

THE HERB GARDEN



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‘UK Gin Producer of the Year’

- International Wine and Spirits Competition

Year Founded: 2017

Region: Edinburgh, Scotland

Founder(s): Hamish and Liberty Martin

Fun Fact: We make single plant distillates. That means we distill flowers separately. For example, the Apothecary Roses are distilled, which means you capture the true flavor, aroma of the rose. We then add this to our gin, which is why you can taste the roses so clearly in our gin.

-Sustainable-

The Secret Garden Distillery showcases the magic of nature and the unique flavors found here. The Secret Garden itself is home to a wide range of hand-harvested botanicals which have been used in and inspired the flavors of our gins. Our Garden is the heart of our distillery. Founded on a derelict plot in 2012, the garden was transformed into a secret oasis, providing an escape from city life. Today



the family-owned distillery continues to use sustainable practices throughout its production and processes. Home to 600 varieties of plants that we harvest on site to be included in our gins. Where providence is at the heart of everything, from seed to sip. This is evident at every stage in the production of our gins from the way we grow, and hand harvest our botanicals to the way our gins are packaged. Our Secret Garden gins are lovingly crafted using 100% natural ingredients to produce a natural Scottish gin. Our garden is completely natural, we use no chemicals, pesticides, or herbicides, and use only peat-free organic compost to ensure no chemicals touch our soil and to reduce our impact on carbon emissions. There have always been bees at the Garden, and our hives produce fragrant and pesticide-free honey which we use in some of our gins and sell some in our shop if the bees have had a good season. In 2022 we had 5 hives and in 2024 we have 10

as our bee colonies are healthy and growing. It can be startling for our visitors to see the bees swarm in the Spring looking for more space, but it is a sign that the bees are thriving in our Garden. We keep wild corridors in our garden, where the grass isn't obsessively cut and 'weeds' can prosper and grow. We embrace these wild botanicals (weeds), such as the dandelion, not only for its beautiful sunny face that floods our lawns in Spring, but most importantly because it's an early and critical source of pollen that is a life saver for the bees. We even use these wild plants in some of our gins and our Wild Gin celebrates this heritage.

In 2023, we received LACER funding from Midlothian Council to help us connect our onsite borehole to the rest of the site providing us with a sustainable source of water for the Garden and for the Distillery helping to reduce our carbon-footprint. We are always looking to improve our emissions and we are not perfect yet but strive every day to be better. To this end we have created an entire business that revolves around the health of the earth because although we are a Distillery, a cafe and a shop, most importantly we are a Garden: one that is truly rooted in nature.

Rose Gin



Delight in the delicate, floral notes of Rose Gin, crafted with handpicked rose petals and botanicals. This premium gin captures the essence of our fragrant apothecary and damask roses from the Distillery Garden for a light, refreshing gin experience. Perfect for gin lovers who enjoy a touch of elegance, Rose Gin is ideal for sipping on its own or mixed into beautifully aromatic cocktails like a Rose Gin & Tonic or a Rose Martini.

Nose: Potpourri
 Taste: Turkish delight
 Finish: Hints of brown sugar

Perfect Serve: Rose Gin is best served with light tonic and a raspberry and mint garnish but equally can elevate simple cocktails like Rose Martini or Rose Fizz.

Lemon Verbena Gin



Hand-harvested Lemon Verbena, lemon Melissa and lemon thyme are distilled and blended with Juniper, Coriander, Angelica Root, and Winter Savory to create a gin that is naturally fresh in fragrance. Now in 40% ABV strength, its zesty, citrus notes with hints of lemon sherbet, make this a refreshing Gin to enjoy. At 40% ABV we feel we get the perfect balance of flavor and aroma and a better mouthfeel.

Nose: Fresh citrus
 Taste: Refreshingly citrus
 Finish: Hints of lemon sherbet

Perfect Serve: Lemon Verbena is best served with light tonic and a lemon garnish but makes a delicious base for easy gin cocktails to make at home.

Best Scottish Signature Botanical – World Gin Awards 2022

Gold – San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2021

Elderflower & Jasmine Pink Gin



Our best-selling gin. Hand harvested Elderflower and Jasmine are distilled and blended with Juniper, Coriander, Angelica Root and Winter Savory to create a gin that is perfectly balanced. Naturally floral in fragrance, with hints of exotic fruits, make this a beautifully aromatic sweet Gin to enjoy. Once distillation is finished, we add a mixture of dark violet and rose petals from our Garden to create a strong pink color that is completely natural. It does fade over time, but our customers have asked us to bring back our pink gin. At 40% ABV we feel we get the perfect balance of color, flavor and aroma and a better mouthfeel and the 70cl bottle has artwork featuring both elderflowers and flowering jasmine.

Nose: Floral and fruity
 Taste: Crisp base with tropical fruit and aromatic notes
 Finish: A fresh, aromatic finish

Perfect Serve: Elderflower & Jasmine is best served with light tonic and a grapefruit garnish but makes an easy gin spritz cocktail with a dash of lemonade or soda.