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Four Gate Whiskey Company Announces Release #9 and Distribution to Georgia

“Andalusia Key”

Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Finished in Oloroso Sherry and Dark Rum Casks

LOUISVILLE, KY, September 15th, 2020 - later this month, Four Gate Whiskey is releasing its 9th bottling, a batch of Kentucky Straight Bourbon whiskey finished in Oloroso Sherry and Dark Rum Casks, and will be, for the first time, distributing products to the state of Georgia.

After releasing unfinished whiskeys for batches 7 and 8, Four Gate Whiskey Company went back to its roots, blending 3 different Kentucky Straight bourbons and aging them in dark rum casks from the Florida Keys and blending two Kentucky Straight bourbons and finishing them in Oloroso Sherry casks from the Andalusia region of Spain. The resulting whiskeys were then combined to create Andalusia Key.

“This is really our niche,” said Chief Blending Officer Bill Straub, “We’re blenders at heart and we love to collaborate with Kelvin Cooperage on finding great secondary casks to further age the blends we come up with.”

With only 1,309 bottles produced, this is a relatively small batch even by Four Gate standards. Like all Four Gate Whiskey Company releases, Andalusia Key was bottled un-chill-filtered at full cask strength of 60.6% ABV, or 121.2 Proof.

“We’re really happy with this whiskey,” said Chief Barrel Officer Bob D’Antoni, “We really stayed on top of this one tasting it at every opportunity for months until we felt like it was perfect. It’s one of the sweetest releases we’ve had yet.”



Tasting Notes from the Chief Blending Officer:

- Appearance:** Dark Amber
- Nose:** Heavy dry sherry, sweet fruits, black pepper and oak.
- Taste:** This hits the palate with a burst of fortified wine but quickly develops into traditional spicy bourbon notes with a sweet molasses-rum wave at the rear palate.
- Finish:** Medium in length, the finish is dry and pleasing with oak and rich brown sugar developing as it lingers.

New Distribution- Georgia

In addition to the new batch, Four Gate Whiskey Company is thrilled to announce that batches will now be available through National Distributing Company in the state of Georgia. Select bottles from batches 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8 will be available in September, with future batches available as they are released.

“Republic National Distributing Company has been such a great partner for us since day 1,” said D’Antoni, “that we wanted to stick with them as we expand to new states. NDC is part of the same company as Republic, and this was a natural fit for us.”

“We wouldn’t be where we are today without RNDC,” said Straub, “we’re so happy to continue to develop that relationship with NDC as we grow.”

About Four Gate Whiskey Company

Straub and D’Antoni run the company as the Chief Blending Officer and Chief Barrel Officer, respectively. With their roots in Louisville, Straub has leveraged his knowledge of bourbon and the industry as founder and Editor-In-Chief of ModernThirst.com since 2014. As a successful local entrepreneur, D’Antoni has used his connections to establish relationships to get his hands on some terrific bourbon.

A local collaboration like this feeds into the Four Gate Whiskey Company philosophy: if you start with the best whiskey, and leverage some of the best-regarded experts in the field on the effects of barrels, you wind up with an amazing whiskey that both connoisseurs and collectors alike will appreciate.

There are 1,309 bottles of this release available in September in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and online through Seelbachs.com at a MSRP of \$199.

Four Gate Whiskey Company’s products have been released since 2019 to critical acclaim, with batches 1, 2, 3, and 4 receiving [Whisky Advocate](#) scores of, respectively, 93, 92, 93, and 91 points respectively, and various well-regarded writers and online reviewers naming batches 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 amongst the top 10 whiskeys of 2019 and 2020.

Four Gate Whiskey Company started in 2018 with the goal of releasing several unique batches of whiskey products each year. With its first product launch of 11-year-old Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey finished in sherry-rum casks in April 2019, the team is excited to unveil the other small batch products with unique finishes in years to come. Learn more at fourgatewhiskey.com, like us on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/fourgatewhiskey) and follow us on [Twitter @four_gate](https://twitter.com/four_gate).

Kelvin Cooperage, founded in Glasgow, Scotland in 1963 and now based in Louisville, KY, is a full-service family-owned cooperage supplying new and used barrels to wine, spirits, and beer producers around the world. For more information, visit Kelvincooperage.com