01 / ORIGINS & PEOPLE

Three states. Several chapters.



O.K.I. BOURBON

Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana give O.K.I. its name. The whiskey story begins with sourced barrels at New Riff, then develops through independent ownership, single-barrel selection and blending. A regional identity does not make every release a three-state recipe. [1,3,8]

A June 2014 visitor tasted nine-year-old O.K.I. at the newly opened New Riff distillery. Mature sourced stock offered an immediate experience while the new operation aged its own whiskey. By 2018, contemporary coverage followed New Riff’s own bourbon into the market. [1,2]

Chad Brizendine and Jake Warm acquired O.K.I. from New Riff in April 2020. Their Cincinnati-based revival brought single barrels back that fall. The new company and the former brand owner are separate chapters; O.K.I. is not the name of a verified physical distillery. [3,4]

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

Follow the name. Check the role.

2014 / 2018
Sourced O.K.I. appears at New Riff; New Riff later releases its own matured bourbon. [1,2]

2020
The brand changes hands in April; single-barrel whiskey returns in fall. [3,4]

2022
Reserve Batch 1 is documented in June, then introduced by Seelbach’s in August. [5,6]

2023
Expansion into three more states and a planned tri-state Reserve blend are announced. [8]

2024
A bonded bourbon/rye pair is documented. Athlete’s Cut is announced in June. [9,10]

January 2026
A ten-year Double Oaked private barrel shows more than five years in each cask. [11]



Newport, Kentucky
Original New Riff setting. Sourced O.K.I. and house-distilled New Riff whiskey have different origins. [1,2]

Lawrenceburg, Indiana
Documented source for relaunch bourbon and Reserve Batch 01. [3,7]

Cincinnati / Bardstown
Independent business home / release-specific bottling disclosures. Those roles do not establish distillation. [3,9,10]

03 / WHISKEY & STORIES

The release carries the detail.

Single Barrel · Barrel, proof and bottling details matter. An age documented for one selection does not apply to every other cask. [4,13]

Reserve Batch 1 · 100 proof. Five mash bills combine low-rye and high-rye bourbon, rye, corn whiskey and light whiskey. The component table includes a tiny three-year portion; no blanket eight-year minimum is asserted. [5,7]

Bonded / Athlete’s Cut · The early-2024 bonded pair and June partnership announcement describe separate releases. The latter’s 90-proof blend and fall retail timing are announcement specifications. [9,10]

Double Oaked · The January 2026 retailer selection describes long second-cask maturation, char-four staves and char-two heads. Its recipe should not be assigned to every Reserve batch. [11]

LINKED RESEARCH SOURCES

1. 2014 firsthand visit
2. 2018 New Riff reporting
3. 2020 acquisition
4. Returning single barrel
5. Reserve Batch 1 review
6. Reserve introduction
7. Batch 01 recipe
8. 2023 expansion / plans
9. Bonded pair, 2024
10. Athlete’s Cut announcement
11. Double Oaked, 2026
12. Historical 10 Year
13. 2022 barrel selection



Qualifications: producer homepage and old acquisition PDF unavailable. Announced plans are separated from documented releases. Fill dates are not continuous barrel ages. The website preserves full research notes. Illustrations are symbolic interpretations.