

John Francis Trump. *Still & Barrel: Craft Spirits in the Old North State*. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair, Publisher, 2017. 200 pp. \$19.95. ISBN 978-0-89587-683-6.

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In *Still & Barrel: Craft Spirits in the Old North State*, John Trump offers readers a glimpse into the craft spirit industry in North Carolina. Visitors to some North Carolina towns like Wilkesboro often hear its nickname “Moonshine Capital of the World.” In Prohibition days, distillers of moonshine in the vicinity of Wilkesboro could only make their product when the moon was “shining.” Along with these historical tidbits, the author traces some legislation and associations in the state which have enabled distillery operators to manufacture craft spirits in North Carolina successfully. Ultimately, the passage and signing of House Bill 909 by Governor Pat McCrory (2015), the Distillers Association of North Carolina, and the “NC Craft Distillers Trail” have aided the North Carolina distilling industry. Readers are encouraged to obtain a North Carolina distillery passport which will enable them to visit distilleries and get a “stamp” on their passport. Additionally, the author includes a “distilling primer” which lists the most popular spirits dispensed by North Carolina distilleries: brandy, gin, liqueur, moonshine, rum, vodka, and whiskey.

Trump structures his book by listing 36 distilleries across the state. Each chapter introduces readers to the owners of the distillery, a brief history of the company, specific manufactured products, etc. Numerous pictures of both the owners of the distillery working the “stills” and their products are provided. Some sample names of North Carolina distilling companies mentioned in the book include the following: “Howling Moon” (Asheville), “Doc Porter’s Craft Spirits” (Charlotte), “Call Family Distillers” (Wilkesboro), “Mayberry Spirits Distillery” (Mt. Airy), “Top of the Hill Distillery” (Chapel Hill), “Mother Earth Spirits” (Kinston), and “Outer Banks Distillery” (Manteo). The author includes a map of distillery centers across the state, specific distillery photographs, and an index. Finally, Trump lists the distillery name, contact address and telephone number, and touring hours for each distillery.

John Francis Trump is a graduate of Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland and a resident of Madison, North Carolina. The author began his study of distilleries with a few blogs on a personal website (halfwaysouth.com) and the blogs were eventually included on the Huffington Post website (<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/>). The actual book, *Still & Barrel*, evolved from a thesis that the author wrote about the craft distilling industry in North Carolina.

This book is intended to help readers gain a better understanding about the history and variety of distilleries which manufacture different alcoholic beverages across North Carolina. Because of its specific scope and subject matter, *Still & Barrel* would be suitable for inclusion in any academic or special library with a collection focusing on North Carolina distillery industries.

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