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## A New Line of Taiwanese Tea-Infused Gin

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Guilder's Gin is launching with three flavors: Red Oolong, Canton Dry Gin and Green Tea. Teddy Wolff

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The entrepreneur Wan Di first met his business partner, James Park, in 2018 when Di was operating Luv Tea, a shop he co-founded in New York's West Village, and Park was overseeing the drinks program at Windrose, a restaurant on the same block. They struck up a friendship and began concocting beverages that combined tea with spirits. This week, they're launching a small-batch label of tea leaf-infused gin called Guilder's Gin, nodding to the 19th-century merchant guilds that, during the opium war, smuggled tea out of Canton (now Guangzhou) by pouring it into spirits bottles. Di spent a year tasting over 300 different teas before finding just the right flavors and consistency from leaves harvested at two family-owned farms in Lugu Township and Tai-Dong, Taiwan. Guilder's first offerings are a Green Tea gin, Red Oolong (which Park and Di enjoy sipping on its own) and a more classic offering called Canton Dry, a blend of juniper, coriander and angelica. Starting this month, the brand will be carried at select New York restaurants and retailers, such as Seoul Salon and Ye's Apothecary. This fall, bottles will be available to purchase on the Guilder's Gin site. *From \$45, [crushwineco.com](http://crushwineco.com).*