

CIRCUS MAXIMUS

MICRO BOOZE

THANKS TO THE CRAFT-BEER BOOM, U.S. MOONSHINERS (THEY PREFER "ARTISAN DISTILLERS") ARE FOLLOWING SUIT. THEY'RE HERE, THEY HAVE BEARDS, AND THEY MAKE DAMN FINE HOOCH! CHECK OUT OUR FIVE FAVORITE SMALL-BATCH POTABLES. GET TO SIPPING.
BY MIKE DAWSON



Our preferred way to hydrate after a good workout.

RANSOM OLD TOM GIN
Sheridan, Oregon
\$38, ransomspirits.com
Based on a gin that was popular in the 1800s but died out after Prohibition, OTG is slightly sweet and aged in oak barrels, giving it its amber color and complex flavor. The taste starts like Beefeater but finishes with a mild kick of ginger and orange. It's built for G&Ts and Tom Collinses, but - caution! - OTG blends so well, it's easy to forget you're imbibing an 99-proof and stunning, girl-slurring mind-bomb. Take it slow.

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