01 / ORIGINS & PEOPLE

Breckenridge

Mountain water. A blender’s imagination. A wider whiskey horizon.

Bryan Nolt’s enthusiasm for Scotch led toward a Colorado distillery, but bourbon blending became its defining language. Working stills, selected whiskey and wine or spirit casks all belong to the same enterprise, set roughly 9,600 feet above sea level. [2, 16, 22]



At a glance
Operations began: 2008
Founder: Bryan Nolt
Home: Breckenridge, Colorado
Master distiller: Hans Stafsholt
Parent: Tilray Brands
[1-3, 8, 24, 28]

A physician follows his curiosity

Nolt approached whiskey as an enthusiast before turning it into a business. The producer connects his move from radiology toward spirits with a trip to Scotland. In his account, a fishing trip to Mohawk Lakes helped focus his attention on Breckenridge and its water. The location became both an ingredient and an identity. [2, 22]

Craft passes from teacher to apprentice

Hans Stafsholt joined as a junior distiller under Jordan Via in 2014, bringing brewing experience to whiskey, rum and laboratory work. Today’s company interview identifies him as master distiller. Billie Keithley’s culinary approach to cocktails brings another dimension, connecting the spirits with food and hospitality. [3, 25]

Watercolors are symbolic interpretations, not documentary portraits or exact buildings.

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

A mountain home opens outward.



2008-2014 Operations begin in 2008. The producer places its first vodka and bourbon three years later; Stafsholt arrives as an apprentice in 2014. [1, 3]

2016-2019 The restaurant opens in December 2016. A 42-foot column comes online in 2018; the first Collectors Art Series follows in 2019. [4-6]

2021-2022 The Broncos partnership begins in 2021. Tilray announces its acquisition that December. A limited Cognac finish appears in 2022. [7-9]

2024-2025 A fourth Sexy Motor Oil release continues the brewery cask exchange. Cognac returns as a permanent addition in April 2025. [9, 11]

2026 New rye, a twelve-cask Single Barrel collection and the sixth art collaboration expand the range. Their specifications belong to those releases. [13-15]

Different addresses, different roles

1925 Airport Road is the working distillery, restaurant and visitor home. The downtown location at 137 South Main Street is a tasting room, not another distillery. The Founder’s Lab invites guests to blend and hand-bottle a creation. A Denver mural belongs to the 2026 art collaboration, rather than production. [15, 23, 24]

The complete website preserves sixteen illustrated milestones and the fuller account of people, places, whiskey origins and change.

03 / WHISKEY, STORIES & SOURCES

The blend is an act of judgment.

Distilling and selecting
A working Colorado distillery and historical purchased whiskey both belong to the story. Current source proportions are not established. Stafsholt describes tasting 20 to 40 barrels when building a blend. [3, 27]



Follow the particular expression
The flagship is an 86-proof bourbon blend with a three-year minimum. Two Drams combines malt components with imported Scotch. These are different whiskey families. [16, 20]

A barrel comes home: the Sexy Motor Oil project sends bourbon casks to Breckenridge Brewery for Imperial Oatmeal Stout, then returns them for whiskey finishing. The 2024 fourth edition described more than a year in those returned casks. The brewery remains a separate sister business. [11]

Research notes & linked sources

Researched October 14, 2026. Specifications are release-specific. Producer sources support the full profile; [27] preserves a historical producer statement in a secondary review. Elevation benefits are attributed claims. All thirty references are linked below.

[1] Official operating history
[2] Founder Bryan Nolt
[3] Master distiller Hans Stafsholt
[4] Restaurant origins
[5] 2018 year in review
[6] First Collectors Art Series
[7] Broncos partnership history
[8] Tilray acquisition, 2021
[9] Cognac returns, 2025
[10] RNDC agreement, 2022
[11] Sexy Motor Oil, fourth edition
[12] Port Cask award, 2024
[13] Rye announcement, 2026
[14] Single Barrel collection, 2026
[15] Pat Milbery art series, 2026
[16] Flagship Bourbon
[17] Distillers High Proof
[18] Port Cask Finish
[19] Whiskey and wine finishes
[20] Two Drams blend
[21] Ingredients and production
[22] Founder on elevation
[23] Founder’s Lab experience
[24] Tours and locations
[25] Billie Keithley’s story
[26] Dark Arts malt whiskey
[27] Historical sourcing disclosure
[28] Distribution expansion, 2026
[29] Tenth-anniversary event
[30] Patriotic Reserve, 2026