

GIN : *London Dry*

What is London Dry Gin?

The term London Dry Gin is the most strict of the few distilled gin categories, and is a process designation. That means it doesn't technically mean a flavour because that's a subjective and pretty unenforceable standard, although the wider categorisation of gin requires a predominantly juniper-forward flavour. It's also NOT a geographical designation & NEVER has been. Instead, a series of EU regulations put in place in February 2008 dictates that a London dry gin must be produced exclusively by distilling ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin (normally grain). It also must also be distilled to an initial alcoholic strength of at least 96% ABV. This is only really possible in a column still, and achieving that strength means the basis for London dry gin is a neutral spirit. The law then states the spirit must be distilled again to at least 70% ABV "in the presence of juniperus communis L. and other botanicals." Any additional flavours must be sourced through the distillation of 'natural plant materials'. Following distillation, producers will then dilute the gin before bottling. London dry gin regulations state that the minimum strength it can be watered down to is 37.5% ABV and no artificial ingredients (flavouring or colourings) can be added. To meet the 'dry' designation, it cannot be sweetened in excess of 0.1 grams per litre with sweetening products, a trivial amount.

GINBEY	<i>Lebanon</i>	40%	4.00
BROKERS	<i>England</i>	40%	4.00
GILBEYS SPECIAL DRY	<i>England</i>	37.5%	4.00
PORTOBELLO ROAD 171	<i>England</i>	42%	4.00
BEEFEATER 24	<i>England</i>	40%	4.00
BULLDOG, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	40%	4.00
MARTIN MILLERS	<i>England</i>	40%	4.00
J.J.WHITLEY, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	37.5%	4.00
BOMBAY ORIGINAL DRY	<i>England</i>	40%	4.00
WHITLEY NEILL DISTILLERS CUT	<i>England</i>	43%	4.50
BOLS SILVER TOP LONDON DRY	<i>Holland</i>	40%	4.00
COLONEL FOX LONDON DRY, CREMORE 1859	<i>England</i>	40%	4.00
SIPSMITHS, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	41.6%	4.50
SABATINI LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	41.3%	4.25
SLINGSBY LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	42%	5.00
MARY-LE-BONE LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	50.2%	5.50
THE ORIGINAL GORDONS, LONDON DRY	<i>Scotland</i>	37.5%	4.00
GORDONS EXPORT STRENGTH LONDON DRY	<i>Scotland</i>	47.3%	5.00
BURLEIGH'S LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	40%	4.25
ISH, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	41%	4.50
OXLEY COLD DISTILLED, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	47%	6.00
TWO BIRDS LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	40%	4.75
WILDCAT LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	41.5%	4.50
BOMBAY SAPPHIRE, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	40%	4.00
STAR OF BOMBAY, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	48%	5.00
NO 3 BERRY BROS & RUDD, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	46%	4.75
WOLFE BROS, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	42%	4.50
EAST LONDON LIQUOUR CO, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	40%	4.75
BIMBER DISTILLERY, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	40%	4.00
MASONS OF YORKSHIRE, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	42%	4.50
TANQUERAY, LONDON DRY	<i>Scotland</i>	43.1%	4.00
EDINBURGH, CLASSIC, LONDON DRY	<i>Scotland</i>	43%	4.00
LIVERPOOL, LONDON DRY	<i>England</i>	46%	5.00

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GIN : *Distilled Gin*

(a) Distilled gin is:

(i) a juniper-flavoured spirit drink produced exclusively by redistilling organoleptically suitable ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin of an appropriate quality with an initial alcoholic strength of at least 96 % vol. in stills traditionally used for gin, in the presence of juniper berries (*Juniperus communis*) and of other natural botanicals provided that the juniper taste is predominant, or (ii) the mixture of the product of such distillation and ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin with the same composition, purity and alcoholic strength; natural and/or nature-identical flavouring substances and/or flavouring preparations as specified in category 20(c) may also be used to flavour distilled gin.

(b) The minimum alcoholic strength by volume of distilled gin shall be 37.5 %.

(c) Gin obtained simply by adding essences or flavourings to ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin is not distilled gin.

AVIATION AMERICAN	USA	42%	4.50
XELLENT SWISS EDELWEISS	Switzerland	40%	4.50
KEW ORGANIC	England	46%	4.50
GINAGAIN	England	42%	5.00
SKIN GIN	Germany	42%	5.00
HAREWOOD GREYSTONE	England	42%	5.00
CRAZY GIN LASSI	England	41%	5.50
CITADELLE	France	44%	6.00
SMOOTH AMBLER SMALL BATCH	USA	40%	5.50
SING GIN	England	40%	5.50
ADNAMS COPPER HOUSE DISTILLED	England	40%	4.50
POETIC LICENCE NORTHERN DRY	England	43.2%	4.00
HILBING MALBEC	Argentina	40%	5.50
COTSWOLD DRY	England	46%	5.00
THE BOTANIST	Scotland	46%	5.00
GIN MARE	Spain	42.7%	5.00
COLLAGIN	England	40%	5.50
LE TRIBUTE	Spain	43%	6.00
LEEDS GIN	England	40%	4.50
HEPPLE	England	45%	4.50
INVERROCHE SMALL BATCH AMBER GIN	South Africa	43%	5.50
BERTHA'S REVENGE IRISH MILK GIN	Ireland	42%	5.00
BLACK TOMATO	Holland	42.3%	6.00
ANNO KENT DRY	England	43%	5.00
G'VINE FLORAISON	France	40%	4.50
SIBLING TRIPLE DISTILLED	England	42%	5.00
FIFTY POUNDS	England	43.5%	5.00
WILLIAMS, ELEGANT 48	England	48%	5.50
F.E.W AMERICAN	USA	40%	6.50
RED DOOR HIGHLAND GIN	Scotland	45%	4.50
MONKEY 47	Germany	47%	5.00
CAORUNN SMALL BATCH	Scotland	41.8%	4.50
THE MUFF LIQUOR CO IRISH POTATO GIN	Ireland	40%	4.50
UMODZI SOUTH AFRICAN SUGARCANE	South Africa	43%	6.50
FOUR PILLARS, RARE DRY	Australia	41.8%	6.00

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GIN : *Distilled Gin...Continued*

TARQUINS CORNISH DRY GIN	<i>England</i>	42%	5.00
MERMAID GIN	<i>England</i>	42%	5.50
MANLY SPIRITS AUSTRALIAN DRY	<i>Australia</i>	43%	5.00
MASAHIRO OKINAWA JAPANESE CRAFT GIN	<i>Japan</i>	47%	7.50
MR KAMMS	<i>English</i>	42%	5.00
SALCOMBE START POINT	<i>England</i>	44%	4.50
JENSENS BERMONDSEY	<i>England</i>	43%	4.50
KI NO BI	<i>Japan</i>	45.7%	5.50
DAFFYS	<i>Scotland</i>	43.4%	5.00
LIND & LIME	<i>Scotland</i>	44%	4.50
CHAPEL DOWN, BACCHUS	<i>England</i>	41.2%	5.00
SCAPEGRACE	<i>New Zealand</i>	42.2%	5.50
WARNERS HARRINGTON DRY	<i>England</i>	44%	4.50
WHITTAKERS GIN	<i>England</i>	42%	5.00
ANTY	<i>England</i>	42%	20.00
COOPER KING, DRY	<i>England</i>	42%	4.50
FATTYS ORGANIC	<i>England</i>	40%	5.00
CHASE GB GIN	<i>England</i>	40%	4.00
HIDDEN CURIOSITIES	<i>England</i>	42%	4.50
CONKER DORSET DRY GIN	<i>England</i>	40%	4.50
GIN DAVID IMPAVID	<i>Italy</i>	40%	7.00
EDEN MILL	<i>Scotland</i>	40%	5.00
DEL PROFESSORE, GIN A LA MADAME	<i>Italy</i>	42.9%	5.50
DEL PROFESSORE, GIN A LA MONSEIUR	<i>Italy</i>	43.7%	5.50
ELECTRIC SPIRIT CO, ACHROOUS GIN	<i>Scotland</i>	41%	4.50
WHITBY GIN,	<i>England</i>	42%	5.00
HENDRICKS	<i>Scotland</i>	41.1%	5.00
HENDRICKS LUNAR	<i>Scotland</i>	43.4%	5.00
HENDRICKS AMAZONIA	<i>Scotland</i>	43.4%	5.00
HENDRICKS NEPTUNIA	<i>Scotland</i>	43.4%	5.00
HENDRICKS FLORA ADORA	<i>Scotland</i>	43.4%	5.00
NIKKA COFFEY GIN	<i>Japan</i>	47%	5.50
DODDS GIN	<i>England</i>	49.9%	4.50
DELIRIUM TREMENS	<i>Belgium</i>	42%	6.00
LARIOS 12	<i>Spain</i>	40%	4.00
ENGINE ITALIAN ORGANIC	<i>Italy</i>	42%	4.50
THE WORSHIP STREET WHISTLING SHOP CREAM GIN	<i>England</i>	43.8%	6.00
WHITTAKERS CLEARLY SLOE	<i>England</i>	42%	5.00
FERDINAND'S SAAR DRY	<i>Germany</i>	44%	6.50
BROCKMANS	<i>England</i>	40%	4.50

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GIN : *Flavoured*

'Flavoured gin' is a term that has become more well-known in recent years thanks to spirits that are pushing the boundaries of what a traditional gin is - by adding new aromatics and flavours that are more dominant than the juniper. A gin is usually classed as a 'flavoured gin' when the flavours are added after distillation. The difference between a flavoured gin & a flavoured vodka used to be that gin must use natural flavouring and vodka can use anything ie toffee or candyfloss.

WHITLEY NEILL GOOSEBERRY	England	43%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL RHUBARB & GINGER	England	43%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL BLACKBERRY	England	43%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL BLOOD ORANGE	England	43%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL RASPBERRY	England	43%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL PINK GRAPEFRUIT	England	41.3%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL PARMA VIOLET	England	41.3%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL PEACH	England	43%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL PINK APRICOT	England	41.3%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL PINEAPPLE	England	41.3%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL BLACK CHERRY	England	41.3%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL MANGO & LIME	England	43%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL ORIENTAL SPICED	England	43%	4.50
WHITLEY NEILL WATER MELON & KIWI	England	43%	4.50
TOM CAT CLOUDY MANGO	England	37.5%	5.50
DA MHILE SEAWEED	Wales	42%	5.00
THAT BOUTIQUE-Y GIN CO, HOT SAUCE	England	46.2%	4.50
THAT BOUTIQUE-Y GIN CO, SPIT ROAST PINEAPPLE	England	46%	4.50
MALFY CON LIMONE	Italy	41%	4.50
MALFY GIN ROSA	Italy	41%	4.50
SLINGSBY GOOSEBERRY	England	40%	5.00
SLINGSBY RHUBARB	England	40%	5.00
TARQUINS BRITISH BLACKBERRY	England	38%	5.00
MERMAID ZEST	England	40%	5.50
MANLY SPIRITS COASTAL CITRUS	Australia	43%	5.00
THE HOUSE OF BOTANICALS MAPLE GIN	Canada	47%	5.50
WOLFE BROS RASPBERRY & HIBISCUS	England	40%	4.50
HOXTON TROPICAL	England	40%	4.50
HOXTON PINK	England	40%	4.50
J.J WHITLEY, PINK	England	38%	4.00
WARNER'S STRAWBERRY & ROSE	England	40%	5.00
WARNERS CHRISTMAS CAKE	England	40%	5.00
MASON YORKSHIRE GIN YORKSHIRE TEA EDITION	England	42%	5.00
LIVERPOOL GIN ROSE PETAL	England	43%	5.50
FOUR PILLARS SPICED NEGRONI	Australia	43.8%	5.50
FOUR PILLARS OLIVE LEAF	Australia	43.8%	5.50
FOUR PILLARS AUSTRALIAN CHRISTMAS	Australia	43.8%	5.50
FOUR PILLARS BLOOD SHIRAZ	Australia	37.8%	5.50
TANQUERAY FLOR DE SEVILLA	Scotland	41.3%	4.50
TANQUERAY BLACKCURRANT ROYALE	Scotland	41.3%	4.50
SAFFRON	England	40%	4.50

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GIN : Old Tom & Genever

OLD TOM - Old Tom style gin is the precursor to London Dry. Popular during the 18th Century it is sweeter to mask the residual taste of the badly made distillates before the column still came along to enable a much purer and higher strength base spirit.

GENEVER - The Dutch national drink & has been since the 16th Century. Genever is the Dutch word for Juniper. Traditionally made with Maltwine (triple distillate of corn, wheat & rye) makes it much more whisky like than the Gins we are used to in UK. Possibly brought to England by William of Orange in 1688 when he took the throne from James II

HAYMANS OLD TOM	England	40%	4.00
SLINGSBY OLD TOM	England	43%	5.00
WHITBY OLD TOM	England	42%	5.50
JENSEN'S OLD TOM	England	43%	4.50
COTSWOLDS OLD TOM	England	42%	5.00
OLD DUFF GENEVER	Holland	40%	4.50
OLD DUFF GENEVER 100% MALTWINE	Holland	45%	4.50

GIN : Navy Strength & Strong

Technically, all gin with more than 57.15% alcohol is a navy strength gin. The reason for the high alcohol content is a very practical one. Both gin and rum were stored in wooden barrels together with the gunpowder below deck on board Royal Navy ships. it was therefore very common for the ships to be rocked around by waves and the barrels would sometimes smash and the gunpowder would get wet. With a weaker spirit the gunpowder would struggle to ignite due to the high proportion of water. Therefore the Navy asked for a high strength spirit so if the gunpowder did get wet then the gunpowder would still ignite. Ideal if you still own a boat and cannon today!

PLYMOUTH NAVY STRENGTH	England	57%	5.50
HIDDEN CURIOSITIES ARANAMI STRENGTH	England	59%	5.50
ANNO EXTREME 95 <small>5ml serve only</small>	England	95%	8.00
SLINGSBY NAVY STRENGTH	England	57%	5.50
KI-NO-BI NAVY STRENGTH	Japan	54.5%	7.50

GIN : Cask Aged

As we used to transport all drink in wooden casks or barrels the gins would take on the colour of the wood if rested for over a few weeks. It also makes the taste richer & more complex and modern techniques can infuse very interesting flavours via the wood.

BATHTUB CASK AGED	England	43.3%	4.50
CITADELLE RESERVE	France	45.2%	5.00
BURROUGH'S RESERVE OAK RESTED	England	43%	7.50
ST GEORGE DRY RYE REPOSADO	USA	49.5%	7.00
KYRÖ DARK	Finland	42.6%	5.00
EDEN MILL RED WINE CASK AGED	England	42.5%	5.50

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