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Our Favorite Gins for Refreshing Summer Cocktails

Try one of these bottles of gin this summer to make a refreshing hot weather cocktail.

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Gin is the perfect summer spirit—it's light, fragrant, refreshing, and infused with botanicals that bring to mind blooming flowers and floral herbs which thrive during the warmer months. There are plenty of different styles to choose from, including London dry, new American, and even barrel-finished gin made in just about every corner of the world. The thing that ties them all together is juniper, the defining flavor of all gin.

So whether you are in the mood for a classic cocktail like a martini, gin and tonic, or gimlet, or looking to sip something neat or with a few cubes of ice, there is a gin to fit your mood. Here are 12 of our favorite gin brands to sip this summer.

This French gin is part of the Maison Ferrand cognac house. Citadelle Gin is distilled from wheat, and flavored with 19 botanicals (including juniper, star anise, and violet) using the distillery's patented "progressive infusion." This means each botanical is infused separately in the distillate for different amounts of time and varying proofs, allowing each to properly infuse the spirit with its essence. The result is a lovely, fresh gin with a bit of spice, fresh herbal notes, and of course a recognizable juniper base. \$25

