01 / ORIGINS & PEOPLE

Starlight Distillery

Indiana farm roots. Fruit-spirit beginnings. A broad whiskey imagination.

Starlight grew within the Huber family's southern Indiana farm. Its identity joins orchards, vineyards and grain with the work of fermenting, distilling and welcoming visitors. [2]

Farm roots: 1843
Modern beginning: fruit brandy
Whiskey chapter: 2013–14 [1,5]



The orchard before the rickhouse

A small Christian Carl still helped establish the fruit-spirit operation. Brandy remains part of Starlight's range, along with grappa and apple spirits. The move into grain whiskey extended an existing agricultural beverage business rather than beginning a whiskey tradition in 1843. [20]

The family behind the name

Ted and Greg Huber connect beverage making with farm leadership. Christian and Blake carry a seventh-generation thread through distilling and wine. Dana and Ted received a joint DISCUS craft-industry award in 2023. [4,3,12]

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

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

An agricultural timeline



1843–2004 · Farm to fruit spirits The farm begins in 1843. Permit work starts in 1998, the still arrives in 2000, licensing follows in 2001 and the first retail brandy in November 2004. [1,2,6]

2013–18 · Grain and continuity The 2013 grain-permit milestone and Purdue’s 2014 opening account describe the expanded whiskey chapter. The farm celebrates 175 years in 2018. [5,6]

2022–25 · A wider audience ASCOT recognition in 2022 precedes Japanese Mizunara Reserve’s 2025 Best Overall Bourbon award at Top Shelf. Ted receives Artisan Spirit of the Year in 2025. [9,10,11]

2026 · Age and the farm A ten-year Reserve and a separately announced seven-year Estate Collection show different ways the producer connects mature whiskey with agricultural identity. [22,8]

Read the place by its role

Vineyards, orchards, stillhouse and rickhouses have different jobs within the family destination. Huber Winery describes more than 700 acres, with hills and lakes. The published distillery address is in Borden; Starlight is the community name. [3,14]

Farm, licensing, first sale and grain-facility dates mark separate events. Artwork is interpretive.

03 / WHISKEY, STORIES & SOURCES

Grain, copper and another cask

Sweet mash and copper pot distillation form the published foundation. Double Oaked adds further new-oak maturation; the dated 2023 sheet describes one specific batch. [26]

Carl T. bourbon, bottled-in-bond, individual bourbon barrels and Old Rickhouse rye offer different starting points. Each label carries its own age, proof and release identity. [15,16,17,18]



Mizunara Reserve adds Japanese oak after American-oak maturation. Cigar Batch turns to Amburana wood; Honey Reserve uses farm-honey barrels. The single-barrel program and Distiller’s Club add a participatory side to the spirits house. [23,24,25,13,21]

Research notes & linked sources

Research: October 16, 2026. Current specifications do not describe every historical batch. Estate grain statements remain tied to named releases. The 2026 ten-year Reserve is separate from seven-year Estate Collection and Mizunara-finished bottlings. [19,22]

[1] Distillery history
[2] Family farm
[3] Huber Winery
[4] Ted Huber biography
[5] Purdue farm visit
[6] 175th anniversary
[7] Visit Indiana
[8] Official release feed
[9] Awards by year
[10] 2025 Top Shelf
[11] Artisan Spirit 2025
[12] DISCUS award 2023
[13] Single Barrel Program
[14] Tours & address
[15] Carl T. Bourbon
[16] Bottled-in-Bond
[17] Single Barrel Bourbon
[18] Old Rickhouse Rye
[19] Finishing portfolio
[20] Brandy family
[21] Distiller’s Club
[22] 10 Year Reserve
[23] Mizunara Reserve
[24] Cigar Batch
[25] Honey Reserve
[26] 2023 Double Oaked