Welcome, To the Wonderful World of Gin...

Gin started life in the early 17th century in Holland, although claims have been made that it was produced in Italy before this date.

Every Gin brand has its own unique fragrance; most consumers have probably only tasted a small number of the gin brands available. In ours there are more than 340 different Gin brands, from 9 different countries; offering a wide spectrum of fragrances, using different botanicals and infusion methods in all shapes and sizes.

Gin is distilled differently. Premium Gins are distilled 3 to 5 times to remove impurities; each brand has a unique formula that provides its special characteristics.

The favourite drink of former President Gerald Ford is Gin and Tonic.

Gin is the only alcohol liquor that was first developed as a medicine remedy before it became popular as a social drink.

Here at the Feathers, you are invited to leaf through our entire gin catalogue... perhaps over a G&T. Oh, and we also have a tonic list!

The Ultimate G & T

£10.00

With over 340 Gins to choose from, how do you choose the perfect Gin to complement the awesome 1724 Tonic. After much tasting, we believe that we have created the Ultimate G&T.

Blackwood's 2012 60% Vintage Dry

The first Gin to use local botanical ingredients from Shetland, the beautiful islands situated at the far North of Scotland. Made in small batches, each bottle is individually numbered; the 60% volume reflects the Shetland's 60 degree North location. Bracing, crisp and richly aromatic, Blackwood's Nordic Dry Gin's unique flavour comes from its ingredients which include wild water mint, sea pink and meadowsweet flowers, coriander, and angelica root strain all picked on Shetland by local crofters as well as seven other botanicals including turmeric, citrus peel and orris root.

1724

We're not going to bore you with the usual tonic water history class, we just want to go back to its true origins. So we won't tell you about the Spanish conquistadors who discovered quinine in the Americas and used it to save the life of a dying countess in the eighteenth century, nor will we recount tales of the ancient Inca civilisation that had used quinine over 100 years earlier, or even that the trees from which the quinine was extracted were to be found on the legendary Inca Trail.

All you need to know is that for this tonic they collect the quinine by hand at 1,724 metres above sea level, there where the story began, on the inca trail that stretches from Argentina almost all the way to Mexico.

Ice Cubes

From Blenheim Palace Natural Mineral Water, the spring is located just 1 mile from The Feathers.



Some Highlights from our list of over 340 Gins



ADLER BERLIN DRY (DEU)

42% £8.5

All the essences for the Berlin Adler are extracted by hand, and distilled in a vacuum sealed pot still, originally built in 1924. The gin is then stored in earthenware vessels before being specially created under quality designation 'Berlin Dry Gin' in apothecary bottles filled and sealed by hand. The end product is unusually mild, with the citrus pronounced and long lingering.



Bainbridge Heritage Organic Doug Fir Gin (USA)

45%

£10.00

Heritage Organic Doug Fir Gin is a massively fragrant expression, lovingly made by Bainbridge Distillers in Washington State, USA. The botanicals used for Heritage are all organically grown by family farmers, which has stuffed this gin with glorious notes of bright juniper, cardamom, citrus peel and fresh doug fir.



CHASE SEVILLE ORANGE GIN (GBR)

40%

£7.00

Chase are based in Herefordshire and produce a variety of gins and vodkas using a spirit distilled from apples. Unsurprisingly this bottle of gin has a fairly hefty whack of zesty Seville Oranges thanks to a redistillation through the zest of these citrus fruits.



D1 DARINGLY DRY LONDON GIN (GBR)

40%

£7.50

D1 London Gin encapsulates quintessential British flavours and aromas, with orange and fruit tea expressions around a confidently balanced juniper backbone. The distillation in copper brings in fresh blackcurrant aromas that marry with the prominent nettle notes to deliver the smoothest and most versatile gin you will ever enjoy. On the nose it has a crest of nettle tailed by apricots with rich blackcurrant airs. On the Palate there is underlying juniper that endures through peaks of orange blossom, lemon oil and even coriander leaf flavours rounded by the elegance of English nettle. Then to finish with is the lingering sweetness from the juniper with an echo of summer fruits.



ELEPHANT GIN (GBR)

45%

£10.00

Elephant Gin is a handcrafted London Dry Gin of 45% alcoholic volume, made with carefully selected ingredients to capture the essence of Africa.

Inspired by the pioneering spirit of 19th century explorers and the botanical discoveries they made, Elephant Gin is produced for adventurers and travellers of today.

Every more than 35,000 elephants die because of uncontrolled ivory poaching, in other words, one African elephant dies every 15 minutes.

Elephant Gin and its founders are passionate about elephant conservation and strongly believe that the current generation has a responsibility to support the African wildlife of today, so others may continue to enjoy it in the future. By contributing 15% of its profits to Big Life Foundation and Space For Elephants, Elephant Gin takes an active part in supporting the foundations' activities.



FEW (USA) 57% £9.00

You will note wafts of lemon peel and warm vanilla awash in a silky grain spirit. It is then you begin to notice the familiar nip of juniper on the edges of your tongue – the moment in which you remember you are drinking a new gin.



GORDON'S DRY YELLOW LABEL (GBR)

47.3% £6.50

Familiar all over Europe, but little-seen here in the UK, this is a litre bottle of the higher-strength Gordon's Yellow Label, made to Alexander Gordon's original recipe - and hence the original gin for classics such as the Vesper



HAYMANS 1820 GIN LIQUEUR (GBR)

40% £5

Hayman's 1820 is the world's first Gin Liqueur created Christopher and James Hayman, direct descendants of James Burrough, who in 1820 founded Beefeater Gin.

Hayman's 1820 is made from 100% pure grain spirit, which, together with a unique blend of botanicals, is London distilled five times.

At 40% strength, Hayman's guarantees a cool, clean drink with a hint of sweetness, providing a refreshing yet subtly satisfying clear liqueur. Hayman's 1820 will appeal to those who enjoy both gin and liqueur.



INDIAN SUMMER SAFFRON INFUSED (SWE)

40%

£7.00

Indian Summer makes use of one of the world's most costly spices by weight, saffron. The pricey spice is infused into the gin, which has imparted intense, sweet and subtly earthy notes. It was bottled by Duncan Taylor.



JUNIPER GREEN ORGANIC (GBR)

37.5%

£5.00

Juniper Green is dry, aromatic, zestful and organic. The natural botanicals organically grown under the demanding requirements of the Soil Association.



King Of Soho (GBR)

42%

£8.50

The King of Soho is a London Dry Gin distilled in the heart of London using traditional methods. This premium quality gin is bespoke, smooth and full-bodied; soft juniper, coriander with a high presence of citrus ingredients including grapefruit peel, balanced by angelica root and cassia.



LITTLE BIRD LONDON DRY GIN (GBR)

41.6%

£6.50

The team behind Little Bird in London went through a number of receipes before deciding on this bright, vivid London Dry Gin. The recipe features 10 botanicals, including orange, ginger and grapefruit. Tonic at the ready because Little Bird makes a timeless G&T.



MONKEY 47 DRY (DEU)

47%

£11.00

From the Black Forest, this unique gin is distilled with no less than 47 gins (you notice the 47 thing comes up often here). They use the spring water from the Black Forest to reduce their base spirit to the gin you can enjoy today. Botanical's include cucumber, lime peel to give light sweetness, pine needles and of course... juniper. You end up with a very aromatic and full bodied gin with a herbaceous nose and citrus and floral fragrance.



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NUMBER THREE LONDON DRY (GBR)

46%

-8.50

An impressive premium Gin from famous wine & spirit merchant Berry Bros & Rudd. No3 Gin is distilled in copper potstills in Holland, and counts cardamom and grapefruit among its botanicals.



OLD RAJ 55% (GBR) 55% £8.50

All the class of Old Raj, with a stronger finish and good length.



PINK 47 (GBR) 47% £6.70

Pink 47 London Dry Gin is distilled with 12 botanicals carefully selected from around the globe. Italian Juniper berries give the classic foundation, supported by two different types of angelica and two different corianders. Citrus fruits and almonds from Spain are expertly balanced with West African nutmeg and several exotic spices from the Orient. The result is crisp, complex and multi-faceted - like the fabulous Khavaraya pink diamond itself. (Look at the bottle to understand this point...) At 47% alcohol, it is strong too, the correct strength for a perfect martini!

Quiet, its Ohhh so Quiet....



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RIGHT (SWE) 40% £8.50

Right Gin is distilled five times from US corn - which lends a light sweetness and the water comes from the arctic purity of Lake Bolmen, near Malmo in Sweden which gives the Gin a sublime softness and accessibility. The unique mix of eight botanicals is expensively sourced across three continents and creates the final flavour profile.



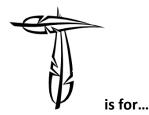
SUNTORY DRY 95 PROOF 1960's (JPN)

£199 per bottle.

42%

£8.50

Japanese gin with ten kinds of botanicals, beginning with grassroots veneer orange flavours Mellow and refreshing taste created to display the ingredients beautifully. Well-balanced flavour and aroma.



TARQUIN'S HANDCRAFTED CORNISH (GBR)

CORNWALL'S FIRST GIN FOR OVER A CENTURY.

SILVER MEDAL WINNER AT THE SAN FRANCISCO WORLD SPIRITS COMPETITION 2014.

A contemporary take on a classic London Dry, they use fragrant handpicked Devon violets and fresh orange zest to deliver an aromatic sensation unlike any other. They like to think the result is comparable to stumbling upon a beautiful orange blossom in the middle of a crisp, dry pine forest. Only the best and most pure spirit (the heart) makes it into Tarquin's Gin, which is diluted to bottling strength at 42% with Cornish spring water.



UNGAVA (CANADA) 43.1% £8.00

Ungava Dry gin is made in Quebec, Canada. It presents as a pale yellow colour. They are proud to infuse their gin with six herbs indigenous to the territory and handpicked during the "fleeting" summer months. These include wild rose hips, arctic blend (a type of tea also known as north Labrador tea), cloudberry, Labrador tea, crowberry, and Nordic juniper. They describe the taste as "floral and spicy." Because of these non-traditional, floral ingredients we have opted to list this as a modern-style gin as opposed to a more juniper forward traditional gin. They suggest serving on ice with a garnish of grape-fruit.



VICTORIA GIN (CAN) 45% £9.50

This gin balances the characteristic evergreen flavours of juniper with notes of citrus, floral and spice. Each numbered batch is lovingly made by hand and only the middle part of each run, the "hearts", is saved for bottling. The result is an intensely flavoured spirit that is as full-bodied and as complex as a fine single-malt whisky. The bottle's shape recalls gin's reputation as a medicinal spirit. This gin is also gluten free and batches #77 and beyond are certified Kosher by BC Kosher.



WILLIAM CHASE SLOE & MULBERRY 2012 (GBR)

30% £8.50

When was the last time you saw a mulberry? They're not grown as much as they were back in the day. William Chase thinks that's a damn shame, describing them as "fireworks in your mouth" and he simply had to include them in one of his spirits. But how you ask? By blending them with sloe berries and their extraordinary gin to create a Sloe & Mulberry Gin!



XELLENT (SUI) 40% £9.50

A Swiss gin, made with a base of high-quality grain spirit, seasoned with 25 botanicals including Edelwiss, woodruff, elderflower, lemon balm and lavender – the latter two are grown by Master Distiller Franz Huber himself! It's diluted down to 40% using pure glacier water from the heart of Switzerland. A highly fragrant, refreshing and herbal gin, suited to neat drinking.

Y? You'd have thought we could fine one, somewhere...



ZEPHYR BLUE (USA) 40% £6.20

Blue Zephyr is infused with sweet elderberry and gardenia to create a smooth, premium English Gin. Measured to 40 proof for a smoother edge, try it neat over ice, with soda or as a classic Blue G&T.