Nevada Economic Development Conference
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History of Distilling in Nevada

- Nevada has a limited distilling tradition
  - 1862-ca1869 Cave Creek Distillers, Ruby Valley
    - “Old Commissary” Barley Whiskey made for Pony Express, Fort Ruby
  - 1867-1877 Overland Distillery
  - 1870’s – Several small saloon distilleries
    - Eureka, Austin
  - Prohibition – 1920-1933
History of Distilling in Nevada

• 2006 Churchill Vineyards applies for Federal “Experimental License”
• 2009 Nevada Distillery Bill Drafted
  • Bill Draft Written by Tom Adams (Seven Troughs Distilling)
  • Bill sponsored by John Hambrick in 2010 for 2011 Legislative Session
• 2010 Southern Nevada Distillery Bill Drafted
  • Bill Draft Written by George Racz (Las Vegas Distilling)
  • Bill Sponsored by John Oceguera for 2011 Session
• Northern and Southern bill combined into Commerce Sponsored bill in 2011
History of Distilling in Nevada

• 2011-2012 Craft Distillery Bill does not Pass
  • Las Vegas Distillery gains NV licensure as rectifier/distiller (No craft designation)
  • Seven Troughs Distilling gains NV licensure as rectifier/distiller (No craft designation)

• 2013 Craft Bill is sponsored again by John Hambrick and Crescent Hardy
  • Bill passes and is signed into law on July 1st, 2013
  • Churchill Vineyards gains NV licensure as a Craft Distillery
  • Seven Troughs and Las Vegas Distillery convert to “Craft” License
Nevada Craft Distillery Law

• Nevada Law creates “Field To Bottle” Industry
  • All production must come from the distillery. No importation of outside spirits.

• Distillery can operate a tasting room
  • Can serve a total of 2 ounces of samples. Can sell cocktails for on-site consumption.

• Distillery can self retail
  • Can sell 1 case per customer per month without going through a distributor, but may not exceed 6 cases in a year.
Seven Troughs Distillery
About Seven Troughs

• Two local owners:
  • Tom Adams, President & Distiller
  • Troy Sullivan, Vice President - Sales
• Dedicated to creating local jobs & supporting local charities
  • Boys and Girls Club, Reno Rodeo Foundation, Nevada Chukar Foundation, Big Brothers –Big Sisters, UNR Athletics
About Seven Troughs

- Authentic 19th Century Theme
  - “Field to Bottle” distillery
  - Local grains
  - Open Ferment
  - Flame Fired Still
  - Products based on historic methods and recipes
  - 13 Permits to operate!
Gunnar Garms & 3G Farms

- Started in the 1940s
- Continues to grow quality grains through the hard work of Gunnar, and his parents Toni and Gary
- Small Farms Conference 2015
  - Gunnar saw an opportunity to supply distilling grains in the growing distilling market in northern Nevada
Heritage Revival Grains

• Heritage grains
  • Bloody Butcher Corn
  • Senora White Wheat
  • Conlon Barley
  • Klages Barley
Questions?