



FAQ'S

Where is Graton Distilling Company and when was it founded?

Graton Distilling Company is located in the historic west Sonoma County town of Graton, pronounced "Gray-Ton". The distillery was founded by Derek Benham who broke ground in August 2014.

Who is our Distiller?

Our Distiller, Jeff Duckhorn, brings his wine country heritage with a love of making bread and beer into the distillery. He's locally known as an accountant gone rogue. Before stepping up to the Assistant Distiller position at Purple Wine + Spirits in February 2015, he was a number cruncher. He joined Purple Wine + Spirits in 2011 to explore new frontiers of wine and spirits production under the leadership of Purple's innovative founder, Derek Benham. Recognizing that Jeff's passion for craft spirits exceeded the numbers, he included Jeff as part of the original distillery planning team. After several months of working closely with Derek to develop D. George Benham's Sonoma Dry Gin, he was promoted to Distiller in January of 2016.

What type of craft spirits are created by Graton Distilling Company?

Our first spirit, D. George Benham Gin, was launched in February 2016. We later released D. George Benham's Vodka in July 2016. We are currently aging an American Whiskey with plans to release in early 2016. We also plan to release a 10yr Bourbon in early 2016 and hope to release our Triple R (Russian River Rye) in late 2016.

Where do we source our ingredients?

Starting in our own backyard, we use locally grown Meyer lemon, mint and chamomile. Then we look to the best places around the world for exotic botanicals such as Moroccan coriander, Indian galangal and juniper from the sunny slopes of Tuscany.

What type of still do we use and why?

Our innovative continuous still, made of copper, is designed to provide superior quality and control versus the standard pot still. Our still is energy and water efficient, using 20%-30% less energy than a single pot still.

Where can one find Graton Distilling Company spirits?

Our spirits are currently only available for sale in California through Young's Market Company. You can use our spirits locator at GRATONDISTILLING.COM to find a retailer near you.

Can folks visit Graton Distilling Company?

We're not open to the public but hope to have a Tasting Room soon. We can accommodate trade guests by appointment. Please reach out to DBRIDGMAN@PURPLEWINEspirITS.COM for trade appointments.

Who can I contact for press inquiries?

Please reach out to Holly Evans at HEVANS@PURPLEWINEspirITS.COM.

