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### **Mata Hari Absinthe**

**(Austria; Beacon Beverage Imports,  
Manhasset, NY)**

**60% abv, \$50.**

Greenish/blue/ocean color; flawless clarity. Snappy, peppery, and dry aromas greet the olfactory sense in the early-on whiffs; additional time in the glass stimulates highly spirited aromas to emerge, ending up prickly in the nostrils as well as buttery/oily and grassy/vegetal; a fetching bouquet. Palate entry is coyly sweet, fruity, almost like cucumber, and nicely herbal; anise makes an entrance at midpalate and blends well with the fruitiness (which I fail to more closely identify). Concludes sweeter than most, nicely herbal but not overly so, and even a touch honeyed. Hey, I like this one a lot.

*Spirit Journal Rating 2008:*

**★★★★/Highly Recommended**