

Tonic waters vary in their degree of carbonation, sweetness, and bitterness, as well as the botanicals which contribute to flavour. The best of the category displayed balanced bitterness, subtle sweetness, and a nice complexity with clean flavours. The refreshing, yet bitter, nature of these tonics will pair most seamlessly with gin however there's a lot of potential for versatility here with other spirits as well as non-alcoholic cocktails. Jenny Book

# **TRADITIONAL TONIC WATER**

# **BEST IN CLASS**

### **FENTIMANS** CONNOISSEUR **TONIC WATER**

United Kingdom \$8-9 (4-pack bottles) CSPC 836138

### JUDGES SELECTION



**Fentimans Traditional Tonic Water** United Kingdom \$8-9 (4-pack bottles) CSPC 836143



**Fever-Tree Premium Tonic Water** United Kingdom \$6-9 (4-pack bottles)



**BARKER AND** 

**QUIN FINEST** 

**WATER** 

South Africa

CSPC 900962

**INDIAN TONIC** 

\$9-10 (4-pack bottles)

**Barker and Quin Light at Heart Tonic Water** South Africa \$9-10 (4-pack bottles) CSPC 900963



#### TOM FIRTH

Competition Director for the Alberta Beverage Awards; Managing Editor, Culinaire Magazine; freelance beverage writer; judge and speaker, Tom has been sharing, educating, and talking about wine, beer and spirits for more than 25 years long enough to see a trend or two come and go. Having participated as a judge at over 30 competitions, domestically and internationally, plus management rolls in over 20 competitions, Tom knows his way around running a good, objective, blind competition.

# FLAVOURED TONIC

While relatively 'new' to the market - tonic water was created in 1858 - flavoured tonics offer a broader range than the more traditional, citrus-driven original. From cucumber to elderflower, to full on fruit cocktails, these mixers really bring your classic G&T to life. Try this for an amazingly cool and delicious cocktail: fill a glass with ice, add two ounces of gin and top with Fever-Tree Refreshingly Light Cucumber Tonic Water. Garnish with a slice of cucumber, sprig of mint and enjoy! Kyle McRae

### JUDGES SELECTION



**Fentimans Pink Grapefruit Tonic Water** United Kingdom \$7-8 (4-pack bottles) CSPC 836151



**Fentimans** Valencian Orange **Tonic Water** United Kingdom \$7-8 (4-pack bottles)



# **BEST IN** CLASS

### **FEVER-TREE REFRESHINGLY** LIGHT CUCUMBER **TONIC WATER**

United Kingdom \$6-9 (4-pack bottles)





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