

I exercise strong self control. I never drink anything stronger than gin before break fast. W.C. Fields ۲ ()۲

Welcome to our Gin Club, a collection of exceptional gins for your enjoyment.

Some things are quintessentially British – Fish and chips, a cup of tea, visiting the seaside in the rain, and of course, above all: the humble gin and tonic.

To celebrate our love affair with this fine spirit we have brought in a range of 6 gins, representing a cross section of flavour profiles.

Gin has a dark history, dating back to the 1600's in Holland, Genever was created from juniper and grain spirit, often used in medicine. At this time, the death rate outstripped the birth-rate - attributed to the consumption of poor quality gin, and the coining of the notorious nickname Mother's Ruin was born. It an attempt to stop this deadly 'craze' several gin acts were bought in, outlawing production. This of course drove it further underground and the situation worsened.

It was not until the last Gin Act of 1751, known as the 'Tippling Act' that things finally started to change.

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Exporting duties were removed in 1850 which opened spirit trade up to a number of new markets. Notably India, where the raj were combating malaria by combining the medicinal benefits of juniper with that of quinine, often dissolved in tonic.

The invention of the carbonated quinine drink, tonic water, saw the birth of what we know as the G&T, which is how the majority of us still consume our gin today.

Over the next century the popularity of gin and the cocktail culture continued to rise, but this halted in the second part of the 20th century and gave way to vodka based drinks. The first turning point of the gin resurgence was in 1987 when Bombay Sapphire launched – changing many people's perception of gin. Other brands such as Hendrick's and Tanqueray were born, and as the trend for artisanal and 'craft' products in other markets grew in popularity, the ban on the capacity production of 1800 litres was lifted – opening the door for small batch production gins.

And we arrive at present day, when gin is a firm favourite!

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Pinkster

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Cambridge - UK

Perfect when served with: Fresh mint

Deliciously dry, with a hint of fruit and an exceptionally smooth finish, Pinkster makes a refreshingly different G&T and is a versatile cocktail base.

Sipsmith London - UK

Perfect when served with: Lime wedge

The quintessential expression of a classic, traditional London Dry Gin. Bold, complex and aromatic – smooth enough for a Martini, yet rich and balanced, perfect for a G&T. ۲

8 Small 13 Large 8 Small 13 Large

Prices are for a drink including premium mixer | Small = 25ml - Large = 50ml



Cotswolds

The Cotswolds - UK

Perfect when served with: Grapefruit and bay leaf

A blend of nine delectable botanicals including local lavender, give this London Dry an aromatic twist. Made in small batches in a copper pot still, the distillation is run slowly for maximum flavour using fresh hand-peeled lime and grapefruit zest to preserve the oils. Non chill filtered means that when ice or tonic is added, it "louches" as the oils from the botanicals come through. Monkey 47

Black Forest - Germany

Perfect when served with: Grapefruit peel

Contains 47 hand-picked botanicals, including cranberries and 47% ABV. Based on a recipe created by an RAF Wing Commander who retired to the Black Forest and created a gin with the botanicals in his back garden. He owned a pet monkey, hence the name. ۲

8 Small 13 Large **10.5** Small **18** Large

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The Botanist

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Islay - Scotland - UK

Perfect when served with: Thyme & Lemon

The Botanist is a progressive exploration of the island's botanical heritage. Nine classic gin botanicals are augmented by 22 hand-foraged herbs and flowers, all collected responsibly by our own botanical scientists. The Botanist's rich, smooth and delicate flavours deliver a gin of layered depth and complexity.

Masons Lavender

Bedale - North Yorkshire - UK

Perfect when served with:

Orange Zest & Black Peppercorns

Dry lavender notes upon the nose, creating a rather soft and subtle experience, followed by a slight fennel aroma. Soft texture on the palate, with a fresh candied lavender sweet flavour dominating. Rather subtle across the senses, with anise creeping in on the dry finish.

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I don't know what reception I'm at, but for God's sake give me a gin and tonic. Denis Thatcher ۲ ۲ ۲

