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## Father's Day Gift Guide: The Best Craft Gin For Your Dad

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Whether Dad's a classic Martini guy, prefers a refreshing Gin & Tonic when the weather is warm, or has a retro mixology thing going and likes to whip up the occasional Negroni or Martinez, there's never been more great choices of the key ingredient, gin. In recent years, the craft distillery movement has embraced gin because of the flexibility they have in flavoring it, and even more recently, introduced wood cask aged gins in the style of the finest rums and whiskies, which straddle categories and can be ideal for lighter takes on dark spirit cocktails.

A personal favorite of mine that often gets overlooked is the Southside, basically a gin-based take on the mojito: 3-4 parts gin to simple syrup muddled with lots of lime and fresh mint leaves.

Here are some of the very best craft gins you can buy right now - often without leaving home.



Citadelle is a craft gin produced like the finest cognacs - in France's cognac region.

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**Citadelle:** France's most famous spirit is Cognac, and this gin is made by world renowned producer Ferrand Cognac. But because by law Cognac can only be distilled from September to April, they use the same small copper pot stills to create this "Chateau to bottle" gin using juniper berries grown on Ferrand's Chateau de Bonbonnet estate in Cognac, while the spirit is entirely distilled from French wheat. They add a whopping 18 other botanicals, from fennel to star anise, nutmeg to cinnamon and both orange and lemon peel. While many premium spirits use multiple distillations to create smoothness, Citadelle unusually does a single distillation to maximize flavors, and the result is a peppery, herbaceous gin perfect for G&Ts. When introduced in 2017 it won both Spirit of the Year and Double Gold at the prestigious World Spirits Awards, yet is very reasonably priced at \$26, [available nationwide from Drizly.com](https://www.drizly.com).