

CRAFT DISTILLING EXPO 2014

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WINNERS OF THE INAUGURAL 'GIN OF THE YEAR' COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

This year saw the London Craft Distilling Expo's first 'Gin of the Year' competition.

Open to all European craft and independent distillers who have released their gin since July 2013; over 40 gins were entered from 10 countries across Europe.

These were judged by our panel of 9 gin experts and spirits professionals. All gins were tasted blind.

The Classic and Contemporary gins were tasted neat, then the top gins from each category were tasted with Fever-Tree Tonic Water to find the Gins of the Year.

Matured gins and flavoured gins were only tasted neat. Glencairn glasses were used.

THE WINNERS

Classic Gin of the Year

Winner: Union Distillers - Two Birds Cocktail Gin
www.twobirdsspirits.co.uk

Classic Gin - Highly Commended
Conker Spirits - Conker Gin

Contemporary Gin of the Year

Winner: Stauffenberg Dry Gin
www.stauffenberg-gin.de

Contemporary Gin - Highly Commended
SOMM 16 Distilled Gin

Matured Gin of the Year

Winner: Hernö Distillery - Hernö Juniper Cask
www.hernogin.com

Matured Gin - Highly Commended
Santamanía Distillery - Santamanía Reserva



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NOTABLE CONTENDERS

Flavoured Gin - Highly Commended
Union Distillers - Two Birds Sloe Gin

Navy Gin - Highly Commended
Edinburgh Distillery - Cannonball Navy Gin

Old Tom Gin - Highly Commended
Hernö Old Tom Gin

ABOUT LONDON CRAFT DISTILLING EXPO

The annual London Craft Distilling Expo - now in its second year - brings together craft distillers, suppliers, equipment makers, professionals and enthusiasts to experience and discuss the worldwide renaissance in craft distillation.

Leading suppliers and manufacturers in the industry bring their tools of the art, including distilling equipment, barrels, corks, bottles, and glassware; connoisseurs offer expert advice, and craft distillers present and discuss their products in master-classes and 'meet the maker' sessions.

Whether you are a experienced professional, amateur enthusiast, or just thinking about your own distilling project, Craft Distilling Expo is at the heart of the craft distilling movement.



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