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## Ditch the Tonic: The 10 Best Gins to Drink Straight

The Gin and Tonic is one of the most classic cocktails ever invented. First imbibed by British soldiers in the early 1800s, the G & T began as a way to choke down their daily dose of quinine tonic water. They quickly realized that the combination not only helped make the tonic water more palatable, but it also gave them a nice buzz. There's no disputing the fact that the drink remains a bar staple to this day, but we aren't traveling to and from India on a naval ship and we really no longer need tonic to take away from the taste of a finely crafted gin. Here are the 10 best gins to drink straight.



### Aviation

Produced in Portland, Oregon, Aviation American Gin falls under the category of “American Dry Gin.” It's only been on the market since 2006, but has already found a strong following in the bartending world. The gin is flavored with juniper, orange peel, coriander, cardamom, sarsaparilla, lavender and anise to give it the taste of a classic gin that is worthy of a glass with a few ice cubes and an easy chair. [Link](#)