01 / ORIGINS & PEOPLE

Nashville Barrel Company

Music City / Barrel selection, blending and shared discoveries

Nashville Barrel Company is an independent whiskey house built around the work of choosing. It sources mature spirit and develops releases through aging, blending and bottling. The company explicitly describes its operation as a non-distilling producer, despite using distillery language for its visitor venues. [S03]

First barrels: 2018. **Public rye:** February 2020. **Home:** Nashville, Tennessee. [S02]



A shared pursuit becomes a business

Mike Hinds and James Davenport met through charity work in 2017. Their whiskey friendships led to buying barrels in 2018 and a first public rye release in February 2020. Selection experience connected a practiced palate with an enthusiastic community. [S02]

A selection house, with people at its heart

The current roster connects Mike Hinds with logistics, James Davenport with blending, and Kelly O’Shea with brand development. Those roles bring a selected cask to customers. [S01]

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

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

From the first casks to a second city



2021 / A Nashville home. The producer dates its own facility opening to March, after the commercial whiskey launch. [S09]

2022 / More ways to choose. The company announces four Double Gold medals and new cask-strength batched bourbon and rye. [S04]

2023 / Downtown. A later anniversary announcement places the downtown tasting-room opening in October 2023. [S06]

2024 / Two top-five finishes. Minnick ranks Nashtucky rye second and bourbon fourth in his final list. [S07]

2025–2026 / Kentucky. A September 2025 plan precedes the Louisville Rickhouse site’s July 2026 visitor-experience milestone. [S08] [S09]

Different sites, different jobs

Fesslers Lane is the production headquarters; Church Street is the downtown tasting room. NuLu adds a Kentucky visitor home. These places connect selection, hospitality and bottling. They do not establish that all the whiskey was distilled in Nashville or at the Louisville venue. [S12] [S10]

Announcements and operating evidence remain separate; no exact first trading day is claimed for Louisville.

03 / WHISKEY, STORIES & SOURCES

Choosing, combining and preserving identity



The current core bourbon sheet describes a Kentucky-distilled whiskey from an undisclosed source, at least seven years old. Its 78/10/12 recipe and variable batch strength belong to that listing. [S16]

The core rye is a different whiskey: MGP Indiana, a 95/5 rye-and-malted-barley recipe, and a seven-year minimum. [S17]

The Compromise joins equal portions of nine-year MGP bourbon and seven-year Kentucky rye, bottled at 61.3 percent ABV. Its component ages do not make the finished blend a nine-year whiskey. The rye source is not named. [S18]

Barrel selection is also an experience. Visitors can compare four single barrels and choose a favorite, making differences between casks tangible. That participatory approach is central to the producer’s appeal: a selection can reflect a group’s preference while remaining a particular release with its own proof and provenance. [S13]

Research notes & linked sources

Researched October 20, 2026. Product details are release-specific. Dates and address conflicts remain in the full research notes. Illustrations are symbolic interpretations.

[S01] Story & team
[S02] Producer identity
[S03] NDP FAQ
[S04] 2022 release
[S05] 2023 recognition
[S06] 2024 statement
[S07] 2024 final ranking
[S08] Kentucky plan
[S09] Rickhouse story
[S10] NuLu open
[S11] Brand family
[S12] Location roles
[S13] Visitor selection
[S14] Private barrel picks
[S15] Nashtucky origin
[S16] Core bourbon
[S17] Core rye
[S18] The Compromise
[S19] Founders Fourteen
[S20] Awards record
[S21] Nashtucky bourbon
[S22] Nashtucky rye
[S23] Barrel flight