

On matters of  
taste...

How I taste and why

**P**erhaps the most common question I am asked is "How do you taste spirits?" The answer is simple: I taste them. I taste them every day. I taste them in the morning, at lunch, and in the evening. I taste them in the company of friends and family, and I taste them alone. I taste them in the company of other spirits, and I taste them in the company of food. I taste them in the company of music, and I taste them in the company of art. I taste them in the company of life.

## Citadelle Reserve Gin 2009:

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★★★★ HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

**Citadelle Reserve Gin 2009**  
(France; WJ Deutsch & Sons,  
White Plains, NY )  
44% abv, \$40.

Muscadet, pale straw/oyster shell  
color; excellent clarity. Smells of pine,



thyme, and cedar plank in the first nosings; juniper jumps out after further air contact, but so does an earthy aspect that reminds me of warm, dry soil that's chalky limestone. Entry is sap-like, piny, and oaky sweet; mid-palate is long, sweet, and complex, with a taste profile that includes green peppercorn, juniper berry, green vegetable, sage, and mild citrus. Viscous in the sweet, multilayered finish.

**Spirit Journal March 2010:**  
★★★★/Highly Recommended



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