



Different Types of Gin For You to Know Today

If you've been in any supermarket lately, you've likely seen the many different types of Gin that filled the shelves. We aren't just talking about the variety of brands and bottle shapes. Gin is one of the most familiar and common types of liquor, known for its clear color and versatile taste, making it perfect for various cocktails.

Gins can be categorized by their ingredients, production methods, and even place of origin. Adjustments in the ingredients and points of the distillation process result in a variety of gins. There's more to this spirit than just the infamous London Dry kind you often see!

Understanding these differences in character and flavor can help you choose the perfect gin for your next drink. Here's a guide to the various types of gin you can explore.

LONDON DRY GIN

London Dry Gin is characterized by its dry flavor profile dominated by juniper, complemented by botanicals like coriander, angelica root, citrus peels, and sometimes orris root. Despite its name, it isn't required to be distilled in London but must uphold strict purity standards, free from artificial flavors or sweeteners after distillation. Meanwhile, **East Indies Archipelago Dry Gin**, crafted in Bali, Indonesia, delivers a refreshing taste enhanced by Indonesian botanicals such as kecombrang, which add bright citrus notes.

PINK GIN

Pink gin isn't a distinct type of gin but rather a variation known for its pink color, achieved by infusing gin with fruits, herbs, or spices. Common ingredients used include strawberries, raspberries, pink grapefruit, rose petals, and other botanicals. **East Indies Bali Pomelo Pink Gin** features a vibrant pink hue infused with ripe Bali pomelo, grapefruit, hibiscus, and Bedugul strawberry, creating a soft, fruity flavor complemented by classic juniper and citrus notes.

PLYMOUTH GIN

Plymouth Gin is a unique type of gin crafted exclusively in Plymouth, England. It stands out as the only gin with a PGI (Protected Geographical Indication) status, reflecting its distinct style and long history dating back to the late 18th century.

Unlike London Dry Gin, Plymouth Gin is known for its slightly less dry and smoother, earthier flavor. It often carries a touch of sweetness and is praised for its full-bodied nature and fruity notes.

NAVY STRENGTH GIN

Navy Strength Gin is a high-proof gin, usually around 57-58% alcohol by volume (ABV), originally made for the British Royal Navy. It was meant to help mask the bitter taste of quinine used to prevent scurvy. Despite its high alcohol content, it's known for its purity and makes an excellent base for cocktails, retaining its full character even when mixed with other ingredients.

GENEVER

Genever, also known as Dutch gin or Jenever, is a traditional juniper-flavored spirit from the Netherlands and Belgium. Unlike London Dry Gin, it has a distinct malt wine flavor and a heavier mouthfeel because it's made by distilling a malted grain mash. Genever gins can range from light and dry to rich and malty, depending on the style.

OLD TOM GIN

Old Tom Gin is a historic style of gin that has made a comeback in recent years. It's known for its slightly sweeter taste compared to London Dry Gin, traditionally achieved with sugar or honey, though today it's often sweetened with liquorice instead. Originating in 18th-century England during the gin craze, it was named after cat-shaped signs outside gin houses. Old Tom Gin is versatile in cocktails like the Tom Collins or Martinez, balancing their bitter notes with its rich flavor.

SLOE GIN

Sloe Gin is a flavored gin made by steeping sloe berries, small tart fruits related to plums, in gin and sweetening it with sugar. It has a lower alcohol content, around 25-30% compared to the usual 40% and above for gins. Sloe Gin has a purple-reddish color and a rich, fruity, slightly tangy flavor. It's commonly enjoyed neat or used in cocktails like the Sloe Gin Fizz or Sloe Gin Collins.