



Mason's Tea Edition Gin

Country: England

Region: Bedale - Yorkshire

Producer: Mason's Distillers

Style: Yorkshire Dry

Allergens: not known

Bottle size: 70cl - abv: 42%



The Start

Masons Yorkshire Gin was created by Karl and Cathy Mason, gin enthusiasts with no prior knowledge of the industry who set out to produce a drink that stood out from the crowd – a unique gin with more character and more taste.

The first Masons gin was launched on International Gin Day 2013 – and since then Masons Yorkshire Gin has grown phenomenally.

Production

All the gin is distilled in copper alembic stills (known as “Steve” and “Leftie”) in 200 litre batches.

Using a traditional slow distillation method, pure Yorkshire water and just the right balance of botanicals to create Masons Yorkshire Gin is made on a 300lt still, The botanical line-up is undisclosed, however, based on images and the flavours you are able to smell and taste, it is likely to contain (amongst others) – juniper, coriander seed, angelica root, cardamom, cinnamon, dried lemon peel, fresh lime peel, bay leaf and fennel.

Masons Gin Ambassador Sarah Peel describes a typical week at the distillery:

“We distil using a single shot process Tuesday-Friday. Monday is spent preparing the stills for the first distillation. We only put 250 litres of alcohol in despite it being a 300 litre still so it has room. The botanicals are put in at the end of the day to soak overnight on Monday evening, apart from the fresh lime zest which goes in just before we distil the following morning. The still is turned on at 5am Tuesday morning and we finish collecting product at 4pm Tuesday. Once completed the still will be emptied and reloaded to repeat this process on Thursday and Friday.”

Harrogate spring water is used to cut the spirit down to get it to the 42% ABV bottling strength, with the 275 bottle batches then labelled (each of the Masons Gin bottles are individually numbered) and packed in-house.

Tasting Note

Delicate and fresh upon the palate, with a citrus sharpness hitting the senses and fresh aromas that swirl around. Plenty of Yorkshire Tea flavour develops on the palate, as well as fresh aniseed, cardamom & pepper notes before the tea returns for the long finish.

NOSE: Delicate

PALATE: Tea – Aniseed

FINISH: Long

THE IDEAL SERVE

Pair Fever-tree elderflower tonic with a twist of lemon peel.

