



The Cocktail Bar

Gin Menu

A Brief History of Gin

Gin, a spirit which derives its predominant flavour from juniper berries, has evolved over the course of hundreds of years from a herbal medicine to one of the most popular spirits amongst our members.

From the early 17th century troops fighting in the low countries during the Thirty Years' War looked to gin for Dutch courage during long campaigns, and to keep them warm in the damp and difficult conditions. Many of the troops brought gin back into England. In the 1660s the famous diarist Samuel Pepys wrote of "strong water made with juniper" that was used as a treatment for colic; although whether this was for his own ailment or for infants remains unclear.

When King William III, better known as William of Orange, came to the English throne in 1689, he actively encouraged the distillation of English spirits. The distillation process took place on a small scale, and though the quality was below average it fast became a popular tippie of the working classes. On the odd occasion gin was distributed to workers as part of their wages and soon the volume sold daily exceeded that of beer and ale, which was more expensive.

The 18th century saw laws passed and gin being taxed and made available for sale only in public houses. Gin was transformed from a beverage of escapism for the working class to one of moderation for the middle class.

During the 19th century, the quality of gin progressed into a new league. Prior to this, gin bore no resemblance to the gins of today; it was a thick, sweet, full, rich drink with heavy juniper notes. With improvements in both the understanding and quality of distillation of gin there was no longer a need for sugar and glycerine to mask the rank spirit.

Gradually, it became drier, with delicate, complex flavors introduced courtesy of a wide range of exotic botanicals; more like the drink we know today.

It became known as 'London Dry Gin' simply because most distillers were based in the capital. There has never been a requirement to be geographically connected to London; the term then referred to a style, which later became a defined production method.

Today, gin is one of the most popular and widely distributed range of spirits and is represented by products of various origins, styles and flavours that all revolve around juniper as a common ingredient. Typically, a fine gin contains between six and ten botanicals.

Please note that the following drinks are suggested combinations. We are happy to cater to your preferences. Please let a member of the team know if you require a different garnish or an alternative tonic (see “Available Tonics” at the end of this section).

35ml

Highclere Castle London Dry (43.5%) £5.80
Served with a orange slice and rosemary

Pinkster Pink Gin £6.30
Served with raspberries

Plymouth (41.2%) £6.80
Served with a lemon twist

Bombay Sapphire (40%) £7.10
Served a lemon slice

Malfy Con Limone (41%) £7.20
Served with a rosemary sprig

Hayman's Old Tom (40%) £7.20
Served with a lime wedge

Tanqueray Export (43.1%) £6.70
Served with a lime wedge

RAC Club London Dry Gin £7.00
Served with a slice of grapefruit

Engine Gin (42%) £7.40
Served with a peel of Lemon

Beefeater 24 (45%) £7.50
Served with a grapefruit slice

Opihr Spiced (40%) £7.60
Served with a slice of lemon and orange

35ml

Aviation Gin (42%) Grapefruit slice and mint sprig	£7.50
White Cliffs Kent Dry Gin (43%) Served with an orange slice and a sprig of rosemary	£7.80
Edinburgh Gin (43%) Served with a slice of ginger	£8.10
Whitley Neill (42%) Served with sliced physalis	£8.10
Copper Rivet Dockyard Gin (41.2%) Served with a slice of pink grapefruit	£8.10
Brockmans Gin (40%) Served with a grapefruit peel and blueberries	£8.40
Sipsmith Gin (41.6%) Served with a lime wedge	£8.60
Kew Organic Gin (46%) Served with a slice of grapefruit	£8.60
G'Vine (40%) Served with some apple slices and juniper berries	£8.60
Warner Edwards Elderflower Gin (40%) Served with a mint sprig and a slice of lemon	£8.60
Warner Edwards Rhubarb Gin (40%) Served with a slice of lemon	£8.65
Marylebone London Dry Gin (50.2%) Served with a grapefruit peel	£8.80

35ml

Hendricks (41.4%) Served with a cucumber slice	£8.80
Manchester Three Rivers (40%) Orange slice and black pepper shavings	£8.90
KI NO BI Kyoto Dry Gin (45.7%) Served with a lemon twist	£8.90
Martin Miller's (40%) Served with a mint sprig and juniper berries	£8.90
Greensand Ridge London Dry (40%) Served with a fresh bay leaf and juniper berries	£8.90
Bathtub Gin (43.3%) Served with a long orange peel	£9.00
Salcombe 'Start Point' (44%) Served with a grapefruit slice	£9.00
Cotswolds Gin (46%) Served with a grapefruit peel and a bay leaf	£9.00
The Botanist (46%) Served with a thyme sprig	£9.00
Roku Japanese Gin (43%) Served with a slice of ginger	£9.20
Manly Spirits Australian Dry Gin (43%) Served with an orange slice	£9.30
Gin Mare (42.7%) Served with a mango slice and peppercorns	£9.40

35ml

No3 London Dry Gin (46%)
Served with a grapefruit twist

£9.40

Mermaid Gin (41.6%)
Served with a lemon peel

£9.50

Tanqueray Ten (47.3%)
Served with a grapefruit slice

£9.50

Theodore Pictish Gin (43%)
Served with a slice of mango and a sprig of thyme

£9.65

Brighton Gin (40%)
Served with an orange slice

£9.70

De Borgen 'New-Style' Genever (40.8%)
Served with a lemon twist

£9.70

Silent Pool (43%)
Served with an orange peel

£9.70

Tarquin Cornish Gin (42%)
Served with a lavender stem

£10.20

Four Pillars Australian Distilled Gin (41.85)
Served with a grapefruit peel

£10.20

35ml

Pink Pepper Gin (44%) £10.60
Served with a grapefruit slice and peppercorns

Marylebone Orange and Geranium Gin (46.2%) £10.60
Served with an orange peel

Saint George Terroir Gin (45%) £10.80
Served with a sprig of rosemary and a bay leaf

Elephant Gin (46%) £11.40
Served with sliced apple

Gunpowder Irish Gin (43%) £12.50
Served with a slice of pink grapefruit

Monkey 47 (47%) £12.80
Served with a lime peel and a slice of cucumber

Beefeater Burroughs Reserve (43%) £15.60
No garnish and a light tonic

Available Tonics (200ml):

Schweppes Tonic and Slimline £3.25

Fever Tree Tonic, Slimline, Mediterranean, Elderflower, Lemon £3.25

Gin Martinis

Highclere Castle London Dry (43.5%) £13.10

Experience history with Highclere Castle Gin botanicals. Crafted with 10 botanicals sourced from Highclere Castle's ancient estate.

Pinkster Gin £14.10

The original pink gin made with real raspberries that has been titillating taste buds since 2013.

Plymouth (41.2%) £15.10

This is a distinctive style of gin made in Plymouth since 1793 using a blend of seven botanicals.

Bombay Sapphire (40%) £15.70

Sapphire launched the new gin era. Its fresh style is achieved via vapour infusion of the botanicals.

Malfy Con Limone (40.8%) £15.90

Amalfi Coast and Sicilian lemons are basket pressed then distilled with Tuscan juniper, cassia, coriander and licquorice for this citrus burst of Italian sunshine.

Hayman's Old Tom (40%) £15.90

Made to a family recipe from the 1870s, Old Tom has a rounded softer profile than London Dry Gin.

Tanqueray Export (43.1%) £14.90

Tanqueray Export Strength is a quality London Dry Gin. It is beloved by bartenders for its rich, citrus-led palate.

RAC London Dry Gin (40%) £15.50

English gin distilled in London dry method with classic flavours of juniper and fresh citrus.

Engine Gin (42%) £16.20

Made by master distillers in the Alta Langa region of Northwestern Italy, Engine Gin is a handcrafted London Dry Gin.

Gin Martinis

Beefeater 24 (45%) £16.50

12 hand selected botanicals go into this iconic gin including coriander, Seville orange peel and green teas.

Opihr Oriental Spiced Gin (40%) £16.60

Discover the exotic - cubebs from Indonesia, black pepper from India and coriander from Morocco.

Aviation American Gin (42%) £16.50

Gin that is praised for its smoothness, spice and floral notes.

White Cliffs Kent Dry Gin (43%) £15.70

A coastal-inspired Kent gin made by the Pleasant Land Distillery, using wild foraged juniper, samphire, orange blossom and elderflower.

Edinburgh Gin (43%) £17.80

The finest Scottish grain is still traditionally distilled in a 200 year-old copper pot.

Whitley Neill (42%) £17.80

Gin with a surprising African twist; the list of botanicals includes baobab and Cape gooseberry.

Copper Rivet Dockyard Gin (41.2%) £17.80

From the fantastic Copper Rivet distillery in Chatham comes Dockyard Gin.

Brockmans Gin (40%) £18.30

Delicious gin from Brockmans. This is made with Bulgarian coriander, blueberries and blackberries as well as bittersweet Valencia orange peels. The result is well balanced and full of flavour.

Sipsmith London Dry (41.6%) £18.70

Distilled in Hammersmith using ten traditional London Dry Gin botanicals.

Gin Martinis

Kew Organic Gin (46%) £18.60

An organic gin that is the result of a partnership between The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and the makers of the rather tasty Dodd's Gin.

G'Vine (40%) £18.20

The base spirit is grape, which gives this French gin a delicate texture and floral aroma.

Warner Edwards Rhubarb Gin (40%) £18.80

A beautifully balanced gin that is smooth, sweet and delicately fragranced with rhubarb.

Warner Edwards Elderflower Gin (40%) £18.50

A beautifully balanced gin that is smooth, sweet and delicately fragranced with summer elderflower.

Hendricks (41.4%) £19.00

An innovative, smooth gin made with cucumber and rose petals, it has a refreshing floral taste.

Manchester Three Rivers (40%) £19.20

11 botanicals including vanilla, cinnamon, almond and cardamom. An aromatic and lightly sweet gin with a spicy finish.

KI NO BI Dry Gin (45.7%) £19.40

Made in a recognisable dry style but with a distinct Japanese accent.

Martin Miller's (40%) £19.40

Gin made from the distillation of ten botanicals and cut with pure Icelandic water.

Gin Martinis

Greensand Ridge London Dry (40%) £19.20

From the Weald of Kent, this ethical producer is not only sustainable but oh so smooth, with gorse, honey and ground cob nuts in the recipe.

Bathtub Gin (43.3%) £19.60

Very high quality copper pot still, spirit infused with ingredients including juniper, orange peel, coriander, cassia, cloves and cardamom.

Cotswolds Gin (46%) £19.60

The first release from Cotswolds Distillery, a dry gin made from wheat spirit and nine botanicals. A fruity gin with a spicy backbone.

Roku Japanese Gin (43%) £20.00

The first gin from Japan's legendary Suntory distillery. Using a selection including six Japanese native botanicals.

The Botanist (46%) £19.90

Uniquely augmented by 22 hand-foraged island botanicals, a rare explosion of flavour.

Manly Spirits Australian Dry Gin (43%) £20.20

Containing botanicals such as lemon aspen, Meyer lemon, fresh coriander leaf and local sea parsley, aiming to capture the spirit of a beach-side summer in a bottle.

Gin Mare (42.7%) £19.40

Mediterranean gin with four botanicals: basil, thyme, rosemary and Arbequina olive.

No3 London Dry Gin (46%) £20.30

Traditional copper pot distilled with six botanicals from those classy chaps at Berry Bros and Rudd down at the end of Pall Mall.

Gin Martinis

Mermaid Gin (41.6%) £20.40

From the Isle of Wight rock samphire and Boadicea hops alongside juniper, coriander seeds, fresh lemon zest, grains of paradise, angelica, liquorice, orris and elderflower.

Tanqueray Ten (47.3%) £20.50

An incredible small batch of London Dry Gin made in pot still number ten, citrusy and full-bodied.

Theodore Pictish gin (43%) £20.80

Contains 16 botanicals including pine, damask rose, pomelo and bourbon vetiver and is distilled using an old charentais still.

Brighton Gin (40%) £20.80

Brighton Gin's botanicals remains a secret, the distillers have said that they use juniper, angelica, orange, lime and milk thistle.

De Borgen 'New-Style' Genever (40.8%) £20.80

Brightly scented with juniper and anise with layered sweet almond and with a low floral note, leading to a spicy ginger and peppercorn tingle.

Silent Pool (43%) £20.00

The gin itself features 24 botanicals, including kaffir lime, chamomile, local honey and lavender, resulting in a subtly sweet balanced tipple.

Tarquin Cornish Gin (42%) £22.00

The first gin to be distilled in Cornwall for over 100 years, Tarquin's Dry Gin is a contemporary take on the classic London Dry.

Four Pillars Australian Distilled Gin £22.00

With 9 signature botanicals and Mediterranean citrus.

Gin Martinis

Pink Pepper Gin (44%) £22.70

Made with hand-picked pink peppercorns and a handful of other tasty botanicals including honey, vanilla and cardamom, all of which are macerated separately then distilled under low pressure and temperature.

Marylebone Orange and Geranium Gin (46.2%) £22.70

Orange and geranium flavoured gin crafted using eight botanicals. Plenty of orange and geranium notes lead but are balanced well by floral tones and bright juniper.

Saint George Terroir Gin (45%) £23.10

Its botanical selection of Douglas Fir, coastal sage and Californian bay laurel gives it a magical nose that makes you really feel like you are stood in a Californian forest.

Elephant Gin (46%) £24.40

There are 14 botanicals in the recipe, including African wormwood, baobab, devil's claw, apple, elderflower, ginger and pine needles.

Gunpowder Irish Gin (43%) £26.60

An Irish gin made with juniper, angelica, orris, caraway, coriander, meadowsweet, cardamom and star anise as well as vapour infused oriental lemon and lime, fresh grapefruit and gunpowder tea.

Monkey 47 (47%) £27.10

A curious gin from the Black Forest in Germany. Made with 47 botanicals and bottled at 47%. Cranberries, a 'secret weapon typical to the Black Forest', are also added.

Beefeater Burroughs Reserve (43%) £32.70

Small batch gin from Beefeater's 'Still Number 12' (James Burrough's original copper still with a capacity of just 268 litres), aged in ex-Bordeaux wine oak casks, both white and red.



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