01 / ORIGINS & PEOPLE

Limestone Branch

Two family branches. A new Kentucky chapter.

Limestone Branch brings a modern distillery into a much older whiskey conversation. Yellowstone dates to 1872; the Lebanon home arrived in 2015. [22] The shared story invites a closer look at what a family inherits, selects and makes anew.



Modern beginnings: Stephen and Paul Beam formed the company in October 2010; groundbreaking followed in May 2011. [1]

A return with two starting points

A historic brand and a new distillery do not share one founding date. Luxco reported the first Yellowstone barrel at Limestone Branch in April 2015. [3] Mature bourbon for that year’s Limited Edition came through Luxco, while new distillate began its own aging journey. [4]

Family memory, living curiosity

Stephen Beam’s horticultural background also shaped Bowling & Burch gin, introduced with seventeen botanicals, some grown on the property. [7] For Yellowstone Family Recipe, the producer describes recovering Guy Beam’s notes and cloning yeast from Minor Case’s preserved jug. [9]

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

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

An inheritance keeps changing



1872 / A name from a landscape Yellowstone takes its name from the new national park. [24]

2017 / Another family tribute Minor Case rye arrives with a sherry-cask finish, aged two years and bottled at 90 proof. [5]

2018 / A conservation connection The brand begins partnering with the independent National Parks Conservation Association. [6]

2021 / A wider corporate family MGP completes its Luxco acquisition on April 1. [8]

2025 / Collaboration in the blend The Limited Edition joins ten-year Kentucky and Indiana bourbons at 105 proof. [13]

Read the place by its role

Lebanon is the visitor home, including tours, Minor’s Lounge and the Tasting Lodge. [17] MGP announced a temporary distilling pause from May 1, 2026, while bottling, warehousing and visitor experiences continued. [14] A quiet stillhouse does not make the entire destination a closed one.

The website follows seventeen individually illustrated milestones, with fuller dates and qualifications.

03 / WHISKEY, STORIES & SOURCES

Read the whiskey by expression

One house can use several different tools. Toasted bourbon employs five types of toasted staves. [20] Rum Cask Finish uses former rum casks for nine weeks after four years of bourbon aging. [11]

The 2026 Limited Edition finishes seven- and fourteen-year Kentucky bourbons separately in Ruby and Tawny Port casks, then marries them at 101 proof. [15]



Landscape is more than label imagery here. NPCA reported a cumulative million dollars in Yellowstone donations in February 2025. [19] The whiskey’s park connection reaches beyond naming into continuing conservation support.

Research notes & linked sources

Researched October 18, 2026. Release specifications retain their original context. The parent’s Sempreon name was announced for November 2, still prospective at research. [23] Full chronology and qualifications appear on the website.

[1] Distillery history
[2] Luxco partnership
[3] First local barrel
[4] 2015 blending
[5] Minor Case launch
[6] NPCA partnership
[7] Botanical gin
[8] Luxco acquisition
[9] Family Recipe
[10] Single Malt launch
[11] Rum Cask Finish
[12] Small Batch 107
[13] 2025 Limited Edition
[14] 2026 operating pause
[15] 2026 Limited Edition
[16] Recollection debut
[17] Visitor home
[18] Spirits family
[19] Donation milestone
[20] Toasted staves
[21] Hand Picked program
[22] Yellowstone history
[23] Planned parent rename
[24] Landmark labels
[25] Flood relief
[26] Conservation partners