01 / ORIGINS & PEOPLE

Cat’s Eye Distillery

Iowa roots. A world of whiskey in the glass.

Cat’s Eye joins Iowa distilling with an independent bottler’s curiosity, following selected barrels across styles and borders. [5]

Home: Bettendorf, Iowa. [17]
Beginning: 2016. [2]
Founder: John Baker. [1]
Perspective: Original spirits, selected barrels and blends. [5]



Curiosity becomes a business

Baker’s earlier distilling work preceded Cat’s Eye. Nassif joined in2018. [3] The name connects a nebula with a family cat. [2]

The maker and the selector

Baker founded the house operation. [1] Nassif’s2019 interview documents mature light whiskey. [4] Jason Baker is a co-owner in2023 reporting. [3]

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

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

A small operation, a broad horizon



2016–2018 Company founding and a partnership built through whiskey enthusiasts. [2,3]

2019–2021 Contemporary interviews and reviews document light whiskey and the wedding-inspired Nassif Family Reserve. [4,6]

2022–2023 Iowa Spirits records international sourcing; a partner tasting features Canadian whisky. [5,2]

2023–2024 The Magi explores multinational rye. [1] A charity organizer announces a Nassif-hosted Iowa bourbon tasting. [8]

Read the place by its role

Iowa: producer and bottling home. [17]
Indiana and Kentucky: one 17-year listing names MGP distillation and Stitzel-Weller maturation, distinct roles in one whiskey's history. [11]
International: source relationships reach into Canada and Europe; these are not foreign Cat's Eye-owned plants. [5]

Dates identify documented events and publication snapshots, not invented release anniversaries.

03 / WHISKEY, STORIES & SOURCES

Read the barrel, then the label

Light whisky is a category defined by distillation above 160 proof and used or uncharred new oak storage. It does not mean low bottling strength. [16] A Bourye listing describes bourbon and rye distillates co-aging, rather than combining only after maturation. [14]

Magi No.3 carries recasked 2023 Magi alongside two MGP rye styles. [10] Another Magi selection joins MGP and Palliser ryes with port/sherry finishing. [13] Similar names or 107 proof strengths do not establish identical recipes.



A blend made for sharing. Nassif Family Reserve grew from whiskey created for a wedding. The shop records one 107 proof recipe using light whiskey and bourye. [9] A ten-year Obtainium pick tells a different story through co-aged clear spirits at 100 proof. [15]

Research notes & linked sources

Edition-specific facts remain separate. Shop metadata conflicts and the disputed light-whiskey debut date are explained in the complete profile. No private collection records appear here.

[1] Producer portfolio
[2] Partner release
[3] 2023 interviews
[4] 2019 interview
[5] Iowa Spirits 2022
[6] Nassif review 2021
[7] Retail allocation
[8] 2024 charity gala
[9] Nassif shop record
[10] Magi No.3
[11] 17 year light whiskey
[12] Canadian rye record
[13] Magi selection
[14] Bourye account
[15] 10 year selection
[16] Whisky standards
[17] Distributor profile
[18] Producer catalog