

# 1. GARDEN SHED (SCOTTLAND)



"Garden Shed" means exactly what you think and its where the story of the Garden Shed Drinks Company begins: in a small garden shed in Scotland. Four friends were talking about a visit to a local distillery when, after a few drinks, they had the brilliant idea to produce their own gin. They would have loved to start production right there in the garden shed, but there simply wasn't enough space.

To still maintain a connection to their own garden, the four decided to base their recipe on ingredients grown locally, such as fresh blackberries, dandelion root, peach, and lavender. In total, 13 fine botanicals are used in the London Dry Gin, giving it a fresh, floral, and spicy character.

## 2. BEARA (IRELAND)



The Beara Distillery is a family-run business and was founded in 2017. The distillery is located in the midst of a breathtakingly beautiful landscape. The Beara Peninsula is characterized by green hills that provide fine spring water, while on the other side the Atlantic Ocean crashes with full force against the rocks.

The Beara Distillery aims to create gins that offer something for every taste while also remaining memorable. The base of the Beara Pink Gin consists of juniper as well as various citrus fruits. Unusual is the addition of sugar kelp sourced from the region. Other botanicals include juniper, coriander seeds, cardamom, angelica, and orris root, the root of the iris plant. To achieve its pink color, the gin is additionally refined with cranberries and rose petals.

### 3. IRON BALLS (THAILAND)



Even the unusual bottle shape suggests a special content: Iron Balls is produced in Southeast Asia and contains the aroma of exotic fruits. It was created by Ashley Sutton, an Australian who, alongside his actual profession as a marine biologist, tried his hand as a self-made designer in Bangkok. He designed the interiors of several bars across Asia. And from building a bar counter, it wasn't a big step to the idea of producing the matching alcohol himself.

For his Iron Balls gin, Sutton pursued the goal of creating a fruity-fresh flavour with a tropical touch. He achieves this by using pineapple, coconut and citrus fruits. To ensure that this small batch gin does not become too sweet, he added ginger, coriander seeds and of course juniper to the list of botanicals.

## 4. LOLA Y VERA (SPAIN)



For the Santamanía distillery, names play an important role: Santamanía can be translated as "holy madness." Even the copper stills have their own names: Lola, Vera, Alba and Pepa—four female first names that all stand for strong Spanish women. Since the gin Lola & Vera is produced in the corresponding copper stills, the manufacturers did not have to think long about which title to print on the bottle label.

But the gin has another special feature: its flavour is dominated by red fruits, especially strawberries. In the first step, the gin base is created by macerating and distilling juniper, other spices and roots in neutral alcohol. Afterwards, the distillate is refined with the fruity aromas of strawberries, raspberries and redcurrants.

## 5. LEBENSSTERN (GERMANY)



The products of the Lebensstern brand are created through a collaboration between the renowned Austrian distillery Freihof and the iconic Berlin bar Lebensstern. This bar is located inside the modern and popular Café Einstein and brings together people of all ages. Whether fans of rum, whisky or gin - everyone meets here. Perhaps this is also due to the incredibly large selection: the bar offers 140 different gins and therefore has one of the largest gin assortments in a single bar in Germany.

Only the finest ingredients and natural aromas are used for the Lebensstern products. In addition to juniper, the botanicals of the Lebensstern Alpine gin include alpine herbs and spices, resulting in an innovative and unique flavour.

## 6. CRUZLOMA (ECUADOR)



Quito, the capital of Ecuador, is located near the Pichincha volcano. On this mountain lies an area called Cruzloma. Over the years, it has been shaped by numerous geographical changes and significant historical moments in the country's history. In 1822, the Battle of Pichincha took place there, during which the fight for Ecuador's independence was won.

Spices from Europe, Asia and the Amazon region of Ecuador, such as cardamom, cinnamon and sweet pepper, make Cruzloma Gin something truly special. In addition, botanicals such as liquorice, lavender, oranges, lemons and guayusa leaves (a caffeinated holly species) are added to the gin. Each bottle of Cruzloma is infused with volcanic water, giving the refreshing gin a delicate and well-balanced flavour.

## 7. ROKU (JAPAN)



Roku Gin is a creation from Beam Suntory, a world-leading producer of premium spirits. In Japanese, "Roku" stands for the number six. Each bottle therefore contains six very special botanicals that are harvested in Japan at the peak of their maturity during the appropriate season.

In spring, Sakura blossoms and Sakura leaves are carefully hand-picked; from summer come the green tea varieties Sencha and Gyokuro; in autumn, the fully ripe berries of the Sansho pepper are collected; and in winter, the Asian citrus fruit Yuzu reaches full ripeness. The botanicals are individually processed and distilled according to traditional Japanese craftsmanship. Combined, these ingredients create a wonderfully balanced flavour profile with floral and fresh aromas.

## 8. WHITLEY NEILL (ENGLAND)



The history of the family-run and traditional brand Whitley Neill dates back to the year 1762. The founder, Johnny Neill, travelled the world in search of the very best flavours and ingredients in order to create the award-winning gin range that is now known around the globe.

Only carefully selected, high-quality botanicals are used in the production of Whitley Neill Gins. Among them are juniper berries, coriander seeds, orris root, angelica root, lemon peel and liquorice root. For the fruity character of Whitley Neill Raspberry Gin, fully ripe raspberries from Scotland are used to refine the flavour. The delicate raspberry aromas are accompanied by a hint of citrus and juniper, as well as light notes of coriander and liquorice.

## 9. TANQUERAY (ENGLAND)



Charles Tanqueray, the namesake and founder of the well-known brand Tanqueray, began studying gin as early as the beginning of the 19th century. He created a recipe that is still celebrated all over the world today. Tanqueray now offers an expanded range and is an essential part of any bar.

The classic Tanqueray London Dry Gin is made using only four botanicals: juniper, coriander, angelica root and liquorice. However, in Tanqueray Rangpur Gin, the flavour is dominated by the Indian citrus fruit Rangpur, which gives the gin its name. This fruit originates from the region of Bangladesh and is a hybrid of lemon and mandarin. It is therefore not surprising that the gin has an especially fresh and citrus-forward character.

## 10. NAGU (FINLAND)



You can tell how important local identity is to them right away from their choice of production site: two friends wanted to make their dream come true and return to the islands where they grew up. The Nagu archipelago lies off the southwest coast of Finland and is shaped by harsh winds and unpredictable waves. A distillery was founded in a former boat factory in 1996, but it was never put into operation. This dormant gem was chosen by the friends to realise their plan: entering gin production and returning to their roots.

The fresh, smooth and floral Nagu Midsummer Gin combines classic botanicals such as juniper, coriander and citrus fruits with ingredients like cucumber and elderflower. It was created in honour of the traditional Midsummer festival.

## 11. BY THE DUTCH (NETHERLANDS)



The goal of the producers of "By the Dutch" is to create handcrafted, traditional Dutch premium spirits and share them with the world. The label on their bottles describes every part of the production process in detail. In this way, the company focuses on transparency, allowing buyers to know exactly what ends up in their glass.

The "By the Dutch Dry Gin" has been part of the Dutch range since 2017. It is produced in the Herman Jansen Distillery in Schiedam using eight fine botanicals, including juniper, lemon peel, blood orange, nutmeg, cardamom and bay leaf. These are distilled separately in pot stills. A small amount of malt wine is also used, which is normally employed in the production of genever.

## 12. LARIOS (SPAIN)



The history of the brand dates back to 1866, when the French wine entrepreneur Charles Lamothe and the Spaniard Fernando Jimenez founded the "Jimenez & Lamothe Company." With their distillery in Spain, the two are considered pioneers. After the company was sold, the name was changed to "Larios SA." Since 2005, Larios SA has been part of the global company Beam Suntory.

In the early 1980s, mixed drinks experienced a real boom, which propelled the Mediterranean "Larios Dry Gin" to the top of Spanish consumers' preferences. Even today, the five-times distilled gin is not only well known among bartenders, but is also enjoyed neat all over the world. Nuances of lemon, juniper, coriander and cinnamon combine with a slight bitterness from bitter oranges.

## 13. CITADELLE (FRANCE)



Cognac Ferrand emerged from a meeting in 1989 between Alexandre Gabriel and the cognac-producing Pierre Ferrand family. The goal was to create a cognac outside of mass production. In addition to cognac, the focus was also to be placed on other fine spirits such as gin. During the winter months, the well-known cognacs are distilled, while gin is produced in the spring. The headquarters of the Ferrand company is located at Château de Bonbonnet in Cognac in the Charente department. Since 2017, the estate has even had its own juniper trees, which are used for the production of Citadelle Gin. After distillation, Citadelle "No Mistake Old Tom" Gin is aged for around six months in selected wooden casks. A total of 22 botanicals are used in its production, including cubeb pepper, violet, cinnamon, cardamom and fennel.

# 14. ST. GEORGE (USA)



The "St. George Distillery" offers a range of diverse and extraordinary products that did not come into being overnight. St. George proves that patience is one of the most important qualities for achieving success. Over time, the number of copper stills was gradually increased, additional staff was hired, and overall capacity was expanded. The company did not always have an advertising budget available, either. However, its in-house production and the high-quality raw materials used contribute significantly to the success of the St. George products.

"St. George Botanivore Gin" consists of a combination of 19 carefully selected botanicals. As a result, this outstanding gin features a flavour profile reminiscent of a blooming meadow: herbal, fresh and elegant.

## 15. HENDRICK'S (SCOTTLAND)



One of the great success stories of the early 21st century was celebrated by William Grant & Sons with the introduction of Hendrick's Gin. It's no surprise, considering that prestigious whiskies such as Glenfiddich and Balvenie also originate from this independent bottling family. With "Hendrick's Orbium," another extraordinary edition of the Scottish gin is being released on the market.

In addition to botanicals such as cucumber and rose essences, "Hendrick's Orbium" also includes extracts of quinine, wormwood and blue lotus blossom. This fine combination creates a complex and surprisingly powerful gin with floral and bitter aromas. The name "Orbium" is derived from the Latin word orbis, meaning "circle." It is intended to symbolize the rounded character of the gin.

## 16. TROLDEN (DENMARK)



The Trolden Brewery, based in the Danish port city of Kolding, opened its doors in 2005 and initially conquered the market with its own brewed beer. Whisky and gin production takes place at the distillery founded in 2011, using copper pot stills. For gin production, however, special equipment is used: the copper stills are equipped with aroma baskets, also known as botanical baskets, which allow the aromas of the botanicals to be extracted in an especially gentle way.

When heated, the vapors of the base alcohol pass by the baskets and absorb the aromatic compounds of the botanicals. The recipe for the mild and slightly fruity "Trolden Copperpot Sea Buckthorn" gin is a secret - but as the name suggests, the orange-colored fruit of the sea buckthorn plant plays the leading role.

## 17. LARUSÉE (SWITZERLAND)



The Larusée distillery in the village of Fenin, located in the Swiss canton of Neuchâtel, is best known for its traditional absinthe. However, for several years now, a gin has also been part of its product range. Gintiane Gin is a tribute to the region of origin of Larusée: the Pays de Neuchâtel.

In addition to classic botanicals such as juniper and coriander, cocoa and gentian roots are used in its production. These ingredients pay homage to the mountain inhabitants of Neuchâtel, who traditionally harvest gentian roots by hand, as well as to Philippe Suchard, a chocolate pioneer from Neuchâtel. This characterful gin impresses with aromas of cocoa and citrus fruits on the nose. On the palate, notes of gentian appear, leading into a floral finish with hints of rose and violet.

## 18. GIN KNOPF (GERMANY)



The "Finest Beverages GmbH" has been dedicated to the distribution of fine and high-quality spirits for several years. Maximilian Elsholtz and Jens Lauckner, two creative minds from the Bavarian state capital, are responsible for several creations that are shaking up the gin market.

One of them is "Huckleberry" Gin, which is appreciated by fruit lovers thanks to its delicate blueberry aromas. With "Gin Knopf", the two have introduced another gin that will surely find its way into the households of those enthusiasts. The focus is on the orange, whose zest is carefully peeled by hand and gently infused to bring maximum flavor into the bottle. By the way: the bottle design even makes sense upside down, as the creators wanted to visually reflect the phrase "and the world turns upside down."

## 19. IRADIER Y BULFY (SPAIN)



Why create just one gin when you can also produce a beer gin? That's what the operators of the "Singular Spirits" distillery asked themselves before attempting to develop this unusual product. Their goal was to invent a high-quality gin that would taste reminiscent of an India Pale Ale (IPA). The result of this experiment was the "Iradier y Bulfy IPA Gin", which was awarded a gold medal by Spirits Business in 2018.

The base of this classically spicy gin consists of barley malt, water, yeast, and hops. Only after fermentation does it pass through the copper still in order to obtain the best alcohol. The fruity citrus note of the gin comes from the "Cascade" hop variety, which is also frequently used in American craft beers.

## 20. GUNROOM (ENGLAND)



The resonant name "Gunroom" originates from the era of the great seafarers, who always carried spirits with them on their journeys. Along the way, the empty barrels were refilled with local rum varieties. The gunroom was often used as a retreat to consume the daily ration of spirits or to test the quality of newly acquired spirits using the gunpowder stored there. For this purpose, the gunpowder was mixed with rum; if it was still flammable, the alcohol content was above 57% ABV, and one knew that it had not been diluted.

Gunroom Gin is made from exactly 12 botanicals: coriander seeds, juniper berries, orris root, nutmeg, cinnamon, orange and lemon peels, angelica root, cassia, licorice, savory, and almonds.

## 21. TWO TREES (IRELAND)



"Two Trees" originates from the company West Cork Distillers, which was founded in 2003 by three friends in the Irish town of Skibbereen. Initially specializing in whiskey and liqueurs, clear spirits were added after some time. Success did not take long to arrive, and the "Two Trees" range has now made its way from the Emerald Isle to Germany.

"Poitín" is a traditional Irish national drink made from grain, sugar beets, or potatoes. It has been produced in Ireland since the sixth century. However, for a long time, its production was illegal. Today, some producers are reviving the beverage.

"Two Trees Poitín" is made from local ingredients such as barley, sugar beets, and Irish water, and is distilled in copper pot stills.

## 22. STOCKHOLMS BRÄNNERI (SWEDEN)



Stockholms Bränneri was founded in 2015 and is located on the island of Södermalm in Stockholm. The original gin recipe was developed for the wedding of the founders, Anna & Calle. Each of their products is handcrafted with great care using sustainable methods. Only the finest local ingredients are used for this purpose.

In addition to various gin bottlings, the distillery also produces aquavit and vodka. Stockholms Bränneri Pink Gin is inspired by the pink summer sky. Lingonberries, which are added to the distillate after the distillation process, give the gin its slightly pink color and a hint of fruitiness. The spirit is also refined with flower petals, rhubarb, and grape pomace from the city's wine production.

## 23. EDEN MILL (SCOTTLAND)



The story of Eden Mill was revived in 2012 with the goal of bringing back the forgotten art of distilling and brewing in the middle of the Scottish town of St Andrews, dating back to 1810. The small distillery offers a wide range of aromas and botanicals from the region and from around the world. The distillers are committed to carrying out all processes by hand and filling their spirits into the smallest casks.

They produce gin, whisky and beer, combining the best techniques from all production methods to achieve the best possible result. The bitter yet very sweet sea buckthorn berry is the main ingredient of Eden Mill Original Gin. These small berries grow along the rugged and salty coast of Scotland and have a distinctive, vibrant orange color.

## 24. RAVEN HILLS (COPPER & BRAVE - GERMANY)



Each unique spirit from Copper & Brave tells its own imaginative, fictional story. Raven Hills tells the story of the young and ambitious pharmacist Charles Layton, who travels to the remote Raven Hills sanatorium in 1892. There, in addition to the patients, he also encounters the strange head of the institution. He becomes particularly intrigued by the story of Patient 23, who is kept in the darkest cellar vault, and he attempts to uncover the secrets of the sanatorium.

Raven Hills is a New Western Gin distilled from grain and refined with refreshing mint leaf essences, orange, basil, rosemary and lime. The bottle of the gin is modeled after a historical apothecary bottle.