

Greenville Welcomes the Upstate's First Micro Distillery

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Dark Corner Distillery is the upstate's first micro distillery, South Carolina's only whiskey distillery and producer of South Carolina's first "legal Moonshine". Born of the rugged mountainous region of Greenville County known as Dark Corner, it was conceived to be different, to use quality ingredients and produce spirits in time tested ways that allow natural flavors to flow through. Inspired by the national micro distilling renaissance, founders Joe Fenten and Richard Wenger have brought high quality spirits to Greenville.

Joe Fenten and Richard Wenger are both electrical engineers who were raised in "moonshining" regions of American, namely northern Greenville County, SC (Dark Corner) and East Tennessee. Joe bartended for a number of years and became a connoisseur of high quality spirits. Richard is an avid home brewer of beer. Both have an entrepreneurial drive and passion for doing what they love. It so happens that today they love making a settlers style of "moonshine" or corn whiskey dating back to the 1700's. To achieve such a product, the two engineers designed an 80 gallon copper pot still and distillation system with flavor and quality in mind.

Stepping back in time Joe and Richard met one another in December 2009 as controls engineers. Working together on bottling line projects all over the United States they realized that they had a special synergy. Bringing individual strengths to the table they completed a strong team. While working 17 hour days on a project in New York the two found themselves brainstorming on business ideas and in general developing ways to make the world a better place.

Dark Corner demonstrates its commitment to the community by focusing on environmental sustainability. They donate the distillery's spent grain to local farm Native Meats, and the distillery's methanol by-product to Be Kind Solutions.

Dark Corner currently offers a quality, hand-spirited "Moonshine" or corn whiskey, but they have plans to introduce bourbon, brandy made with local fruit, and beer schnapps made with local, micro brewed beer.