



DISTILLER



Jeff Duckhorn has combined his wine country heritage with the mindset of a maker, be it bread, beer or kombucha, into a successful career as our Distiller. We think of him as an accountant gone rogue, since he originally joined Purple Wine + Spirits in 2011 as a number cruncher, signing on to explore new frontiers of wine and spirits production under the leadership of Purple's innovative founder, Derek Benham. Impressed by Jeff's knowledge and enthusiasm for craft brewing, Derek included Jeff as part of the original distillery planning team. Jeff was eager to expand

his role, accepting the position of Assistant Distiller in early 2015, and quickly working his way to Distiller in January 2016.

Jeff relishes the opportunity to work with an innovative continuous micro-column still which was custom designed and built by Headframe Stills of Butte, Montana. "It's definitely a unique piece of equipment," says Jeff. "It's like a finicky diva that needs tons of attention and TLC. But it's worth it, our still is incredibly versatile and when treated right, we can make everything we want to from whiskey, bourbon and brandy to gin and vodka."

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