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California, in several voices.



WOLVES WHISKEY

Wolves began with a deliberately unusual whiskey blend: spirits distilled from stout and pilsner, joined by selected rye. Later releases opened separate paths through Willett rye, small California malt lots and a five-year American single malt. A single brand contains several production stories. [1,4,5,7]

James Bond and Jon Buscemi brought fashion and design experience to the project. A 2025 producer release dates the company’s founding to 2015; a secondary account uses 2017. The first market release is directly documented on May 30, 2019. The dates are kept separate. [1,8,18]

Marko Karakasevic’s distilling background connects the early beer and malt whiskeys to Charbay’s experimental tradition. Drew Kulsveen joins the 2021 Rye Project credits. The 2025 collaboration names Eddie Gonzalez as Wolves’ Head Blender and Jennifer Marks as President. Those credits belong to their dated releases. [4,8,9,10]

02 / HISTORY & PLACES

Different places. Different jobs.

2011 / 2015
Malt stocks later acquired by Wolves were laid down from 2011. The company reports a 2015 founding. [5,8]

2019
First Run debuts in May; Winter Run adds a single-malt component in November. [1,2]

2021
Spring Run arrives, then Rye Project Volume One is announced with Willett. [3,4]

2023
Lot One and Lot Two open the malt library. A new still progresses from plan to an erected still. [5,6]

2024
The five-year, 96-proof flagship brings a year-round malt expression. [7]

2025
The third Willett collaboration is a ten-year, 103-proof rye blend. [8]



Northern California
Release accounts identify Sonoma and Mendocino roles for distilling and aging. No single permanent facility is inferred for every Wolves whiskey. [3,6]

Kentucky / Indiana
Willett and Indiana-distilled rye belong to the collaborative rye story. [4,13]

Arizona
The flagship’s wine-barrel maturation takes place under desert heat, followed by Cognac-cask finishing. Its exact distilling site was not established here. [7,14]

03 / WHISKEY & STORIES

Read the release, then the bottle.

The Runs · Finished beer is a meaningful input. First Run is 106 proof; the original Winter Run is 104; Spring Run is 105. Those figures do not define every later batch. [1,2,3]

The Rye Project · The original collaboration blends Indiana rye with selected Willett barrels. The ten-year 2025 release has its own components and maturation history. [4,8,13]

Malted Barley Series · Lot One uses 2015 distillate; Lot Two uses 2012 distillate. Lot One’s 125-proof single barrel is separate from its 110-proof blend. [5,6]

Five-Year American Single Malt · Wine barrels, Arizona heat and a Cognac finish distinguish the 96-proof flagship from both the malt lots and the beer-derived Runs. [7,14]

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2. Winter Run, 2019
3. Spring Run, 2021
4. Rye Project, 2021
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6. Lot Two / erected still
7. Five-Year flagship
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9. Marko: Charbay biography
10. Charbay family history
11. KLG launch account
12. Official archive*
13. Willett product*
14. Rye / malt bundle*
15. Official catalog*
16. Winter Run 3 report*
17. TTB category standard
18. Conflicting early date



* Some official pages were available only as indexed extracts; the Winter Run 3 report could not be fully retrieved. Dates and specifications remain release-specific. TTB’s standard took effect January 19, 2025. Full notes accompany the website. Illustrations are symbolic.