



## I Will Be Your Gin In a Bottle: Top 3 Indie Gins from the US

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Some like tequila, while others go straight for the beer. Call me an old man, but for me, in the summer, nothing beats gin. Here are our top three picks for the best and brightest independently-produced gins in the United States — all perfect paired with a poolside lounge or a hammock in the shade.



### Aviation American Gin

Leaping straight across the US to Portland, we find Aviation, a small-batch spirit produced by a partnership between Seattle bartender Ryan Magarian and Christian Krogstad and Andrew Tice of Portland's House Spirits Distilling.

This gin is comprised of botanicals sourced by the Oregon Spice Company, including elletaria cardamom, lavender, Indian sarsaparilla, and anise seed — along with the ubiquitous juniper berry, of course. The result is a rich, floral, and savory spirit that is uniquely Northwest.