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MIXING IT UP

WE'VE DEVOTED considerable space in these pages to exotic rums, creatively spiced gins, and nitro-proofed whiskeys. But unless you're the type who calls a V-shaped glass of chilled vodka a cocktail, there are mixers. They, too, have been undergoing renovation. —DAVID WONDRIK

TONIC WATER

To make a world-class G&T, just put a jigger of top-shelf gin into a glass, perch a lime on the rim, and fill it up with...well, there's the rub. Supermarket tonic is laced with corn syrup and rarely contains any of the quinine that makes tonic a tonic. Instead, if you're lucky enough to find the Q brand (\$10 for a four-pack), snap it up. Otherwise, try the clean, citrusy British *Fever-Tree* (\$6 for a four-pack).

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