HIGH WEST

Mountain roots. A restless approach to whiskey.



Origins & people

David and Jane Perkins founded High West in 2006. A Kentucky distillery visit inspired David, a biochemist; the family moved to Park City in 2004. Distilling began in 2007. [1]

The founders supplied the vision. Distilling, sensory and blending teams shape what reaches the glass. A dated 2022 announcement identifies Brendan Coyle as Master Distiller and describes sensory-led selection for The Prisoner collaboration. [17]

Distiller and blending house

High West makes whiskey in Utah and buys whiskey from other producers. Selection, blending and finishing turn those components into distinct expressions. High Country is a house-distilled American single malt; other families combine different origins. [2,15]

HOME Park City and Wanship, Utah
OWNERSHIP Constellation Brands since October 2016 [5,6]

History & places

From an idea to a mountain home



2001-2007
Inspiration, relocation, founding and first distillation mark separate stages. [1]

2008-2009
The old livery is restored and the Park City saloon opens. [1]

2015
The Wanship distillery opens at Blue Sky. [1]

2016
Distiller of the Year recognition and Constellation acquisition. The transaction completed October 14. [5,17]

2021-2022
A wildfire-awareness campaign leads to Protect the West; a separate 2022 barrel exchange creates The Prisoner collaboration. [10,17]



2026
Act 14 celebrates twenty years with port and sherry finishing. [11]

Three destinations. Different roles.

Park City Saloon 703 Park Avenue. Downtown whiskey, dining and historic livery character. [12]

Wanship Distillery 27649 Old Lincoln Highway. Distilling and blending tours, tasting room, Refectory and store. [4]

Nelson Cottage 651 Park Avenue. Seasonal dining, guided whiskey education and optional pairings. [7]

Architectural images are symbolic interpretations. Visit official venue pages for current schedules and bookings.

Whiskey & stories

A family built by blending



Rendezvous and Double Rye connect column- and pot-still rye. Current pages disclose MGP and High West components. Campfire combines bourbon, rye and peated Scotch; its Scotch supplier is undisclosed. High Country is distilled and blended in Utah. [8,9,14,15]

Midwinter Act 14 adds Amontillado, Oloroso and PX sherry casks alongside ruby and tawny port. The dated 2022 Prisoner launch describes bourbon and rye finished in red-wine barrels. These specifications belong to those editions. [11,17]

A dessert, a horseshoe, a landscape

Campfire’s back-label story attributes the idea to melon with peated-whisky syrup at Bruichladdich. That inspiration does not identify its Scotch supplier. High West also traces its horseshoe motif to the livery renovation. Protect the West links the brand to conservation and firefighter support. [1,10,14]

A label can outlast a recipe. Current disclosures do not establish the composition of older batches, barrel picks or annual Acts. Read the particular release.

Linked primary sources

1. Origins and heritage
2. Why High West blends
3. Visitor experiences
4. Wanship distillery
5. 2016 acquisition filing
6. Current parent portfolio
7. Nelson Cottage
8. Double Rye
9. Rendezvous Rye
10. Protect the West
11. Midwinter Act 14
12. Park City Saloon
13. High West Bourbon
14. Campfire
15. High Country single malt
16. Cask Strength 2024
17. 2022 Prisoner collaboration