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n. pl. bran·dies

An alcoholic liquor distilled from wine or fermented fruit juice.

tr.v. bran·died, bran·dy·ing, bran·dies

To preserve, flavor, or mix with brandy.

[Short for *brandy-wine*, from Dutch *brandewijn* : *brandende*, present participle of *branden*, to burn; see **g^wher-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *wijn*, wine; see [WINE](#).]

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