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Four Gate

The blend begins the story. The barrel changes its direction.

Founded in Louisville in 2018, Four Gate builds whiskey around selection, blending and finishing. Its first release arrived in April 2019. Mature sourced spirits provide the starting point; Kelvin Cooperage helps shape what happens next. [3,4,23]

Home: Louisville, Kentucky
Role: Blender and finisher
Founders: Bill Straub and Bob D’Antoni
First release: Kelvin Collaboration [1,4]



A Kentucky name, a new approach

The company connects its name to the four-rail fences of central Kentucky horse farms. Its whiskey story is contemporary: select mature spirits, combine them thoughtfully and explore the effects of another cask. Four Gate explicitly sources rather than distills its own whiskey. [2,3]

The blend and the barrel

Straub serves as chief blending officer; D’Antoni as chief barrel officer. Their partnership is joined by the expertise of Kelvin’s coopers. William Hornaday’s team developed the original Split Stave construction; Kevin McLaughlin inspired Triple Oak. [1,9,20]

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

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A history of changing the vessel



2018–2019 Company founded; the first Kelvin Collaboration follows. Foundation and Split Stave show contrasting directions. [4,8,9]

2020 River Kelvin Rye and Tennessee Foundation widen the range of sourced spirits. [10–12]

2021 Old Sherry Pike uses Oloroso alone; the Bluegrass Trilogy divides and recombines a shared blend. [13–15]

2022 Australian-cask releases expand the palette. Split Stave becomes a recurring flagship. [17–19]

2024 Triple Oak honors Kevin McLaughlin; Kelvin Collaboration VI layers Madeira and rum finishes. [20,21]

Read the place by its role

Louisville is the company home and cooperage connection. Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee identify different source states. Glasgow explains Kelvin’s name and heritage. The origin of a finishing cask is distinct from the origin of the whiskey inside it. [1,5,10,11,17]

Selected milestones. The full profile preserves batch-level qualifications and the complete illustrated chronology.

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The choices inside the cask

Split Stave barrels combine toasted and charred staves in one rebuilt vessel. Finishing times vary by batch, and Foundation releases demonstrate that a second cask is optional. [8,9]

The flagship specifies at least seven-year Kentucky bourbon and a 75/20/5 corn/rye/malted-barley recipe. BRRYE instead combines bourbon and rye. Treat each label’s recipe and proof separately. [16,18]



Three paths, one beginning. The Bluegrass Trilogy takes a common rum-finished blend into port and Apera casks, then recombines portions for a third expression. It makes the effect of the finishing choice especially tangible. [15]

Research notes & linked sources

Researched October 18, 2026. Kelvin’s corporate history does not establish Four Gate ownership. Public archives are incomplete; no later release calendar is inferred. Brand and company-issued accounts remain attributed. [3–5]

[1] Founders
[2] The name
[3] Whiskey families
[4] Company news
[5] Kelvin history
[6] Outer Orbit Loop
[7] Batch 2 release
[8] Foundation
[9] Split Stave
[10] First rye
[11] Tennessee batch
[12] Batch 8 arrival
[13] Old Sherry Pike
[14] Batch 14 release
[15] Bluegrass Trilogy
[16] BRRYE
[17] Summer 2022
[18] Flagship details
[19] Flagship arrival
[20] Triple Oak
[21] Collaboration VI
[22] Private casks
[23] Company home