A Better T for Your G&T

We've seen it—and drunk it—all too often: a great gin (or rum or whiskey) ruined by a saccharine-sweet mixer someone picked up at the 7-Eleven. Luckily there's a new crop of mixers that will let your liquor shine



Fentimans Victorian Lemonade

· Some good stuff came out of the Victorian era: nitrous oxide, Charles Dickens, and this fizzy, ginger-infused style of brewed lemonade, which plays well with damn near any liquor in your cabinet.

drinkfentimans.com



Reed's Extra Ginger Brew

"Extra" means twenty-six grams of fresh ginger per bottle, a vast improvement over the wan, artificial grocery-store stuff. Reed's can handle a double shot of bourbon and makes for a seriously spicy Dark 'n' Stormy.

reedsinc.com



Amy & Brian Coconut Juice

· Health nuts will tell you to shotgun it straight up, but we'll take "nature's sports drink" Caribbeanstyle: over ice with a shot of dark rum and a squeeze of lime. The "with pulp" version tastes like it was handed to you by a butler in Barbados.

amyandbriannaturals.com



Fever-Tree Tonic Water

· If you've been settling for Schweppes, Fever-Tree will be a wake-up call-crisp, clean, and loaded with quinine for an extrabitter hit. And this two-drink serving means no more two-liter bottles going flat in your fridge.

fever-tree.com



Mexican Coke

· By Mexican Coke, we mean "Hecho en Mexico" Coca-Cola in glass bottles. sweetened with cane sugar instead of highfructose corn syrup. And these days you don't need to live in FI Paso to get this stuff. Order it online or pick up a case at Costco. -STAN PARISH

drsoda.com



The Curator of **Your Next** Cocktail

Most museum hars are overpriced afterthoughts stocked with cafeteria chairs and liquor selections that rival the drinks cart in coach. But the new Stark Bar at the Los **Angeles County** Museum of Art is as serious as the collectionwe're talking Eames furniture. an outdoor terrace designed by Renzo Piano, and carefully crafted seasonal cocktails. Chef Kris Morningstar, who's kicking ass at the adjoining Ray's restaurant, talked LACMA into giving him a garden around the corner from the sculpture plaza. The fresh produce shows up on the bar's small-plates menu and in the drinks. Sip on something that shows off California's bounty, then something with champagne, and then walk off