



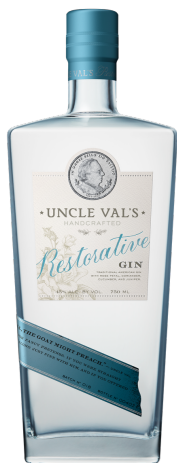
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THE 13 BEST GINS TO BUY RIGHT NOW

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Long gone are the days when gin just meant a bracingly dry, predictable, juniper-forward clear spirit that was only used in Martinis and Gin and Tonics. Nowadays you can find gin made in practically every state in the U.S. and every corner of the world, each expression representing the flavor and character of a particular region through the use of local botanicals (with juniper still playing an important role in the mix, of course). For this list, we turned our focus to new-school gins that stand out from the pack. The old guard brands that are made in the London dry style—Beefeater, Gordon's, Tanqueray, Bombay Sapphire—are all great, but here you'll find 13 examples of gins that stand out for their flavor and unique botanical mixture. All of these are great for using in a cocktail, but also worthy of sipping on their own, so give them a try and see what you think for yourself.

Best for Gin and Tonic: Uncle Val's Restorative Gin

This California gin, part of a trio of expressions from Uncle Val, is perfectly suited to use in a classic Gin and Tonic cocktail. The main ingredients in the botanical mixture are juniper,

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coriander, rose, and cucumber, and while that might sounds similar to Hendrick's, this tastes nothing like that Scottish gin. The palate is bright and crisp, with pronounced herbal and spice notes that are softened by the cucumber and rose, making this a perfect gin to mix with a high-quality tonic water and garnish with some citrus.

UNCLE VAL'S / RESTORATIVE GIN