

The Best Canned Cocktails

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In our hunt for the best, we tasted 40 canned cocktails. Many just couldn't hold up to the quality of a freshly made drink. But a few were balanced, complex, and convenient enough that we wouldn't mind sipping on them in a variety of settings, from sunny beach days to, yes, swanky dinner parties. Here are the cans we couldn't get enough of.



For the beach, for the park, for summer hangouts and cookouts, [The Original Southside](#) was a near-unanimous favorite of our tasting panel. At first sip, it was botanical with plenty of juniper and pine from the gin. A whisper of mint and citrus adds complexity, acid, and brightness. Tasters loved how “light” and “clean” this drink was.

This lightly fizzy cocktail strikes a nice balance: It's more mature and slower-sipping than a seltzer or spiked lemonade but still crisp and light enough for the daytime. (Unlike many of the other cocktails we tasted, which come in smaller cans and are much higher proof.) It's “minty and would be refreshing on a hot day,” noted one taster, while another said, “This is pretty easy drinking.”
ABV: 10%

