



*A. Smith Bowman*  
DISTILLERY

At A. Smith Bowman Distillery, we've been around long enough to know what works and what doesn't. We're not only the pioneers of distilling in Virginia, but we also share a rich history intertwined with several of the nation's revolutionary icons.

## HISTORY

A. Smith Bowman Distillery is the oldest operating distillery in Virginia.

The original distillery was built on the 7,200-acre Sunset Hills estate in 1927 when A. Smith Bowman opened a dairy and granary. After the repeal of Prohibition in Virginia, the grains were used for distilling. In 1988, the distillery relocated 60 miles south to Spotsylvania County near Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Our Virginia roots are intertwined with the fabric of American history. Mary Hite Bowman, who was the mother of the Bowman brothers, had a nephew, Isaac Hite, who married James Madison's sister. A. Smith Bowman Jr.'s daughter married Jay Adams, a relative of John Adams, John Quincy Adams, and James Buchanan.

Brothers John, Abraham, Joseph, and Isaac Bowman were Virginia militia officers in the American Revolutionary War.

Our two stills are nicknamed Mary and George to pay homage to the parents of the Bowman Brothers. Mary is our oldest still and George is a new custom microstill specifically used to produce our hand-crafted experimental spirits, including Abraham Bowman.



## NOTABLE AWARDS

Throughout the 2000s, we've won enough awards to fill a whiskey barrel, but we're especially proud of these recent accolades:

- **2017:** John J. Bowman Single Barrel Virginia Straight Bourbon Whiskey was named "World's Best Bourbon" by **Whisky Magazine**.
- **2018:** Tinkerman's Citrus Supreme Flavored Gin and John J. Bowman Single Barrel Virginia Straight Bourbon Whiskey were awarded Double Gold Medals at the **2018 San Francisco World Spirits Competition**.
- **2019:** John J. Bowman Single Barrel Virginia Straight Bourbon Whiskey and Abraham Bowman Limited Edition Port Finished Bourbon Whiskey were awarded Gold Medals at the **2019 San Francisco World Spirits Competition**.
- **2020:** Bowman Brothers Small Batch Virginia Straight Bourbon was awarded the Double Gold Medal at the **2020 San Francisco World Spirits Competition**.
- **2020:** John J. Bowman Single Barrel Virginia Straight Bourbon Whiskey was awarded Third Place at the **2020 International Whisky Competition**.
- **2021:** John J. Bowman Single Barrel Virginia Straight Bourbon Whiskey was distinguished as "Great Value," awarded an "Excellent, Highly Recommend" distinction, and named a finalist for the prestigious Chairman's Trophy, the **2021 Ultimate Spirits Challenge's** highest honor.



## ONE-OF-A-KIND SPIRITS

We strive for a farm-to-bottle experience and currently use corn and rye that is grown in Culpepper, Virginia — less than 40 miles from the Distillery.

To pay homage to our rich history, we are increasing the use of authentic heritage grain varieties, like Hickory King white corn, Bloody Butcher red corn, and Abruzzi rye, which were regionally available and commonly used for distilling when A. Smith Bowman started in the 1930s.

As Virginia's oldest and most award-winning distillery, we constantly experiment with mash bills, aging techniques, and production methods to create new bourbons. The Distillery is also home to George Bowman Colonial Era Dark Caribbean Rum, Deep Run Vodka, and Sunset Hills Gin.



## EVENTS, TOURS & MORE

We host several events throughout the year, including our annual Father's Day Festival, cocktail classes, new release dinners, local artisan festivals, and more.

The Distillery's rustic, industrial appeal and vast barrel aging rooms also make it a popular rental space for local organizations as well as social groups.

We offer complimentary tours and tastings Monday—Saturday from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. and Sunday from noon—4 p.m. Our staff of storytelling tour guides give visitors an exclusive behind-the-label look into our aging warehouses, barrel dumping, bottling, and distilling process, and offer an up-close view of our stills and state-of-the-art testing lab.

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Share the A. Smith Bowman Distillery story with the world! Tours, tastings, review samples, and interviews with Master Distiller Brian Prewitt are always available. Contact us today at [press@asmithbowman.com](mailto:press@asmithbowman.com).

