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Texas begins with wheat.



FIVE POINTS DISTILLING / LONE ELM / FORNEY, TEXAS

Lone Elm makes wheat the subject of its Texas whiskey story. Five Points Distilling is the company behind the brand, producing whiskey and vodka in Forney. Its official story describes a distillery designed around wheat, local growers, collected rainwater and new American oak. [1-3,7]

Founder Bill Wofford recalled a 2011 Kentucky trip that turned a friends' challenge into a real project. In his account, construction began in 2012, the first whiskey followed in 2013 and the first bottling came in 2015. Each date marks a different step. [8]

Contemporary interviews identify Wofford as a founder and describe his chemistry background. The human beginning and the grain choice belong together: an analytical approach applied to a regional ingredient. The current product records supply today's specifications; they do not rewrite the older barrels. [9,17]

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From an idea to a wheat title.

2011-2015
A Kentucky trip leads to construction, first distillation and first bottling in the founder’s account. The 2015 Ultimate Spirits Challenge names Lone Elm Texas Wheat its American-whiskey Chairman’s Trophy winner. [8,10]

2017-2020
The founder dates the move into 53-gallon barrels to 2017. Denver’s 2019 results award gold to both Small Batch and Single Barrel. Two 2020 interviews preserve the early maker’s account. [8,9,11]

2023-2024
The World Whiskies Awards name Lone Elm 4 Years Old Single Barrel World’s Best Wheat in 2023, then Lone Elm Single Barrel in 2024. Awards belong to the named entry and year. [12,13]

2025-2026
Lone Elm Vodka appears as a 2025 Country Winner. The current catalog includes Small Batch, Single Barrel, Sherry, Honey and Wheat Vodka. The catalog date is not a launch date. [14,18]



Forney and the grain country
The official shop places production in Forney. The Small Batch page identifies Texas farms in the Trinity River Basin and a 90% red winter wheat, 10% malted-barley recipe. [3,4]

Water and wood
The producer describes rainwater treatment with ultraviolet light and reverse osmosis, plus medium-char new American oak from the Ozarks. These are producer process statements. [1]

A place-name qualification
The founder’s name-origin anecdote differs from the municipal history, which records Brooklyn as Forney’s earlier name. That conflict remains unresolved. [8,16]

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One grain. Several expressions.

Small Batch currently lists three years and 90 proof. Single Barrel lists four years and approximately 120 proof, varying by cask. Read the exact bottle for its strength and age. [3,4]

Sherry Cask Finish identifies Oloroso and 106 proof. Honey Barrel Finish explores another influence, but its official page conflicts: 108 proof / 54% in the copy and 53% in the details. The label must decide. [5,6]



Beyond the barrel
Wheat Vodka is unaged and 80 proof. Its country-level award is distinct from the whiskey’s world wheat titles. [7,14]

LINKED RESEARCH SOURCES

1. Official distillery story
2. Official range
3. Single Barrel product record
4. Small Batch product record
5. Oloroso Sherry finish
6. Honey finish / proof conflict
7. Wheat Vodka product record
8. Bourbon Road founder account
9. Bourbon Real Talk interview
10. 2015 USC organizer results
11. 2019 Denver official results
12. 2023 world wheat title
13. 2024 world wheat title
14. 2025 vodka country award
15. Flow Design packaging credit
16. Forney municipal history
17. 2020 founder interview
18. Current official catalog

Research: October 19, 2026. Early dates follow the founder’s explicit chronology; another account differs on first market release. Current specifications are release-specific. Climate claims are not an age-conversion formula. Original watercolors are symbolic.