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Marlin & Barrel and Engine 15 partnering to bring quality distilled products to Northeast Florida area

Fernandina Beach, FL February 2, 2016 – Marlin & Barrel Distillery and Engine 15 Brewery have entered into a strategic partnership to bring quality distilled products to the Northeast Florida area. Through this partnership, they will create a craft line of whiskies with the first barrels to be laid down in the first quarter of 2016. Whiskey is a distilled product of a beer base called wort. Engine 15, already known as a great brewer with products like Old Battle Axe IPA and J'Ville Lager will create the wort and Marlin & Barrel will distill and barrel the distillate in new American charred oak barrels. Both companies will blend, package and bring to market an array of whiskey's when the aging process is complete.

In addition, as a result of Engine 15's recent announcement of their cider production capabilities, both parties have committed to explore the production of an AppleJack. An Applejack would follow in the footsteps of Engine 15's groundbreaking first to market local production of cider and be the first to market Applejack all made from hand through natural agricultural products.

Finally, the partnership will create a barrel exchange program between both companies. As whiskey is withdrawn from the barrels, those fresh pour barrels will be reused for both Engine 15 beers and passed back again for a line of whiskey/beer barreled rums. Factoring in the Applejack product (made from barrel aged Apple Brandy), the possibilities for creatively produced and flavored products grow into a very wide array of combinations.

According to Marlin & Barrel owner Roger Morenc, "If you believe in craft, then the idea of partnership is hand to glove. It's very exciting to partner with another craft-minded local company to bring something beautiful to our community."

Engine 15 Owner and Brewmaster Luch Scremin also notes "With the grains coming right from Florida and Georgia fields, these products will be truly made from scratch the right way. Not taking short cuts will allow us to deliver something that represents what is great in our region and enjoy the pride that can only come from a hand crafted product."

Marlin & Barrel is a distiller of Venture Vodka and Bearing Light Rum. It is hand-crafted, distilled and bottled in their Craft Distillery located on Amelia Island's historic Fernandina Beach, FL. It is sold at restaurants and where fine spirits can be found in Northeast Florida. Engine 15 Brewing Co. is a craft beer producer of over 20 brands of beer which are distributed throughout the State of Florida. Engine 15 operates a gastropub and brewery in Jacksonville Beach, FL. as well as a production brewery in downtown Jacksonville, FL.

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