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Review: Citadelle Reserve Gin 2009 Vintage

Citadelle isn't just releasing this specially-flavored (with 19 spices) and cognac-barrel aged (5 months) gin — it's actually going the vintage route, with this 2009 edition recently hitting shelves.

Versus the 2008 version, the only difference in recipe I can tell is one month less in oak: 5 months vs. the 2008 bottling's 6 months. It's still a hazy golden hue, with spice and citrus, and a little vanilla finish imparted by the time in cask. Just as good as the 2008 — perhaps a little smoother, even. I like it a lot and recommend it just as highly as last year's model.

Even better: It can now be found for cheaper than the 2008, about \$5 less per bottle. Win.

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