



Timo & Ashby Marshall Spirit Works Distillery Proprietors

Husband and wife team, Timo and Ashby Marshall bring a combination of British tradition and New World innovation to Spirit Works Distillery.

Timo hails from a small coastal village in southwest England, where his family has been refining their sloe gin recipe for generations, using sloes handpicked every autumn. Ashby, on the other hand, has a deep passion and impressive palate for whiskey and its complexity. She was born and raised on the West Coast and is proud to be the first distiller in her family.

Ashby and Timo met while working together for several years as sailors on environmental research vessels. Eventually, they moved to San Francisco and began dreaming of creating something unique and sustainable together. Originally, they hoped to join forces with an established distillery and create a traditional sloe gin based on Timo's family recipe. However, as they researched, the grain-to-glass process quickly became a central focus. They wanted to be involved in every step of the production process, so they set out to start their own distillery. Together, Ashby and Timo spent several years visiting and learning in other distilleries, enrolling in courses and workshops around the country, and apprenticing under several grain-to-glass mentors. After many years of dreaming, learning and planning, they discovered the perfect community in West Sonoma County and set up shop in The Barlow in Sebastopol.

Today, they can be found working side by side at the distillery with their dogs, Bandit and Echo, producing grain-to-glass Vodka, Gin, Sloe Gin, Barrel Gin - and all four year aged - Straight Wheat, Straight Rye, and Four Grain Straight Bourbon Whiskey. Timo was also President of the California Distillers Guild from 2015-2016. They are incredibly excited to be able to share their passion and products made batch by batch, from grain to glass. Look out for their most recent release of a Four Grain Straight Bourbon Whiskey currently available all across California.

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