

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME 

Aviation Gin

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\$\$ — 42% ABV — SARSAPARILLA

One of the earthiest dry **gins** on the market, Aviation was conceived as part of the locavore movement, taking advantage of Oregonian flora. Despite hosting many typical gin botanicals like coriander and orange peel, it's really the sarsaparilla and cardamom that shows through.

For a spirit named after the art of aeronautics, this product is well-entrenched in the dirt. It smells like a damp forest, and not necessarily a pine forest. It's only after a little tonic water is added that the lavender note begins to bloom.

This gin was conceived in part with the help of **Easy Company** bartender Ryan Magarian, which informs how it's meant to be used: this is a mixing gin, no question — preferably with something a little exciting like Crème de Violette in a classic Aviation cocktail, the brand's namesake.



House Spirits is located in Portland, Oregon in northwest America. Established in 2006, it remains an independent distiller.