

TASTE TEST

POP STARS

Wild guess: You want fizz without high-fructose corn syrup or high calories. Us too. We sipped 146 natural sodas to find these palate pleasers. **BY LINDSAY FUNSTON**



DRY AND TART

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SUPER SWEET



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DRY SODA CO. CUCUMBER

"Supremely refreshing" on its own (or spiked with vodka), this mellow brew has just 45 calories. \$6 for 4, drysoda.com for stores



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GUS SODA DRY MEYER LEMON

Real lemon juice delivers a day's worth of vitamin C with an addictive sweet-tart pucker. \$5.50 for 4, gus.com for stores



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IZZE SPARKLING CLEMENTINE

Sweetened with a blend of pure fruit juices, its "tangy punch" is also kid-friendly. \$5.50 for 4, ize.com for stores



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GALVANINA BLOOD ORANGE

A sparkling stand-in for OJ, this Italian favorite tastes "close to fresh-squeezed." \$2.60 for 25.4 oz, safeway.com for stores



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FENTIMANS' DANDELION & BURDOCK

Pear and anise round out this "earthy" botanical brew, a traditional English concoction. \$7 for 4, wholefoods.com for stores



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THOMAS KEMPER SODA BUMBLE BERRY

Ripe black currants and red raspberries shine in this Oregon-crafted creamy soda. \$6 for 4, tksoda.com for stores



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SIPP GINGER BLOSSOM

Light and smooth, this sweet quartet of ginger, vanilla, agave nectar, and lime "puts classic ginger ale to shame." \$12 for 4, haveasipp.com



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VIRGIL'S ROOT BEER

A thick, creamy texture and doses of licorice and molasses make this the real deal. \$5 for 4, reedsinc.com for stores



UPCYCLED FIND

STELLAR SHELLS

Made from real coconut shells, these food- and liquid-safe bowls have colorfully laquered exteriors. \$60 for 4, momastore.org



GREAT IDEA

LOFTY AMBITION

BrightFarms, a New York hydroponic greenhouse development firm, is helping national supermarkets grow their own produce by financing, building, and tending greenhouses on store rooftops. A lettuce patch, for example, would require 95 percent less water and no energy or money to transport.