

FAR NORTH SPIRITS

Located in Northwestern Minnesota, just miles from the Canadian border, the Swanson family farm is currently operated by Michael Swanson, a fourth generation farmer, and his wife Cheri Reese. Employing a field-to-glass farming model, the couple distills from start to finish, hand-selecting their seed varieties, planting and harvesting all non-GMO grains, and carefully sourcing the botanicals and spices. Every step of production —milling, mashing, fermenting, distilling and bottling— is done by hand, and Far North Spirits is one of only 42 distilleries nation-wide, to grow its own grains.



At Far North, the Solveig Gin is made with AC Hazlet Winter Rye (140 acres of the family's 1,500) harvested from the family farm. Working with a 500-gallon custom-made copper-pot still, they distill their own "neutral" spirit down to 350 gallons of hearts for the base, which is then blended with botanicals that have been individually distilled, avoiding the commonly used extracts and essential oils.

Their Alander Spiced rum is distilled in small batches with Demerara and Turbinado sugars, in part from a cousin's sugar cane farm in Louisiana, with whole bean spices, including vanilla, nutmeg, clove, allspice and espresso, which are purchased whole and infused by hand. In the wake of so many "craft-brands", many of who work with large-scale commercial distillers, you can be sure that Far North Spirits is genuine.

SOLVEIG GIN



Base Ingredient/Mash: AC Hazlet Winter Rye (non-GMO), planted and harvested by distiller; and botanicals including grapefruit peel, thyme, coriander, angelica and orris roots, and lavender.

Still Size & Type: Two copper-pot stills, one 500-gallon and one 50-gallon, custom-made by Vendome Copper & Brass Works in Louisville, KY

Fermentation: Rye wash is fermented on-site

Distillation: Neutral spirit for Solveig from non-GMO rye seed is distilled to 191-proof. Hearts are selected, combined and distilled again. Each botanical is then distilled individually.

Blending: Distillations are then blended together and brought to 87-proof with pure water to create the final spirit.

Alcohol: 43.5%

Production #s: 1,500 cases

Country: USA

Region: Minnesota

Sub Region: Hallock

Spirit Style: Gin

Distiller: Michael Swanson