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## Review: Darnley's View Gin

Wemyss (pronounced "WEEMS") is well-known for its line of Scotch whiskeys, and now the Wemyss family is taken an enormous leap into the world of white spirits, offering its first ever gin.

Darnley's View is a London Dry Gin, flavored with just six botanicals, a scant number in a world of gins that commonly see 15 or more ingredients in the mix.

Darnley's View is largely traditional, with juniper, lemon peel, coriander seed, angelica root, and orris root in the mix. The one big addition: elderflower, practically a weed on the Wemyss estate. It's quite evident here, with that sweet lychee character giving the gin a charming, exotic character without being overpowering. What's missing? Some orange peel -- a traditional element in gin -- would have added more balance -- and frankly, Darnley's View could benefit from a bit more juniper.

With its clean and light finish and sweet overtones, this is a great mixing gin, particularly in cocktails that use fruit juices in the mix. A martini wouldn't be out of line, either.

On the whole, this is a solid workhorse of a gin, one that has just a little bit of uniqueness to keep things interesting and alive.

80 proof.

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## Review: Berkshire Mountain Distillers Spirits

Hailing from Sheffield, Massachusetts, Berkshire Mountain Distillers is a new (est. 2007) boutique distillery that makes a ragtag assembly of vodka, gin, and rum. Primarily available in the Northeast, we tasted through the company's current lineup, with one exception (we'll get to that later).

**Berkshire Mountain Distillers Ice Glen Vodka** is distilled from unknown materials, and is blended with water sourced directly from the Berkshire Mountain property, and finally charcoal filtered. The result is a surprisingly plain vodka. Though the body is buttery and rich, there's only a minimal amount of flavor here. The primary taste is merely watery. It isn't until the finish that some of vodka's more traditional, medicinal notes start to come on, and linger they do for quite a while. This is an acceptable vodka but a hard sell at this price. 80 proof. **B-** / \$30

**Berkshire Mountain Distillers Greylock Gin** is more unique, flavoring its spirit with juniper, coriander, angelica, orris root, orange peel, licorice, and cinnamon. Intensely aromatic, the juniper is a bomb on the palate of this London Dry style gin, with citrus the secondary note. Licorice is curious -- and quite a delight -- in the finish. This is a gin that feels quite versatile, though it does pack a wallop in the flavor department. 80 proof. **A-** / \$30

**Berkshire Mountain Distillers Ethereal Gin Limited Edition Batch No. 1** is exactly what it claims to be, a limited edition gin with unique flavoring agents. In this case, it has all the ingredients of Greylock, plus lemon, cubeb (grain of paradise), black pepper, elderberry, spearmint, rose hips, and nutmeg. As you might expect, it's even more powerful than Greylock, and the mint and lemon shine through clearly. The finish turns a tad bittersweet, though. Perhaps this gin is just too busy? There's already a Batch No. 2 (pink label) on the market as well, with a different recipe. 86 proof. **B+** / \$40

**Berkshire Mountain Distillers Ragged Mountain Rum** is the only brown spirit in this lineup, a pot-distilled and barrel-aged (for undetermined time) rum from Blackstrap

