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WHY ARE WINEMAKERS SUDDENLY MAKING GIN?

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Gin has the potential to be a deeply terroir-driven spirit, so it only makes sense that winemakers are getting into the game. From France and Italy to New Mexico and beyond, a growing range of gins are being crafted by winemakers or incorporating their expertise to achieve new dimensions of flavor.

Here are six excellent examples of this new world of winemaker gin.

#5 Uncle Val's Gin

The Sebastiani name is as closely associated with California wines as any. Today, August Sebastiani, the fourth-generation vintner, helms 3 Badge Beverage Corporation, which, in addition to a wide range of other wines and spirits, is also responsible for the Uncle Val's lineup of gins. The Restorative Gin is floral with aromas of rose petal and boasts a woody character of alongside notes of coriander. Uncle Val's savory Peppered Gin expression vibrates with black pepper, pimento, and red bell pepper.

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