

New Jersey Issues First Distiller's License Since 1933

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey has issued its first distillery license for the first time since Prohibition ended in 1933.

The action clears the way for Jersey Artisan Distilling to begin producing rum at its plant in Fairfield.

Alcoholic Beverage Control director Michael Halfacre says the rum will be made using classic techniques that represent the traditional style of dark rum that was made in New Jersey during the colonial period.

The distillery expects to produce seasonal rum flavored with New Jersey-sourced fruits such as strawberries, cherries and blueberries in the summer.

The company plans to offer bourbon and whiskey, using New Jersey sweet corn, in 2015.

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