

Tavern Craft is proud to represent Old Trestle Distillery!

We asked Jake Holshue, Old Trestle's Head Distiller, to tell us a little more about their production in Truckee and their decision to expand to the Reno-Tahoe area!



OLD TRESTLE DISTILLERY

Bridging the Gap Between Old & New

Five years ago in the small town of Truckee, California, a group of friends with a love of spirits came together to found Old Trestle Distillery. Their passions were fueled by their



desire to bridge the gap between the traditional past processes and present innovation opportunities. As Truckee's first distillery in over 100 years, they aimed to bring the science and art of distilling back to the Sierra Nevada mountains. "Old Trestle Distillery was born from a rich history of distilling culture and lore in Truckee, CA. Much like the bridges that lead explorers, railroad builders and dreamers to our town, Old Trestle is a bridge between past and present."

Believing the world's best whiskey has yet to be created, Holshue looks forward to sharing his passion for whiskey with Old Trestle's many customers. "While our Theory

Gins and Sierra Vodka are hitting the market, our real passion is whiskey. We have 5 bourbons, 3 ryes and 5 American Single Malts in the works (so far). We're releasing our first Sierra Bourbon this summer as part of our Sierra collection, which includes our Sierra Vodka and Gin. Whiskey is my passion, and I cannot wait to share that love with our customers."

Holshue's History

Working as a distiller for over a decade, Jake Holshue has had the opportunity to work alongside some of the best distillers around the



country and world, including operations in Canada and Ireland. Previously with Rogue Spirits in Newport, OR, Holshue and his wife moved to Truckee two years ago. The passion he has for his trade is unmatched as he continues to advocate for and support his fellow distillers while keeping the needs of his customers in mind.

"I helped start the Maryland Distillery Guild a few years ago, and I'm on the Board of Directors for the American Craft Spirits Association, the only non-profit trade organization representing craft spirits producers. We have lobbied Congress on behalf of our members, trying to keep our Federal Excise Tax down to provide a lower shelf price for our consumers."

Located in Truckee, the decision to move Old Trestle into the Reno market was an easy one. "For us here in Truckee, Reno/Tahoe is our backyard. We want to produce quality products from locally sourced ingredients and give our friends and neighbors a taste of our place." With plans for a state-of-the-art tasting room in downtown Truckee, Old Trestle has an exciting future ahead of them!



Expert Pairings

A self-proclaimed "foodie," Holshue loves exploring the Reno/ Tahoe area, finding new places to dine in its diverse food scene. The unique variety of ingredients in Old Trestle's products allows for Holshue to tap into his creative side when pairing his spirits and food.



"Our Theory #002 Gin utilizes Chinese culinary herbs and teas, so I've made a smokey Old Fashioned with smoked syrup, bitters, orange peel, and a luxardo cherry. It goes great with Peking Duck. The cocktail cuts through the unctuous fat of the duck, it's amazing!"