



OUR SELECTION OF GINS

Gin has come a long way from the days of "Dutch Courage" – where British soldiers in the 1600's were given a juniper based spirit by Dutch comrades before they went into battle – and "Mother's ruin" – brilliantly depicted by Hogarth's satirical 1750's painting of a fictitious street in London, where "Gin-soaked" mothers dropped babies and life was cheap! As we enter into 2016, thanks to the good work originally done by Bombay Sapphire in the late eighties, followed by the launch of Hendricks in 1999, the gin market is booming.

Here at Rendezvous, with the help of our local merchant The Wright Wine Company (whose selection of gin numbers nearly 200!), we have put together a small, but well-chosen, list of gins.

Your choice of gin will be presented in a large glass with lots of ice, fever-tree tonic and a suitable garnish. We hope you will enjoy the journey.

FEVER-TREE TONIC

"At Fever-Tree it's all about taste, which is why they have gone to the ends of the earth to source the finest natural botanicals for their range of award winning tonic waters. Designed with gin in mind, Fever-Tree tonics have been carefully crafted to enhance the taste of fine gins rather than mask them – after all, if $\frac{3}{4}$ of your G&T is tonic, make sure you use the best."

THE FOLLOWING GIN (25ML) & FEVER-TREE TONIC

£5.75

Bath Tub Gin (43.3%)

The term 'bathtub gin' was used to describe home-made gin during prohibition times. It conjures up glamorous images of flapper girls, speakeasies and the Roaring Twenties. Produced by the enigmatic Professor Cornelius Ampleforth, this award-winning gin is made using the traditional method of Cold Compounding (or in layman's terms – infusing). Very high quality copper pot-still spirit is infused with just 6 ingredients - juniper, orange peel, coriander, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom. It is produced in ultra-small batches and the length of the compounding period is controlled entirely by periodic sampling. The result is an extraordinary gin that is lightly tinted by the botanicals and with a flavour which is both bold and perfumed all at once. And now for the unromantic bit - the bottles are all hand wrapped and glued with Pritt stick in Tunbridge Wells!

Bombay Sapphire (40.0%)

Bombay Sapphire uses an uncommon distillation method called vapour infusion. This process is conducted in a Carterhead still which, rather than heating the botanicals in with the base spirit like most gins, it suspends them above the spirit so the vapours flow past them as it is heated. This infusion, mixed with Tuscan juniper berries, brings about a beautifully dry, fragrant, herbal aroma and taste. Other botanicals include; lemon peel, grains of paradise, lavender, Moroccan coriander, Cubeb berries and bitter almonds from Spain.

Boodles, British Gin (40%)

Boodles gin dates back to 1847 and was named after Boodle's gentlemen's club in London St. James', which was founded in 1762 and originally run by Edward Boodle. It was reputed to be the favourite gin of the club's most famous member, Sir Winston Churchill, and the gin that club member Ian Fleming used to enjoy whilst penning stories about Bond. It contains nine botanicals, including nutmeg, rosemary and sage and, unusually, contains no citrus ingredients. Garnish with lime or lemon with sage. It works really well with Fever-Tree Mediterranean Tonic. 4 ½ Star Recommended Difford's rating.

Brockmans, Blueberry & Blackberry Infused (40%)

This is distinctly different from the London Dry style. Marrying up beautifully with the blueberries and blackberries, this inspired combination, together with dry, bitter sweet Valencia oranges, makes Brockmans a beautiful, intensely smooth gin. The ten botanicals, juniper, cassia bark, liquorice, Bulgarian coriander (giving it an almost gingery flavour), lemon and orange peel, angelica, orris, almond, blueberries and blackberries are steeped in fine grain spirit for 24 hours to release their flavours, then distilled in traditional copper stills. Notes of coriander and citrus combine well with the softer tones of blueberry and blackberry, creating a well-balanced, full flavoured gin. For something really different try with Fever-Tree Ginger Ale, blueberries and an orange twirl.

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Locksley Gin (40.5%)

Named in honour of a favourite Yorkshire lad and local Sheffield legend, Robin Hood. It has up-front juniper with more delicate aromas of elderflower bubbling through. Deliciously smooth and round on the palate – warm cassia notes soothed with dandelion. Pink grapefruit adds an underlying sweetness and lingering citrus finish. It's balanced yet distinctively unique. Garnish is a personal choice and very subjective, however we like it on its own or with pink grapefruit peel for an extra citrus blast.

Tanqueray Export Strength (43.1%)

Juniper-heavy, yet smooth, balanced and creamy without any harshness from the high alcohol content (not that surprising, being quadruple distilled). Coriander is present but subtle and the sweet earthiness of the two roots, angelica and liquorice, hold it all together very well.

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£6.40

Batch Gin, Burnley, Lancashire (40%)

I'll go to the foot of our stairs! Burnley Gin – whatever next! Produced in the cellar of a terraced house in Burnley (a secret guarded by just a few!) Fresh bursts of juniper, followed by a mix of spices with a tangy liquorice note. Does anybody get the extra and unusual botanicals of Frankincense and Myrrh? Garnish with crushed raspberries and lime peel.

The Botanist, Islay Dry Gin (46%)

The Botanist is produced by the Bruichladdich distillery on the isle of Islay in Scotland. It is made using a low pressure still called "Ugly Betty" and a total of 31 botanicals, including 9 of the usual suspects, juniper, orris root, coriander seed etc. The Botanist is also flavoured with a further 22 botanicals native to Islay. A team of foragers are sent forth to find Botanicals like gorse or heather flowers, elder and apple mint to name but a few! All this gives a very pure and crisp gin with warmth and purity. The botanist is a truly wonderful gin bursting with flavour. Garnish with lemon thyme.
5 Star Outstanding Difford's rating

Masons, Yorkshire Gin (42%)

Mason's was set up by husband and wife duo, Karl and Catherine Mason, with the aim of creating a gin that they would want, and choose, to drink. Karl, a publisher by day, was a 'Gin Blogger' at night and with over 10,000 followers he realized that his palate and taste was respected by many. Buying a bespoke copper alembic still, handmade in Scotland, they produce their gin in 200 litre batches, using Harrogate spring water to cut it down to get to a respectable 42% ABV bottling strength.

Gin continued over.....

THE FOLLOWING GIN (25ML) & FEVER-TREE TONIC

£6.40

Gin Mare Mediterranean, Spain (42.7%)

An interesting "Mediterranean" styled gin that pushes the boundaries with its flavour profile. Rosemary, thyme, olive and basil, harvested near the fishing village of Costa Dorada in Spain, are used alongside more traditional botanicals. All the botanicals, except the citrus, are macerated individually and then brought together at the last minute. To taste, it is very Mediterranean. The rosemary really stands out, there is a burst of basil and then the thyme emerges along with the coriander - the juniper is there too! This interesting combination is herbaceous and different from other gins. It works really well with Fever-Tree Mediterranean Tonic and garnished with rosemary and thyme. 4 star Difford's rating.

Pinkster (37.5%)

It all started with a frustrated accountant, a kitchen table and a bottle of Gin! Pinkster is deliciously dry with a hint of raspberry and the smoothest of flavours as it is triple distilled. Raspberries are also infused in the gin after distillation, which is why there is a pink hue. Whilst it is purposefully different to most gins, a healthy dose of juniper ensures that the gently prevalent raspberry scent is accompanied by that customary dryness. Garnish with mint and raspberry.

Nordes Gin, Galicia, Spain (40%)

They know a bit about gin in Spain, being the biggest market for gin in the world – the UK can probably claim that title now!

Nordes is a Galician gin inspired by the eponymous fresh northerly Atlantic wind. Made using pomace from Albariño grapes, the botanicals include juniper, ginger, hibiscus and liquorice, resulting in a unique and intriguing gin.

Slingsby, Harrogate (42%)

In 1571 William Slingsby discovered the unique properties of the natural spring water from the Tewit well in Harrogate. Since then, the most discerning individuals from across the globe have sought out this picturesque Yorkshire town to restore body, mind and soul by relaxing, indulging and socializing. William Slingsby epitomized the Spirit of Harrogate and what better way to remember him by than with a gin! There is an initial burst of citrus that gives way to juniper before a very light anise. The mid palate is led by chervil, sweet cicely and green tea and, in fabulous Yorkshire style, a finish of candied rhubarb.

Warner Edwards, Victoria's Rhubarb (40%)

Tom Warner and Sion Edwards craft their gin on Falls Farm, Harrington in Northants. This is a regal gin with real provenance as it is made using a crop of rhubarb that was originally grown in the kitchen gardens of Buckingham Palace during the reign of Queen Victoria, and is now organically grown on a Crown Estate in Lincolnshire. The rhubarb is squeezed using a cider press to extract the juice, which is then used to cut the gin from the still to bottle strength. This gin combines the best of the rhubarb's tartness and sweetness with other spicy botanicals to create a truly stand-alone gin. Perfect in a G&T or served with Fever-tree ginger ale. Garnish with orange or mandarin.

AND WHY NOT TREAT YOURSELF TO THE FINEST GIN, MONKEY 47, & FEVER-TREE TONIC - £8.20

Monkey 47 (47%)

German Gin – whatever next? This German Gin from the Black Forest is made using a whopping 47 botanicals. At least a 3rd of these are locally sourced, with others coming from as far as East Asia. Monkey 47's pièce de résistance is the use of local cranberries as some sort of "secret weapon". Bottled at 47% this highly decorated gin (winning Gold in the 2011 World Spirit Awards) is often classed as the "Rolls Royce" of gins. 4 Stars in the Difford's guide to Gin but it should be way more!

FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT OF SLOE GIN (25ML) - £3.00

OR WHY NOT ADD A GLASS OF PROSECCO - £8.95

Sloe Gin, Raisthorpe Manor, Thixendale, East Riding of Yorks (25%)

Hailing from the East Riding of Yorkshire, close to the village of Thixendale, made famous by David Hockney and his passion for painting the Yorkshire Wolds, comes this beautiful Sloe Gin. The Medford's, potato and cereal farmers, decided many years ago to plant hundreds of thousands of hedging trees on their sporting estate. Now laden with berries, their hedges are an inspiration to conservationists the county over. Not wanting to miss a trick, and with a bountiful harvest of berries each year, they set about to make a home-grown Sloe Gin – most of their competitors use essence or buy in eastern European sloes (the fruit of the Blackthorn – a prickly, and I mean prickly, and painful bush). Only a few berries are picked from each bush as their belief of sharing natures bounty with the wildlife is of paramount importance. Drink it by itself as a winter warmer, after a meal with a good cheese board or do what those "country folk" do and mix it with fizz – 1/5 sloe to 4/5 fizz!.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET AWAY FROM THE
COMMERCIAL SPIRITS THAT ADORN MOST BAR SHELVES,
HERE WE OFFER SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE, ALL PRICES ARE FOR A 25ML MEASURE

LIQUEURS

Arran Gold, Whisky Liqueur (17%) £4.75 - 50ml

A tasty cream whisky liqueur made with a healthy dose of Arran single malt. This is a fantastic alternative to Baileys with more of a whisky punch and less of the sickly sweetness. On the nose it's similar to banana milkshake with a dollop of cocoa butter thrown in. To taste it is sweet, creamy and malty with hints of prunes and coconut and a wonderful warm Arran malt kick.

Amaretto, Tosolini (28%) £3.00

A natural almond-maceration involving absolutely no kernels, extracts or essences, produces a silky and delicate liqueur. Due to the strong natural flavour, the sugar content can be low and so it is not oversweet. You will never want to drink Disaronno again!

Expré coffee Liqueur, Tosolini (28%) £3.00

Think the finest Coffee Liqueur in the world and you'd be somewhere close! With a true espresso flavour, this is intense, refined and without any excessive sweetness.

La Grande Josiane Orange Armagnac (36%) £4.00

Baron de Sigognac are notable producers of Armagnac. Always daring to be different here they macerate oranges in 5 year old Armagnac - just imagine what Cointreau would taste like if it was made by Rolls-Royce! Think chocolate orange in a glass! Delicious.

Liqueur de Rhubarb, Briottet (18%) £2.25

Think back to your childhood and rhubarb and custard sweets - there is no better description. Delicious on its own, even better with a splash of Prosecco (£8.20). Thinking of Yorkshire's famous Rhubarb fields this is like a Yorkshire Bellini!

Crème de Pêche, Briottet (18%) £2.25

Forget Peach Schnapps, this is a country mile beyond that. Enjoy it on its own, with lemonade as a spritzer or for a real "Bellini" like taste, add a glass of Prosecco for £8.20.

VODKA

Mamont Vodka, (40%) £4.50

Its caption is "Curved bottle Straight Vodka". For the look alone this vodkas unusual curved bottle will tempt you to try. Go with your instinct you will not be disappointed. This is an outstandingly smooth vodka with rich delicate tones, brought about by its unique Siberian ingredients and craftsmanship, finished off with a twist in the form of cedar nuts, setting it apart from other vodkas.

RUM

Doorly's, White rum, 3 year old (40%) £3.00

Ageing a white rum for 3 years softens any harsh edges normally associated with more commercial brands. This is exquisite!

Doorly's Gold Rum, 5 year old (40%) £4.50

Doorly's rums are famed throughout the world and are made at one of the world's most modern rum distilleries, Foursquare Distillery. Rich and golden with satisfying spice and a beautifully soft finish.

Ron de Jeremy, Spiced Rum (47%) £3.70

Aside from being well known for his 'acting' career!!! (google him), Ron Jeremy puts his name to a very good spiced rum. Sweet and spicy with beautiful vanilla undertones. Great to sip on its own, good with coke, but for a real treat add Fever-tree ginger beer (£6.40), lots of ice and garnish with lime for a killer "Dark and Stormy".

PASS THE PORT

Ramos Pinto Collector, vintage Character (19.5%) £4.95

It takes a lot to make a good port! Ramos Pinto, established over 120 years ago, make Port in the rough and rugged Douro. Using traditional methods - grapes are hand-picked, the vines are grown in steep terraces and the grapes are all foot trodden – this is a top quality port. With full aromas unveiling dry plum, fig and berry fruits with a touch of pepper, this is a rich, subtle wine with a fine, generous structure and remarkable persistence. The Collector is an excellent accompaniment to mild cheeses and sweet dark chocolate.

COGNAC AND BRANDY

Maxime Trijol, V.S.O.P. Grande Champagne Cognac (40%) £5.25

When we said to our obliging wine and spirit merchant (you must go and visit his emporium in Skipton) we wanted a decent Cognac, he gave us two glasses to try! Hennessey XO that we would have sold at £20 and a Maxime Trijol VSOP. A bit like the "Pepsi" challenge we were blown away by the difference. With natural colour, grapes from a single source of Grande Champagne Cognac vineyards and an incredibly expressive aroma, we were mesmerised and just had to list the Trijol!

Torres Jaime 1, Spanish Brandy (40%) £6.75

Now this is something completely different! Named after the founder of the House, Jaime Torres Vendrell, the Jaime I brandy has been made with very old 'soleras' aged from selected distilled white wines. Some of the soleras started off as distilled Parellada wines destined for the Torres 10 brandy, and which have been kept aside for many years to create a valuable reserve stock. These old reserves have been enriched with their best soleras, the oldest being 30 years old. This rich, dark, concentrated Brandy will change how you think of Spanish Brandy! XO Cognac legally has to be 6 years old, this is 5 times that! In one word, lush!

WHISK(E)Y

With the help of our wine merchant, the Wright Wine Company who have 1100 whiskies in their Skipton shop, we have produced a well-balanced list and have sorted it from light to full drinking styles.

Tomatin Legacy, Highland (40%) £5.50

From one of Speyside's largest distilleries. Beautifully clean, soft and elegant. This is a fantastic introduction to the world of malt whisky.

Jameson, Irish (40%) £5.30

Probably the best Irish whiskey on the market?

Glenkinchie, 12 year old, Lowland (43%) £6.00

Glenkinchie is often seen as the guardian of Lowland whisky and is one of the few remaining distilleries in the area. Gentle, light and elegant with a floral freshness.

Johnnie Walker Black Label, Scotland (40%) £4.80

A timeless classic.

WHISK(E)Y (continued)

Arran, 10 year old, Isle of Arran (46%) £6.00

One of the newest distilleries in Scotland, founded in 1995 on the Isle of Arran. As it comes of age the quality of the spirit just gets better and better. Sweet, malty with all the honeyed richness typical of this distillery.

Dalwhinnie 15 year old, Highland (43%) £5.50

Beautifully elegant, wonderfully aged highland malt with great character.

Glenmorangie, 10 year old, Highland (%) £5.70

Iconic and beautiful!

Oban, 14 year old, Highland (40%) £5.70

Part of Diageo's iconic "Classic Malt" range, its 14 year old age statement should be applauded at a time when distilleries are cutting corners and not putting an age statement on. Well balanced and light with a hint of smoky sweetness.

Glenfarclas, 10 year old, Speyside (40%) £5.80

Classic sherried Speyside whisky – rich in colour and rich in fruit! Think Christmas pudding in a glass. A top notch dram!

Cragganmore, year old, Speyside (40%) £5.50

Despite being from Speyside, Cragganmore always carries a chunk of peat.

Springbank, 10 year old, Campbeltown (46%) £6.00

From the southerly tip of the Mull of Kintyre, once a distillery capital, now few distilleries remain. Springbank, established for over 200 years and still family owned, has always bucked the trend. Slightly oily with hints of salt, toffee and toasted coconut.

Talisker, 10 year old, Isle of Skye (45.8%) £5.50

Distilleries don't come any more famous than The Isle of Skye's Talisker. There is peat, spice, smokiness, citrus - it just goes on and on.....

Smokehead, Islay (43%) £6.00

From one of Islay's great distilleries but which one? Packing a true Islay punch, this does what it says on the label
- iodine, smokey autumnal bonfires and bags of peat!

Lagavulin, 16 year old, Islay (43%) £6.40

From an amazing Islay distillery, this is full-on Islay style. Heavy peat but with a richness that is simply delicious!