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Sagamore Spirit.



Sagamore is a modern Maryland whiskey story built around a long wait. A Baltimore brand first established its voice with commissioned rye; a waterfront distillery then began filling barrels of its own. The interesting part is the passage between those chapters: the same ambition for balanced rye, gradually supported by whiskey made at home.

2013 company. 2017 distillery. Kevin Plank founded Sagamore Spirit in 2013. Its Baltimore waterfront distillery opened in April 2017, giving the project a production home while its own barrels began to age. [3,6]

Co-founder Brian Treacy helped articulate the Maryland mission. Ryan Norwood joined the developing operation in 2016; his master-distiller appointment was announced in October 2025. The eventual whiskey reflects years of work by the production team. [4,12]

The 1909 springhouse belongs to the water story. The company is a modern venture inspired by Maryland rye heritage, with commissioned Indiana whiskey forming its early chapter. [1,2,4]

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A home, then time to mature.

1909
The farm springhouse predates the brand. [1]

2013 / 2016
Company formation precedes the first whiskey releases. [4,6]

2017
The Baltimore distillery opens in April. [3]

2019 / 2021
Penny’s Proof previews Maryland rye; the first four-year bonded release follows. [4]

2023
Illva Saronno acquires a majority stake. [6]

2024
Maryland-made Small Batch reaches the world. [7]

2025
Ten-year rye and high-rye bourbon broaden the range. [10,11]

2026
Bourbon launches nationally, followed by eight-year bonded rye. [13,14]



Baltimore
The waterfront is the modern distilling and visitor home. Earlier opening accounts call the area Port Covington; current materials use Baltimore Peninsula. [3,7]

Sagamore Farm
The springhouse supplies limestone-filtered proofing water. A farm connection is distinct from the place where a particular whiskey was distilled. [1,6]

Indiana
MGP supplied the original rye. Older bottles require their own provenance checks even as Maryland-made releases become central. [4]

The full website preserves all 15 illustrated milestones and the source qualifications.

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Two recipes. Many directions.

A blending identity

Two rye recipes, triple distillation and deliberate barrel selection define the modern house approach. Small Batch assembles four- to six-year components in 20-barrel batches. [2,15]



Follow the production choices

Compare Small Batch with Double Oak’s second barrel stage or Cask Strength’s stronger presentation. Bottled in Bond follows dated Maryland maturation; the 2026 release is eight years old and 100 proof. [14-17]

Read the release, not only the brand

Ten-year rye released in 2025 cannot be assumed to come from a still first operating in 2017. The bourbon also changes strength between its 2025 Maryland debut and 2026 national edition: 118 versus 108 proof. [10,11,13]

Linked research sources · Original illustrations are symbolic interpretations. Full qualifications accompany the website and text archive.

1. Sagamore: about the distillery
2. Distilling Sagamore Spirit
3. Opening announcement, April 2017 (Solid Light)
4. First bottled-in-bond release, November 2021
5. Five-year bonded rye, November 2022
6. Illva Saronno majority acquisition, September 2023
7. Maryland Small Batch launch, May 2024
8. Nine-year rye and seven-year bonded rye, 2024
9. Manhattan Finish return, March 2024
10. Ten-year rye, September 2025
11. First high-rye bourbon, October 2025
12. Ryan Norwood appointment, October 2025
13. National bourbon launch, July 2026
14. Eight-year bonded rye, September 2026
15. Current Small Batch Rye
16. Double Oak Rye
17. Cask Strength Rye
18. Current whiskey catalog