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SanTan Spirits

A brewer’s imagination meets the Arizona barrel.

SanTan’s Arizona whiskey story starts with a brewery. Fermentation supplied the foundation; copper stills and barrels opened another path for flavor. Today the story connects local production with hospitality and a changing family of expressions. [1,2]

Home: Chandler, Arizona
Brewing roots: 2007
Distilling begins: 2015 [1,2,8]



The brewer behind the next chapter

Anthony Canecchia and co-founder Aaron Sanchez launched SanTan Brewing Company in 2007. Canecchia’s professional brewing background helped shape the move into spirits. The company’s memorial now honors his life and work; older founder statements belong to their historical context. No exact death date is assigned here. [8,9]

People, with dates attached

Brant Gasparek is named as head distiller in 2019 and in the 2023 seven-year release event. A January 2025 announcement identifies Jamie Hoffman as a co-owner. These records establish particular roles, not a complete present-day ownership or executive roster. [3,6,10]

Original watercolors are symbolic interpretations, not exact buildings or documentary portraits.

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

From brewery to Arizona whiskey



2007 / 2015 The brewery opens; eight years later SanTan begins distilling. The two dates identify separate milestones. [2,8]

2019 Spirit House opens in summer. Production tours follow in October, with New York whiskey awards announced in November. [2,3]

2020 A May cask-strength rye release explains the early grain and barrel approach. June brings a Crescent Crown distribution announcement. [4,5]

2023 / 2025 A December 2023 event introduces the first seven-year whiskey. January 2025 brings a brewing-resource technology announcement. [6,10]

Read each place by its role

Warner Road: the Chandler production and tour address, with SanTan Gardens' tasting and event setting. **Downtown:** the San Marcos Place brewpub and Spirit House hospitality experience. A cocktail visit and a working-facility tour are distinct experiences. Check current booking details before visiting. [1,11,12]

The full website preserves eleven illustrated milestones, including the undated founder memorial and the current-range snapshot.

03 / WHISKEY, STORIES & SOURCES

Grain, climate and the edition

Early Butcher Jones material describes rye, barley and corn, pot distillation and new American oak. SanTan's historical élevage account emphasizes maturation choices in Arizona's heat and dryness. It is a dated producer account, not a universal rule for every release. [3,4]



Read the label by edition. Historical menus distinguish wine-cask Sacred Stave entries, Butcher Jones rye, Jacob Waltz bourbon and J.W. Powell single malt. Current naming and proofs should not be used to rewrite an older bottle's identity. [7,12,13,14]

A whiskey milestone: the December 2023 seven-year Jacob Waltz bonded bourbon is a specific release, distinct from four-year listings. Spirit House shows the wider range through cocktails. SanTan's 2025 sustainability figures concern the described brewing investments, not an independently audited whiskey-only footprint. [6,10,12]

Research notes & linked sources

Researched October 20, 2026. Sources are primary company pages and official menus. Awards and process claims are attributed; menus are dated snapshots. The founder memorial is undated. The full profile retains the detailed qualifications.

[1] Distilling overview
[2] Mission & early history
[3] 2019 whiskey awards
[4] 2020 Butcher Jones
[5] 2020 distribution
[6] 2023 seven-year event
[7] Current spirit catalog
[8] Founder memorial
[9] Culture & background
[10] 2025 technology
[11] SanTan Gardens
[12] Spirit House
[13] Historical PHX menu
[14] Fall 2024 menu
[15] 2024 bar packages
[16] 2022 awards update