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Premier Traveler editors dish on what you'll find in their hands this holiday season and throughout the chilly winter months to follow.

Eau de Vie de Portland

Regardless of whether you like your martinis à la James Bond—“shaken, not stirred”—or stirred with gentle abandon, the classic martini is always, always made with gin. Although the Brits have laid claim to the spirit, recent years have seen an explosion of small-batch gin distilleries across the great pond. I recently landed a bottle of Aviation Gin—co-created by master mixologist Ryan Magarian and produced in Portland, Oregon, by House Spirits Distilling—and found it a unique twist on the classic flavor, with a definite prominence of anise. This delightful concoction melds the spice with various other botanicals—including Indian sarsaparilla, lavender, cardamom, coriander and dried sweet orange peel (as opposed to the traditional bitter orange)—into a new American classic, eminently mixable (the website offers some glorious recipes), and a stirring libation to make any day a celebration. As a matter of fact, I'm celebrating right now! (\$29.99) aviationgin.com

– Shân Willis, *Editor*