



## The Gin Report

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In the recent years of mixology and extreme bartending, Gin sort of lost it's luster. Vodka overtook the marketplace, and this drink was left in the dust for old-timers and traditionalists. Everyone knows what a gin and tonic is. You may not like it, but you know what it is. We did a little scouring around to find a few gins that might truly surprise you...and switch your 'Vodka Cranberry' to a 'Gin and Tonic,' please.

Not all gins are created equal...here is our tried & true review of four very unique spirits.

### Greylock Gin

Greylock, named after the tallest peak in Berkshire Massachusetts, is an earthy, sweet gin. It hits your nose as soon as you drink it, but stays smooth and silky the whole way down. It's a London dry style, distilled slowly with seven different botanicals—they also use a historic naturally sweet spring water. You can taste the definitive sweetness, a lovely juxtaposition with the robust botanicals. Greylock feels traditional and light...for us, it brought back waves of nostalgia from punk rock British youth with a girl named Margaret. Chris Weld, Berkshire Mountain's Distiller, says they were painstaking in developing the recipe they wanted to put out. "We're very cautious as to what we keep in the final product...resulting ultimately in a very clean, fresh product." Why won't you find a fancy wax seal around their bottle head? "I'd rather be making hooch! The wax these days is just for looks. It's a pain in the ass. We focus on the gin." It pays off. We went for round two of this one. How does Chris take his gin? An Aviation: Gin, Maraschino Liqueur, Lemon Juice, Crème de Violette. **MSRP: \$29.99**



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