

Six Dogs Blue

Six Dogs Blue derives its name from the Blue Pea flower (*Clitoria Ternatea*), an antioxidant and aphrodisiac in traditional medicine. As chance would have it, 'Blue' is also the name of the smallest dog in our pack of six.

The infusion of Blue Pea gives the Gin its striking blue colour. The alchemy of this unusual botanical is further revealed when the Gin is mixed with a good tonic, changing the colour to light pink. Six Dogs Blue is the most royal of Gins. A party Gin. A touch of magic. A classic dry Gin with experiences of freshly cut lucerne over handpicked and morning-harvested Rose Pelargonium. Think of that well known shaken-not-stirred cocktail and let your imagination run riot. Not for the timid, Blue is a Gin to inspire the novel you never got around to writing, to bring out a little of the sinner and the artist in you and to raise in a toast at the end of a hard-fought battle.

Six Dogs Blue, the second Gin in our stable, is testament to our open minded, creative and exciting customers, our hugely supportive retailers, our hardworking ambassadors and our greater family, never forgetting our ever-faithful six dogs. Only 66 bottles per batch. Blue is the new Pink!

What's special about Six Dogs Blue?

Six Dogs Blue, the most royal of Gins, is unusual in many ways. Here are the answers to the questions we are most often asked.

How does Six Dogs Blue get its colour? The beautiful blue – not a colour often found in nature – is derived from the flower of the Blue Pea plant. Don't worry: it's entirely natural and there are no artificial colouring agents or other additives in this Gin!

Is the botanical name for Blue Pea really '*Clitoria Ternatea*'? Yes! Take a look at the flower – there's a picture of it on the label and on the box – and you'll see why!

Is it true that Six Dogs Blue is an aphrodisiac? While we'd love to describe Six Dogs Blue as a 'gin with benefits', all that we can honestly say is that the Blue Pea used in our Gin is renowned in Ayurvedic medicine as an aphrodisiac. It's alleged to have a host of other health benefits too.

Why is the colour of Six Dogs Blue sometimes indigo or purple? The colour of the gin comes from the Blue Pea flower. The colour is 'morphogenic', meaning that it will change depending on the refraction of light through the liquid or the actual light source. In natural light the colour is mostly blue and under fluorescent light it is mostly indigo. As our smallest dog is called Blue, we chose to name the gin Blue, not Indigo!

Why does the colour change to pink when a good tonic is added? This is the magic of Six Dogs Blue Gin! Because the blue pea flower reflects the pH (acidity or alkalinity) of the mix, and because tonic is more acidic, the colour will change to a light pink when tonic – or lemon - is added.

What are the distinguishing botanicals in Six Dogs Blue? The mystical Blue Pea flower and Rose Pelargonium are the standout botanicals in Six Dogs Blue Gin, which also boasts Juniper, Naartjie, Angelica, and Coriander.

Where do you get your Blue Pea plant? The Blue Pea grows naturally in Indonesia and we source it from a supplier who treats the plant especially for us. We are currently growing the Blue Pea on our farm to see how it adapts to the South African climate.

Where do you get your Rose Pelargonium? This beautiful botanical comes mainly from the mother plant that grows on our farm. It is freshly cut every morning for infusion into the Blue Gin.

Does the colour fade over time? As the colour is entirely natural, it will fade over time. Store it in the fridge once opened or keep it in its box, out of the way of prolonged direct sunlight.

What is the overall taste sensation of Six Dogs Blue? Blue embodies the freshness of a classic dry but offers two infusions previously unknown in the world of Gin: the Blue Pea which provides an earthy 'cut-grass' layer; and Rose Pelargonium, which gives the Gin its refreshing lightness.

What else is unique to Six Dogs Blue? Six Dogs Blue Gin represents the epitome of small batch craft Gin production. The infusion process keeps our batch size at around 66 bottles per batch.