

**GINEPRAIO**

## LEVANTE SPIRITS

# Organic Mediterranean Dry Gin

Levante Spirits is a small yet dynamic spirits group based in Ponsacco, Tuscany. Creators Enzo Brini and Fabio Mascaretti set out to create liqueurs and distillates that represent the soul of Tuscany. For Ginepraio, Levante took a terroir-driven approach, with three different types of organically grown Tuscan juniper sourced from three distinct terroirs. "Ginepraio" has a double meaning; it means "juniper thicket," but when used colloquially, it describes a tricky, thorny situation. These gins are Mediterranean-inspired, evoking the scents of the wild and aromatic macchia or scrub-brush of the coast.

**COMPANY:** Ginepraio (Levante Spirits)

**CREATOR:** Enzo Brini

**ESTABLISHED:** 2015

**REGION:** ITALY • Tuscany • Ponsacco

**STYLE:** A "compound" gin, for which essential oils of botanicals are first extracted via distillation in water. Organic grain spirit (ABV 60%) is then blended with the essential oils and the mixture is later filtered. The gin is blended with water and reduced to bottling strength. This gin was created in cooperation with Podere Santa Chiara, an organic family farm and micro-distillery that produces essential oils.

**ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS:** Tuscan juniper; green mandarin; bitter orange; marjoram; oregano; wild carrot; and mastic

**ABV:** 43%

**CLOSURE:** Screw cap

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Textured and herbaceous, with scents of wild Mediterranean herbs and a saline, mineral finish



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