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#### SMUGGLERS' NOTCH DISTILLERY

One of Top Ten Craft Vodka Distilleries

USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards

Jeffersonville, Vermont –The votes are in! Nominated by a panel of distilled spirits experts, Smugglers' Notch Distillery has been chosen by fans across the country as one of the top ten vodka distilleries in the USA. This honor for our signature vodka made from corn and winter wheat comes on the heels of a double gold medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition, a 95 rating from the Wine Enthusiast and a gold medal from the Beverage Tasting Institute. Put the expert opinions aside, though, and what this vote confirms is what our loyal fans have been telling us for the last eight years – you love this exquisite, clean, neutral spirit with a hint of sweetness and oh, so smooth flavor. Thank you for your votes of confidence.

#### ABOUT SMUGGLERS' NOTCH DISTILLERY

Smugglers' Notch Distillery offers extraordinary, small batch, American-made spirits that have received accolades from both beverage industry connoisseurs and hundreds of fans alike. Since launching their flagship Double Gold award-winning Vodka back in 2010, they have gone on to craft award-winning spirits including two types of Gin, a Bourbon Barrel Aged Rum, Straight Bourbon Whiskey, Maple Bourbon, a Wheat Whiskey, and a Gluten-free Organic Vodka. They have also had three limited releases, Maple Rum, Rye and Dead Buck Whiskey. Visit them in Jeffersonville, VT at the distillery or at one of their Vermont tasting rooms in Burlington or Waterbury to sample their products and hear more about their story. Find more info at [www.smugglersnotchdistillery.com](http://www.smugglersnotchdistillery.com)



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## “Second Distillery in Vermont to Begin a Major Expansion in the last Three Months”

Jeffersonville, Vermont – SMUGGLERS’ NOTCH DISTILLERY purchases a 14,000 sq. ft. facility on a ten-acre campus along the Lamoille River in the heart of Jeffersonville. As Senator Richard Westman comments, “Vermont distilleries are expanding and thriving in Vermont! Smugglers’ Notch Distillery has been a leader in this movement and this latest expansion with their new building is exciting news! All of Vermont is benefiting from the expansion of these businesses. We in Jeffersonville and the Smugglers’ Notch area are thrilled with the success of Smugglers’ Notch Distillery.”

It all started in 2009 with a lease and later purchase of the former Bell-Gates building in Jeffersonville for father/son Ron and Jeremy Elliott and their fledgling company, Smugglers’ Notch Distillery. “Even though extra space was incorporated in the local granary for barrel storage, it’s been a challenge to accomplish all our goals within such a small physical footprint. With the addition of the former Northwoods Joinery on Route 15 to our existing sq. ft. for a total of over 20,000 square feet of production and retail space, SND has the privilege to grow right where we want to be, at the base of the fabled Smugglers’ Notch in a very special community,” notes Ron. “With capacity increasing seven-fold, this will allow us to create on a larger scale and invest more in the people and economy of Vermont.”

As Jeremy describes, “The Town of Cambridge/village of Jeffersonville has taken enormous steps to become a place to enjoy its incredible natural beauty, from the expansion of the rail trail to the awe-inspiring silo art and Main Street beautification projects, the Community Center, JFAM, cultural and community events, and canoe/kayak tours down the Lamoille. Our partnering with the community for recreational opportunities will be a perfect fit. The river borders the new SND property and the rail trail is an easement right through the land so working with the town to launch activities is a natural!”

Ribbon-cutting and cocktail party to launch site renovations will be on Thursday, October 4 at 3:00 P.M. with Governor Phil Scott to speak.



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