

Awildian

PREMIUM NEW ZEALAND GINS

The world's best classic gin: crafted by hand in New Zealand

Winner at the World Gin Awards 2022, our Coromandel Dry offers a local twist on the classic London Dry spirit.

It doesn't stop there, though. In 2024, we broke a global record at the World Gin Awards 2024 by winning five best-in-country awards.



Into the wilderness

AWILDIAN: THE ESSENCE OF UNTAMED DISTILLING

Awildian, an archaic term meaning “the refusal to be tamed,” embodies the spirit of New Zealand’s wild Coromandel and our bold approach to distillation. We embrace the untamed.

Founded by scientists Paul Schneider and Daniela Suess, Awildian originated from their shared passion for making mānuka honey. Their journey began with the creation of honey mead, which unveiled a unique potential. What started in a tiny guest cabin soon transformed into a successful business.

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

With a foundation in precision and experimentation—skills honed through their scientific backgrounds—Paul and Daniela refined their craft, producing distillates that stood out in blind taste tests among esteemed peers, earning its place among the world’s top gins. After securing a central Thames lease and commissioning a custom 150L Carl still from Germany, they immersed themselves in the art of distilling. They skilfully blended local ingredients with exotic botanicals that thrive in more temperate climates. Their first commercial gin, ‘The Cuckoo,’ was awarded Gold at the 2020 New Zealand Spirit Awards.

”Fuck, this is good!”

Nick Ravenhall

Managing Director / Global Head of Sales, Atom Brands

Since then, Awildian gins have gained recognition on the international stage, racking up over forty national and international awards. Our distillery has become a cornerstone of the Coromandel community, with locals and visitors alike eager to experience our distinctive flavours. What began as a vision has now flourished into reality.



DANIELA SUESS AND PAUL SCHNEIDER



CO-FOUNDERS, COROMANDEL DISTILLING CO.



THE FINEST INGREDIENTS

Awildian's botanicals are carefully selected from New Zealand's lush Coromandel region, either from local growers or through foraging. In cases where certain rare botanicals are not suitable for our subtropical climate, we procure the highest quality from other wild regions.

THE BEST EQUIPMENT

From ingredients to equipment, creating award-winning gin depends on getting everything right from the beginning.

And we get the tools right: despite cost and effort, we decided right from the start to distill in a custom-made Carl still. Carl is a family-run distillation coppersmith who've been in the game for 154 years, so it's no surprise that they're the top makers. Our 150L still produces a maximum of 62L of the finest quality gin in each batch, and by distilling in micro-batches, we can give each one the ultimate attention to detail.



DANIELA SUESS, CO-FOUNDER

COROMANDEL DISTILLING CO.



CUSTOM 150L CARL STILL

COROMANDEL DISTILLING CO.

OUR CLASSIC RANGE



COROMANDEL DRY

Citrus - Refreshing - Floral

Available in 700ml, 500ml, and 200ml

“Citrus aromas of tangerine, orange and lemon with refreshing juniper and herbal notes. Juniper, red fruits, lemon and sweet floral notes on the palate. Lingering finish. So interesting and well balanced.” - World Gin Awards 2022

IDEAL MIXER: Fever-Tree® Mediterranean Tonic Water garnished with rosemary.



COROMANDEL SPICED

Floral - Colour shifting - Citrus

Available in 500ml

“Floral sweetness with balanced juniper and sweet biscuit and almond notes.” - International Wine and Spirits 2022

IDEAL MIXER: Fever-Tree® Indian Tonic Water garnished with lemon zest.



COROMANDEL MĀNUKA

Candied orange - Honey - Vanilla

Available in 500ml and 200ml

Soft, inviting aromas of ripe plums, sweet vanilla and some woodiness. Sweet-spicy palate with lemon, cardamom, juniper and well-balanced wood tannins. Good balance.” - World Gin Awards 2022

IDEAL MIXER: Fever-Tree® Dry or Smoky Ginger Ale garnished with a cinnamon quill. Also perfect in an Old Fashioned Cocktail.



COROMANDEL DRY: BLUE EDITION

Cardamom - Wild pepper - Nutmeg

Available in 500ml

“Immediately captivating with a confident nose of white chocolate, violets, lavender, white blossom, and ripe fruits. The refined and intriguing texture has herbal, spicy and floral elements with honey. Very affable.” - International Wine and Spirits 2022

IDEAL MIXER: Fever-Tree® Indian Tonic Water garnished with an orange twist. Also mind blowing in a Negroni.

MORE OFFERINGS



PRESENTATION BOXES

Available for Coromandel Dry and Blue Edition in 500ml



COROMANDEL SPICED GIN: CHRISTMAS EDITION

Festive bottle wrapping for our Awildian Spiced Coromandel Gin

RARE DAMSON GIN

Distilled in small batches with 20 curated botanicals and infused with local handpicked heirloom damson plums, it's a complex, expertly crafted, unfiltered drop that honours both European tradition and Coromandel wilderness.

Available in 200ml



OUR AWARDS

COROMANDEL DRY

2024
Country Winner Gold (Classic), World Gin Awards
Champion Classic Gin, NZ Small Batch Gin Awards

2023
Country Winner Gold (Classic), World Gin Awards

2022
World's Best Classic, World Gin Awards
Gold Award, New Zealand Spirits Awards
Silver Award, Hong Kong International Wine and Spirits Competition

2021
Silver Award, San Francisco World Spirits Competition
Silver Award, New Zealand Spirits Awards
Bronze Award, International Wine and Spirits Competition

COROMANDEL MĀNUKA

2024
Best Overall in Category (Gin - Aged), New Zealand Spirits Awards
Gold Award (Gin - Aged), New Zealand Spirits Awards
Country Winner Gold (Matured), World Gin Awards
Gold Award, New Zealand Spirits Awards
Gold Award, Dish Tasting Panel

2023
Country Winner Gold (Matured), World Gin Awards
Gold Award, NZ Artisan Awards
Gold Award (Matured), New Zealand Gin Awards (The Junipers)
Silver Award, New Zealand Spirits Awards

2022
Country Winner Gold (Matured), World Gin Awards
Gold Award, Hong Kong International Wine and Spirits Competition

2021
Silver Award, San Francisco World Spirits Competition
Silver Award, International Wine and Spirits Competition
Silver Award, Dish Tasting Panel
Bronze Award, New Zealand Spirits Awards

COROMANDEL SPICED

2024
Country Winner Gold (London Dry), World Gin Awards
Gold Award, NZ Small Batch Gin Awards

2023
Silver Award, New Zealand Spirits Awards
Silver Award (NZ Classic Dry), New Zealand Gin Awards (The Junipers)

2022
Gold Award, International Wine and Spirits Competition
Silver Award, New Zealand Spirits Awards

2021
Silver Award, New Zealand Spirits Awards
Silver Award, International Wine and Spirits Competition

COROMANDEL DRY: BLUE EDITON

2024
Country Winner Gold (Colour-Changing), World Gin Awards
Silver Award, NZ Small Batch Gin Awards

2024
Country Winner Gold (Colour-Changing), World Gin Awards
Silver Award, NZ Small Batch Gin Awards

2023
Country Winner Gold (Contemporary), World Gin Awards

2022
Silver Award, New Zealand Spirits Awards

RARE DAMSON GIN

2024
Country Winner Gold (Flavoured), World Gin Awards

2023
Gold Award, International Wine and Spirits Competition
Silver Award (Liqueurs), New Zealand Spirit Awards

2021
Bronze Award (Liqueurs), New Zealand Spirit Awards

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