in conventional wines.

The human element is really what fascinates me about working with small-scale producers though, these are people that put time and dedication into creating things that they can be truly proud of, and that is something really important to me. To be able to share their stories with the customers at Spry is the thing I’m most excited for.”

The plates on offer bring together seasonal produce and big bold flavours, each dish with its own story including an array

of pickles and ferments, made by Matt and his partner Marzena.

Other dishes on offer include sardines with fermented tomato, vegan mushroom and walnut pâté, goose rillets with piccalilli and a selection of meats and cheeses from across the UK and Europe.

Spry, is at 1 Haddington Place. Customers are welcome to see the store and enjoy their selection of wines with no corkage charge as an introductory offer.

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