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## Long Island Spirits adds gin to its line



Deepwells Botanical Dry Gin. (Credit: Cyndi Murray)

Making locally produced gin has been a goal for Long Island Spirits owner Richard Stabile since opening the doors to the Baiting Hollow tasting room in 2007.

After trying to perfect its flavor for years, Stabile said he has found the winning recipe. Released to the public last month, the distillery's first gin is called Deepwells Botanical Dry Gin.

Named for the Pine Barrens aquifer located under the field that provides water for the company's spirits, the gin begins as Long Island Spirits' signature potato vodka, Stabile said.

To turn the vodka into gin the alcohol undergoes a fourth distillation and a vaporization process, Stabile said. It then enters a chamber where it rests for 48 hours in 28 local and exotic botanicals such as juniper berries, lemon peel, grains of paradise and orange peel.

The result is a 47-proof aromatic gin that is creating quite a buzz in the spirit industry.

"Since we released it 5 weeks ago we have been getting calls from all the Island and New York City to distribute it," Stabile said.

It was also the subject of a recent segment on The East End, the show hosted by Doug Geed on News 12.

A bottle retails for \$35.

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You can also try a sampling or Deepwells Botanical Dry Gin and tonic cocktail at the Long Island Spirits tasting room, located at 2182 Sound Avenue in Baiting Hollow.

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