



MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
DISTILLING COMPANY  
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## Mississippi River Distilling Company Backgrounder

Mississippi River Distilling Company is a micro-distillery located in the historic river town of Le Claire, Iowa, which produces small-batch, premium distilled vodka, gin and whiskey made from locally-sourced grains.

**Who we are:** The distillery was formed in 2010, by Iowa natives and brothers, Ryan and Garrett Burchett. The duo gave up their successful corporate careers as a television meteorologist and transportation planner to complete an artisan distilling training program and launch the distillery.

**Why we're in Le Claire:** Located just off of I-80, Le Claire is the perfect location for the distillery. The history and culture of the local Iowa and rural Mississippi River communities played a huge role in the formation of the company and are reflected in its brand and products. The small community has become a big tourist attraction as the birthplace of Buffalo Bill Cody and with the popularity of "American Pickers" on the History Channel. The cable television show has become one of the top rated shows on cable. The stars of the reality show are from LeClaire and the community is often featured on the program.

**Our distillation process:** When it comes to the distilling process, the Burchett brothers emphasize quality over quantity. The premium vodka, gin and whiskey are handmade in small batches using a handcrafted German still. From the milling of the grain to the fermentation, distillation, aging and bottling; everything from grain to glass is done at the distillery in Le Claire. Each bottle is numbered by hand to reflect its batch and ensure its excellence and quality. As a strong proponent of local farms, all the grains used to produce the distillery's spirits are sourced exclusively from Iowa and Illinois farmers within a 25-mile range.

### Products include:

<i>River Pilot Vodka</i>	<i>River Rose Gin</i>	<i>River Baron Artisan Spirit</i>	<i>Cody Road Bourbon Whiskey</i>	<i>Cody Road Rye Whiskey</i>
Award winning smoothness made from Iowa corn. This premier vodka is crystal clean. A top finisher at the 2011 New York International Spirits Competition.	Light on juniper and heavy on citrus and floral. Even some of the botanicals are sourced as close to home as our family garden. This one of a kind gin is perfect with a kiss of tonic.	Clean and smooth like a vodka, but with the distinctive flavor and aroma of our local grains. Sweet from corn and vanilla/butterscotch from wheat make for a one of a kind spirit.	Iowa corn meets Illinois wheat and barley for a wonderfully smooth whiskey. Aged in barrels made in Minnesota from Midwestern white oak.	100% rye and 100% unique. This whiskey is full of the spicy flavor of rye, but with a fruity smoothness unlike any other rye. This whiskey hits store shelves in November 2012.

**Distillery tour:** The distillery tour gives an up-close view of the grain-to-glass, small-batch distillation process. Tours are free and open to the public. They are held daily between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

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