GREAT LAKES DISTILLERY

Hand-crafted excellence.

Milwaukee's first (2004) distillery since prohibition. Great Lakes has released an impressive stream of first-class distilled spirits. They have won numerous medals.

"Everything is mass-produced these days. You deserve better than this. Great Lakes Distillery is doing it the old-fashioned way: small-batch spirits made with oldworld methods. Result? Products with great taste and real personality" – Guy Rehorst, owner.





Based on a recipe used by Thomas Jefferson at Monticello

PUMPKIN SPIRIT

Limited seasonal production First national release (4 barrels only)

Fabulous stuff – these guys are talented & inventive. Distiller Doug MacKenzie starts with a pumpkin lager made by a local brewery (Lakefront, in Milwaukee). The brewery owner, Russ Klisch, browsing in old recipe books, found a pumpkin beer that Jefferson had actually made at Monticello. The Lakefront pumpkin lager is the only one made. MacKenzie pot-distills a whiskey from it, a creamy & malty beauty with clove and nutmeg overtones, then ages it in a mix of new and old bourbon barrels. Here's what BTI wrote:

"Burnished golden yellow color. Bright, sweet aromas of clove, nutmeg, candied ginger, fruit cake, and pumpkin custard with a dryish medium-to-full body and a spicy dusty clove gum and pumpkin cheesecake finish. Very nice. Highly recommended."

