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Old Tom Gin

59 gal @ 64% - 75.52 pg

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RANSOM





Ransom Wines & Spirits Co.

Ransom Spirits was started by Tad Seestedt in 1997 with a small life savings and a handful of credit cards. The name was chosen to represent the debt incurred to start the business - Tad was paying his own ransom to realize his dream. Initially, the distillery made small amounts of grappa, eau de vie and brandy. Ransom began the production of a number of small-batch fine wines in 1999. In 2007, Ransom took up the craft of grain-based spirits, adding gin, whiskey, vodka to the line-up.

Ransom distills their spirits in a hand-hammered, direct-fired French alembic pot still, making all of the selective cuts by taste and smell, without the use of computers or robots. This labour intensive, traditional method of distillation retains greater aromatic intensity and body from the raw materials they select with such great care. Ransom mash and ferment the base wort on site weekly in small batches, sourcing local and organic grains and incorporating barley grown on their own farm. The gins include the finest natural botanicals, many of which are Organically grown in Oregon.

Philosophy:

Ransom strives embody core values of historicity, craftsmanship, and terroir. Ransom works hard every day to make products that speak to their literal and figurative roots. They have created dynamic, terroir-driven craft spirits with the weight and aromatic complexity of their predecessors. This also speaks meaningfully of a new provenance; the green foothills of the Oregon Cascades, where a new tradition of distilling is springing to life.



RANSOM Old Tom Gin

Ransom's Old Tom Gin is a historically accurate revival of the predominant Gin in fashion during the mid 1800's and the golden age of American cocktails. The recipe was developed in collaboration with historian, author, and mixologist extraordinaire David Wondrich.

Old Tom is the Gin for mixing classic cocktails dating from the days before prohibition. Ransom Old Tom's subtle maltiness is the result of using a base wort of malted barley, combined with an infusion of the botanicals. The final distillation is run through an alambic pot still in order to preserve the maximum amount of aromatics, flavor and body.

A pioneering American craft spirit, Ransom Old Tom Gin was the first domestic barrel aged gin and the first domestic Old Tom Gin to be released since Prohibition.

Old Tom gins find their way into drinking history starting in the 18th century. Old Tom's were part malted grain mash, part infused botanicals. Old Tom gins had robust and expressive flavors due in part to the pot still distillation methods as well as the barrel aging these gins underwent as the product was transported from city to city.

Tasting Notes: Ransom Old Tom Gin opens with seductive aromatics of juniper berries and coastal forest, set off by apothecary spice notes of cardamom and angelica. The palate is rich and silky, with malt flavors punctuated by lively citrus zest and heady exotic notes of coriander and teak. The gin continues with suppleness and power, with the warmth and richness of the malt carrying clean, focused botanicals on a long, elegant finish.

Selected Accolades: 5-Stars ★★★★★/Highest Recommendation - F. Paul Pacult's The Spirit Journal March 2014, Top 75 5 Star Spirits 2014 - F Paul Pacult's The Spirit Journal, Gold Medal 2013 San Francisco World Spirits Competition, Gold Medal, Best in Category - San Diego Spirits Festival, 93 Points - Beverage Testing Institute



Dry Gin Ransom

Fashioned after Holland's renowned malt wine genevers, Ransom Dry Gin combines the maltiness and hop aromas of the style with a decidedly more intense botanical infusion.

Ransom's selection of botanicals for this gin was done with tradition in mind, yet Ransom also sought to capture the essence of Oregon's unique terroir with the inclusion of the iconic Oregon Marionberry and local hops.

The result is a highly aromatic gin with the most compelling attributes of both genever and dry gin styles. We believe speaks meaningfully to its Dutch heritage as well as its Oregon provenance.

Ransom Dry Gin opens with ethereal aromatics of hops and white flowers, set off by bass notes from fresh marionberry and juniper berries. The palate is rich and silky, with malt flavors punctuated by citrus and exotic spice piquancy from cardamom and coriander. The gin finishes with suppleness and power, with the viscosity and richness of malt carrying clean, focused botanicals.

Suggestions: Excellent for sipping neat, or mixed in a Collins, Improved Holland Gin, Bramble, or Kopstoot.

The Emerald 1865

Straight American Whiskey

Thanks to colorful folklore passed down through the generations, we know that the Irish whiskey of today little resembles its 19th century predecessors. Trouble was, there was none left of the traditional whiskey to taste in Ransom's quest to recreate the long lost gems of the Emerald Isle.

Fortune gave Ransom two good turns; a British excise agent who recorded an Irish mash bill in 1865, and Ransom's old friend David Wondrich, who found said recipe poring over the microfiche annals of history and passed it along to Ransom Spirits.

With this mash bill as a guide, Ransom set out to create their own interpretation of a traditional Irish whiskey. A percentage of the barley used is organically on Ransom's farm, all grains are milled, mashed and fermented in small batches at Ransom's distillery and farm in the emerald hills of Sheridan, Oregon, and distilled according to senses on Ransom's, direct--fired alembic pot still.

The Emerald matures in a mix of French and American oak for three years, and is hand bottled, capsuled, and labeled. The result is a highly aromatic spirit with the weight, richness, and complexity of its forbearers.

Selected Accolades: Double Gold - 2014 San Francisco World Spirits Competition - Gold Medal, Best in Category - 8th Annual American Distilling Institute Judging - 90 Points - The Whiskey Wash

Technical Specifications: Grain bill: 67 % Malted Two-Row Barley (including a percentage of Crystal Malt), 7% Unmalted Six- Row Barley, 15% Rye, 12% Oats. Aged three years in mixed cooperage of French and American Oak, 53 and 60 gallon barrels.



Ransom Rye, Barley, Wheat Whiskey

Innovation is a cornerstone of the American ethos. In this spirit, Ransom's Rye, Barley, Wheat Whiskey is carefully crafted using the finest traditions in distilling—It has been distilled in hand hammered, direct fire, alambic copper pot stills and only the very best portion of the cuts has been kept at the still.

Years of blending have convinced Ransom's master distiller that diverse mash bills produce whiskeys that are more evocative and interesting, so Ransom worked diligently to craft a rich, complex palate of grain flavors by blending six grain components. To protect and enhance these delicate cereal flavors, Ransom elected to forego the conventional heavily charred new oak in favor of used 60 gallon toasted French oak barrels, most of which formerly held Pinot Noir. These barrels contribute weight and depth to the spirit without erasing or obscuring the character of the grain, which we feel should define a premium whiskey.

The result is a whiskey which offers unprecedented depth, complexity, and body. The finest ingredients, meticulous attention to fermentation, and obsessive distillation techniques come together to bring you this unique, innovative American Whiskey.

Tasting Notes: Rich aromatics of hazelnut shortbread and sugar cookie provide an approachable counterbalance to earthy spice notes from the rye. On the palate, a smooth entry with flavors of Amoroso sherry and brown butter continues to build in breadth and viscosity. The finish is lush and enduring, with sweet honey notes and a polished hint of baking spices.

Selected Accolades: Five Stars - F. Paul Pacult's Spirit Journal - December 2016 ; Silver Medal - 2017 San Francisco World Spirits Competition; Gold Medal - 2017 Seattle International Spirits Awards; 91 Points - Ultimate Beverage Challenge.



WHIPPER SNAPPER

OREGON SPIRIT WHISKEY



Whipper Snapper is a pot distilled, handcrafted whiskey made by dedicated artisans for those who appreciate quality, flavorful whiskey. It is intended for sipping, mixing in cocktails, or just plain drinking. Whipper Snapper represents an endeavor to utilize and combine the best of production methods, and technical approaches to making bourbon, Scotch, Irish whiskey, and Dutch Corenwyn.

Whipper Snapper cannot be placed in one category of whiskey. It is clearly different from any one single style, with the best of the parts from several distinct styles. Although the mash bill is most similar to bourbon, it is quite heavy on malted barley, and aromatically is more similar to a non-peated Scotch or Irish whiskey.

Specifications:

63% Corn neutral spirits, 21% Rye, 16% Barley (85% Malted, 15% Unmalted Ransom Estate)

The distillate is aged in a variety of barrels, including used French coopered Pinot noir barrels, new American coopered whiskey barrels, and used American whiskey barrels.

The Whipper Snapper is aged for between one and five years. For each bottling, eight barrels are specifically selected to make the best possible blend. Meticulous attention is paid to achieving perfection both in the bottle and out.

Tasting Notes: Whipper Snapper opens with warm, toasty notes of hazelnut and rye loaf, underpinned by creamy malt aromas. The palate is lively but giving, with a deft balance between aromatics of grain and barrel; notes of crystal malt, demerara sugar, and sweet earth. Whipper Snapper finishes with an elegant flourish of viscosity and vibrant, expressive notes of rye and malt.



HENRY DU YORE'S Rye WHISKEY

Ransom's Henry DuYore's Rye Whiskey speaks to Ransom's aspiration to release spirits that balance the character of their grains of origin with the influence of the years passed in oak barrels. An abiding fondness for the flavor of rye inspired us to produce our own bottling. With this Rye Whiskey, Ransom sought to temper the admirable innate feistiness of rye with the rich, supple flavor of malted barley.

Ransom is proud to offer up this whiskey as a fitting tribute to the legendary old moonshiner Henry DuYore. Although he is now completely reformed, Henry's true identity cannot be revealed. You might find him in his cabin, whittling, reading classic literature, or enjoying the occasional nip of good whiskey...

Technical Specifications: Grain bill: 77.8% Rye, 22.7% Barley.

Tasting Notes: Henry du Yore's Rye Whiskey opens with heady cereal notes of pine sap, celery root, and sweet rye loaf, set off by warm accents of malted barley. The palate is forward and textured, with dark rye and demerara flavors punctuated by lively hints of fresh sugar cane and exotic high notes of hibiscus and agave. The whiskey continues with suppleness and power, with the richness of the malt carrying clean, focused aromatics on a long, elegant finish.

Suggested Cocktails: Manhattan, Old Fashioned, and Whiskey Sour.

CYCLES & ACCESSOIRES

DRY VERMOUTH

Ransom Dry Vermouth harkens back to the flourishing cocktail culture of the Belle Époque, when joie de vivre filled the air and Vermouth made the evolutionary leap to a distinguished mainstay of the era's most popular drinks -the Martinez, the Martini, the Marguerite, and the Manhattan.

Ransom Dry Vermouth is ideal for mixing with gin and other spirits, as well as being tasty with a splash of tonic or soda on the rocks. It makes an impressive Negroni, and is revelatory in a Martini, providing a botanical reinforcement to already botanically-driven gin.

Alambic pot distilled from a blend of organically farmed aromatic white varietals and Pinot Noir Blanc from Pacific Northwest grapes. Barrel aged in mixed French oak.

Mentions:
"Highly assertive in both aromas and flavors, and does the consumer the favor of listing boldly on the front label all the botanical ingredients that go into creating its unique style." - *SF Examiner* "Recommended for classic cocktails, or to sip alongside a cheese plate." - *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*, 94 points, November 2013



Divan Japonais

75 rue des Martyrs

Ransom Sweet Vermouth harkens back to the flourishing cocktail culture of the Belle Époque, when joie de vivre filled the air and Vermouth made the evolutionary leap from charlatan snake oil and disguised refuse to a distinguished mainstay of the era's most popular drinks—the Martinez, the Negroni, and across the pond, the Manhattan.

As the classic cocktail revival encouraged Ransom to bring such endangered spirits as Old Tom Gin back into production, Ransom desired to create an aperitif with the aromatic intricacy and grace to complement Ransom's spirits.

While Ransom's Sweet Vermouth is an original recipe with elements of whimsy, this Vermouth is fundamentally a classical formulation, rooted in flavors of wormwood and the quinate barks. It lends depth, complexity, and elegance to cocktails both classic and modern and is a worthy aperitif either neat or on ice.

Ransom Sweet Vermouth retains the traditional apothecary signatures of its Belle Époque ancestors while contributing meaningfully to the modern Vermouth tradition. Bonne santé!



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