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Deschutes Brewery and Bendistillery to Release Exclusive Black Butte Whiskey
2018 Release Returns to Portland for Sale by the Bottle

Bend, Oregon – Deschutes Brewery and Bendistillery are pleased to announce the third annual release of their limited Black Butte Whiskey collaboration, just in time for the holidays.

Bottles of the limited 2018 batch will be available for sale to the public Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 4pm in both Bend and Portland, Oregon. In Bend, bottles will be sold at Bendistillery’s Crater Lake Spirits Downtown Tasting Room located at 1024 NW Bond Street. In Portland, bottles can be purchased from Bendistillery at the Deschutes Brewery Portland Public House at 210 NW 11th Ave. During the whiskey’s first release three years ago, bottles were available in Portland liquor stores, but bottles did not come to Portland last year.

Black Butte Whiskey pours are available year-round at both pubs, and the Portland International Airport pub. Both the Bend and Portland pubs will debut an exclusive barrel-aged Manhattan next Wednesday to celebrate the release as well.

“We are thrilled at the cult-like following this unique beer-based whiskey is gaining from both craft beer and spirits fans,” said Alan Dietrich, CEO of Bendistillery. “Customers want high quality beverages that are delicious, sharable and conversation-worthy, and I feel like that is something both Bendistillery and Deschutes Brewery are known for providing.”

Black Butte Whiskey is an American malt whiskey distilled from the wash of Deschutes Brewery’s famed Black Butte Porter beer. It is double-distilled and aged in new #4 char American oak

barrels. The resulting spirit is a complex whiskey that retains the malty, chocolatey notes of Black Butte Porter and finishes with the soft, nearly sweet character that has become the hallmark of spirits made with the water from the Cascade Mountains of Central Oregon. The idea for the whiskey began nearly 20 years ago as an ongoing conversation over beers between Jim Bendis, founder of Bendistillery, and Gary Fish, founder of Deschutes Brewery.

“Black Butte Whiskey is a great example of the innovative adult beverages Bendistillery and Deschutes Brewery have been introducing to our fans since our respective openings,” said Mike Rowan, food and beverage director at Deschutes Brewery. “We’ve always been committed to exploring new ways to surprise and delight our customers.”

About Bendistillery

Founded in 1996, Bendistillery is one of the nation’s original craft distilleries and is still the most awarded craft distillery in the country. Their flagship Crater Lake Spirits brand are traditional American style gins, vodkas and whiskies all produced at their distillery in Bend, Oregon. To learn more visit www.craterlakespirits.com

About Deschutes Brewery

Family and employee owned since 1988, Deschutes Brewery – Bend’s original brewpub – has become the cornerstone of Central Oregon’s legacy craft brew culture. Known for defining beers such as [Black Butte Porter](#), [Mirror Pond Pale Ale](#), and [Fresh Squeezed IPA](#), the brewery also keeps fans on the edge of their bar stools with the release of small batch experimental beers. Now available in 30 states and Washington, D.C., Deschutes’ flagship brewpub has been joined by a main brewing facility overlooking the Deschutes River in Bend, a pub in Portland, and in coming years, a new east coast brewery in Roanoke, Virginia. www.deschutesbrewery.com

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