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Berkshire Mountain Distillers Announces Limited-Edition Regional Craft Beer Cask Finish Bourbons

SHEFFIELD, MA (April 2013) — Berkshire Mountain Distillers (BMD) is pleased to announce a special collaboration with 10 influential craft brewers across the country. Inspired by his love of craft beer and his passion to create new, unique spirits, Distiller and Owner Chris Weld is finishing his award-winning Berkshire Bourbon in recently emptied beer barrels for a minimum of three months. “We are looking forward to seeing what subtle changes each different style beer will impart on our bourbon,” says Weld.

The name of the brewery and beer will be indicated on each bottle and be released only in the region from which it hails. For example, BMD is continuing its partnership with Samuel Adams in Massachusetts by finishing Berkshire Bourbon in Samuel Adams Utopias® casks. In the Pacific Northwest, Weld is using Full Sail Brewing Imperial Stout barrels which hail from Hood River, Oregon. The range of world-class beers used in this project not only signifies the unity of craft brewers and distillers, it offers fans of both genres an exciting drinking experience.

This limited-edition line of Berkshire Bourbons will remain at 40% ABV and a 750ml will retail for \$42.99-46.99 depending on the region. Berkshire Bourbon is smooth and balanced with bright notes of spicy rye, vanilla and mature fruit with a lingering finish of caramel and toasted nut. It is triple distilled in a pot still and aged a minimum of two years in charred virgin American white oak barrels. The mash bill contains local corn sourced from a farmer three miles from the distillery.

Below are the brewers and beer descriptions with planned release dates for each version of cask finished Berkshire Bourbon:

Brewer: Big Sky Brewing, Missoula, Montana; bigskybrew.com

Beer: Hound Dog – A double IPA with rich malt taste, notes of dried fruit and subtle floral notes; aged in bourbon barrels; 8.8% ABV.

Release Date: Fall 2013

Brewer: Cigar City Brewing, Tampa, Florida; cigarcitybrewing.com

Beer: Forgotten Island – A Belgian-style quad aged in rum barrels; 15% ABV.

Release Date: Fall 2013

Brewer: Founders Brewing, Grand Rapids, Michigan; foundersbrewing.com

Beer: Kentucky Breakfast Stout – An Imperial Stout brewed with massive amounts of coffee and chocolate; aged in bourbon barrels; 11.2% ABV.

Release Date: Summer 2013

Brewer: Full Sail Brewing, Hood River, Oregon; fullsailbrewing.com

Beer: Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Stout – Strong roasted malt, chocolate and caramel nuances; 9% ABV.

Release Date: Winter 2014

Brewer: Hale’s Ales, Seattle, Washington; halesbrewery.com

Beer: Bourbon Barrel Aged Stout – An imperial stout with six different malts, a complex hop profile with dark chocolate and coffee; 10.5% ABV.

Release Date: Summer 2013

Brewer: Brewery Ommegang, Cooperstown, New York; ommegang.com

Beer: Adoration – A Belgian winter, dark, malty and assertively spicy; aged in bourbon barrels; 10% ABV.

Release Date: Late Fall 2013

Brewer: Samuel Adams, Boston, Massachusetts; samueladams.com

Beer: Samuel Adams Utopias – Sweet fire, with dark fruit notes and a rich malt and wood complexity; aged in bourbon, port and rum barrels; 29% ABV.

Release Date: Summer 2013

Brewer: Smuttynose Brewing Company, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; smuttynose.com

Beer: Durty – A brown IPA, with an American-sized dose of hops, malty with dark cocoa notes; aged in BMD Ragged Mountain Rum barrels; 8.4% ABV.

Release Date: Fall 2013

Brewer: Terrapin Brewing Company, Athens, Georgia; terrapinbeer.com

Beer: Monk’s Revenge – A Belgian triple with the flavor and aroma of a double IPA and the malt character of a fine Belgian triple; aged in red wine barrels; 9.8% ABV.

Release Date: Late Summer 2013

Brewer: Tröegs Brewing Company, Hershey, Pennsylvania; troegs.com

Beer: Troegenator – A double bock with a strong malt aroma, a rich chewy body and subtle spicy flavors; aged in bourbon barrels; 8.2 % ABV.

Release Date: Summer 2013

ABOUT BERKSHIRE MOUNTAIN DISTILLERS, INC.:

Established in 2007, Berkshire Mountain Distillers (BMD) has created a line of award-winning artisanal spirits including Greylock Gin, Ethereal Gins, Ragged Mountain Rum, Ice Glen Vodka, Berkshire Bourbon and New England Corn Whiskey, currently available in 24 different states. All products are handcrafted in small batches in Great Barrington, Massachusetts at the Berkshire’s first legal distillery since prohibition. BMD is one of the founding members of the craft distiller movement and is embraced by several of the nation’s leading mixologists. Our products have received numerous high accolades

including Gold Medal Awards from the Beverage Tasting Institute and San Francisco Spirits Competition and national praise from publications like GQ, Details, New York Times, Wine Enthusiast and Jim Murray's Whiskey Bible. As supporters of local agriculture and business, BMD uses regional materials in many of our products, creating a truly authentic artisanal brand. For more information and to find where BMD is available, visit www.berkshiremoutaindistillers.com. Follow Berkshire Mountain Distillers on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).