



Distillery 209

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13 Reviews



[lisa g.](#)

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Written: 180

01/12/2006 ★★★★★

"I used to think I didn't really like Gin - I mean I wouldn't turn down a G&T if that was the only cocktail being offered, but I never ordered it from a bar.

Distillery 209 has totally changed my opinion of Gin. Now I know that I just don't like most Gin but I really really like Distillery 209 Gin.

Why is so much better? I don't have the palate to understand or the vocabulary to explain if I did. See mynameisdavid's review, Monica's review, Stephanie's review.... or better yet just drink some and see for yourself.

PS Thanks Distillery 209, more kinds of booze I like to drink is just what I needed in my life."



[Kevin S.](#)

[Reviews](#)

Written: 1167

01/13/2006 ★★★★★

"I'm glad you gin people have something to keep up with the vodka arms race. But as far as I'm concerned, even 209 gin still tastes more like Formula 409. I'll give 5 stars for the obvious quality, but jeezus--it's still gin (shudders).

Perhaps my bad gin attitude is rooted in the G&T's I used to drink in college at my friend Martha's apartment in Oberlin. Martha and her roomie would serve mine in an enormous Spencer Gifts brandy snifter we dubbed The Terrarium, and we'd nibble hors d'oeuvres of raw cookie dough on rice cakes. Oof."



[Nish N.](#)

[Reviews](#)

Written: 799

09/30/2005 ★★★★★

"Being a gin fanatic, I'm very impressed with Distillery 209. It's a clean gin, but still very aromatic, drinkable with tonic or in a martini, but also quite refreshing by itself. The fact that they're local, right in San Francisco, just gives me more reason to imbibe in their spirits."



[Dara H.](#)

[Reviews](#)

Written: 192

01/23/2006 ★★★★★

"I agree with Lisa G. I, too, was NOT a gin drinker at all. But after tasting it mixed within a yelptini, I am now a huge fan. 209 has floral, slightly fruity notes with just an essence of juniper, not over-powering or overbearing. I still like Grey Goose in my cocktails but seem to seek 209 whenever I can for something new and exciting."



[mynameisdavid](#)

[m.](#)

[Reviews](#)

11/28/2005 ★★★★★

"oh, boy! i love gin, and that's a feckin good gin! yes, it's smooth, the flavors are subtle. it's less juniperry than some other gins, but its two dominant flavors are the juniper, and citrus...everything else is very subdued and well-blended, giving the impression that this is a less complex, more drinkable gin. i usually drink three or four of these in one sitting (super dry martinis, of course...never mix a good gin with anything other than more good

Written: 27



Stephanie I.
Reviews
Written: 114

gin!), and then i'm not sure what i do after that..."

10/01/2005 ★★★★★

"Distillery 209 has it right! They took the traditional taste of gin (Juniper, pine, etc) and warmed it up a bit with bergamot, lemon, cardimon, coriander and other spices. It gives it much more of a soft flavor that makes it easy to mix with drinks. I loved the one called "summer fling" at the Kamalspa / Yelp Elite event. Yummm!

Look forward to future events where they are at!"



Jonathan S.
Reviews
Written: 210

10/08/2005 ★★★★★

"I used to think that I hate gin. Then Jason D poured me a gin and ginger ale on the rocks. And it was phenomenal. D209 = A1!"



Michael E.
Reviews
Written: 407

09/30/2005 ★★★★★

"I'm not the kind of guy to turn down a drink. Ever. And although my gin has never been seen without its buddy tonic, the times they are a changin'. My gin will be going solo these days with his new moniker, Distillery 209. I won't drink something because it's local (take note, there Thirsty Bear), but I will drink liquor because it's fantastic and that's exactly what this is. Tasty tasty gin that's new to San Francisco. And if you get a chance to talk to their marketing guy, Jason, he'll tell you some fascinating things about the history of the company, origin of their t-shirts and much more."



Jason B.
Reviews
Written: 57

11/14/2005 ★★★★★

"I had a bad gin experience in college and have avoided the stuff ever since. But this brand is bringing me back in a big way. Clean, smooth and fragrant, I've had the chance to try it in martinis and mojitos, and have not been disappointed. I attended a bartender contest at Lucid last night and tasted five different 209-inspired drinks created by three bartenders, and all were amazing. My favorite was a pomagranate martini made by Tiffany from Gallery Lounge. We quickly came up with a new name for it: Porn Star Pom. Awesome flavor, and a wonderful interpretation of 209 gin. Yum!"



Caroline C.
Reviews
Written: 263

01/12/2006 ★★★★★

"Who knew???? So good."



Monica L.
Reviews
Written: 730

10/03/2005 ★★★★★

"I love gin and I will always be partial to the heavy juniper aroma of Tanqueray because that's the gin I first started drinking. 209's gin is not so much a gin drinker gin, but a vodka drinker's gin. It's doesn't have that KAPOW! This is Gin flavor. That said it's a very good gin. I just had mine with tonic but it seems like it would be great in lots of different drinks and even straight up. I might have to try it in a gimlet."



roshni r.
Reviews
Written: 532

10/01/2005 ★★★★★

"i didn't think i liked gin. last time i had any, i was drunk to start, thought the gin was water, and drank a half bottle of tanqueray before puking my guts out in a dorm trash can...after that, i avoided gin like the plague. then, i unwittingly sampled the 209 laden "yelptini" at the kamalspa yelp event.... this stuff tastes great! while i'm too much of a lightweight to drink it straight, it was great in the yelptini cocktail with a faintly zesty aroma and really smooth flavor."



Sarah S.
Reviews
Written: 74

09/30/2005 ★★★★★

"I've never been a gin drinker per se, but I may have been converted last night. This is not only a great tasting gin, (keep in mind, no hang over today) but it's also a company with a creative vision and a worthy conscience. They began in 1882, and have recently began a 209 revival - and rightfully so. This is a great company with a great tasting product."