

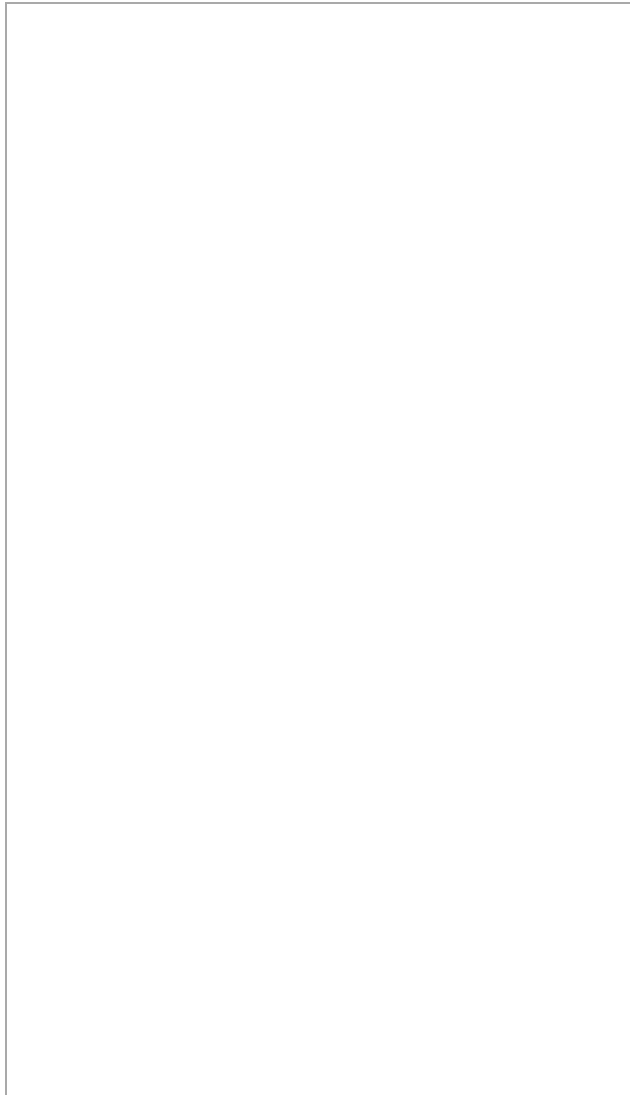
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# **Till American Wheat Vodka Achieves Growing Recognition for Outstanding Quality and Taste**

**Till Vodka. Pride Distilled.**

ATCHISON, Kan., Oct. 04, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- MGP's Till American Wheat Vodka continues to achieve prominent recognition for outstanding quality and taste from experts across the distilled spirits industry.





Till Vodka

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Within the first seven months following its release, Till Vodka has already received five prestigious awards, the most recent being a silver medal at last month's Sommelier Challenge™ International Wine and Spirits Competition in San Diego. Just prior to that, in August, Till Vodka was awarded silver medals at the San Diego Spirits Festival and the 2016 New York World Wine and Spirits Competition.

Till Vodka also received a silver medal this past March at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition, which, like the New York event, is considered to be one of the most respected and influential spirits competitions of its type on an international scale. That honor occurred in conjunction with Till Vodka's market introduction. In May, Till Vodka earned *Beverage*

*World* magazine's BevStar Gold Award in the spirits category.

"Made using the finest quality Kansas wheat, grown by hardworking Kansas farmers, Till American Wheat Vodka represents the passion, hard work and honest values of the heartland from which it comes," said Shanae Randolph, brand director for beverage brands. "Distilled by the proud men and women of Atchison, Kansas, the result is a uniquely smooth premium vodka."

Randolph added, "We are highly excited about the awards that Till Vodka has already received, as they speak volumes about the expertise and dedication that go into making it. This level of recognition is not only significant, but very meaningful in terms of how rapidly Till Vodka is earning distinction for its remarkable qualities."

At the Sommelier Challenge, over 1,100 entries consisting of wines and spirits from around the globe were evaluated.

The annual San Diego Spirits Festival likewise included a significant number of entries from the U.S. and internationally. All spirits were judged on their individual merits and attributes in categories ranging from vodka and gin to whiskey, rum, agave spirits, liqueurs and packaged cocktails.

Considered to be among the most reliable and universal indicators of spirits excellence, medals from both the New York and San Francisco competitions are recognized globally as affirmation of exceptional products and high quality. Nearly 2,000 products from around the world are entered for judging by spirits industry experts in each of these competitions.

*Beverage World's* BevStar Awards recognize innovation in a number of beverage segments. Judging criteria used by the publication's editorial team include product taste, ingredients, packaging, market positioning and uniqueness.

For more information, visit [tillvodka.com](http://tillvodka.com) and follow Till on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **About Till Vodka**

Distilled by the proud men and women of Atchison, Kansas, Till American Wheat Vodka symbolizes the honest values of the heartland from which it comes. Made from the finest Kansas wheat, grown by Kansas farmers, it is a brand that represents timeless and aspirational values which are tied to the region that embodies them. Till is a premium, ultra smooth vodka that captures the hard work and passion of the people involved in making it, and reflects the pride they take in doing their best.

### **About MGP**

Celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, MGP (Nasdaq:MGPI) is a leading supplier of premium distilled spirits and specialty wheat proteins and starches. Distilled spirits include bourbon and rye whiskeys, gins and vodkas, which are carefully crafted through a combination of art and science backed by decades of experience. The company's proteins and starches are created in the same manner and provide a host of functional, nutritional and sensory benefits for a wide range of food products. MGP additionally is a top producer of high quality industrial alcohol for use in both food and non-food applications. The company is headquartered in Atchison, Kansas, where distilled alcohol products and food ingredients are produced. Premium spirits are also distilled and matured at the company's facility in

Lawrenceburg, Indiana. For more information, visit [mgpingredients.com](http://mgpingredients.com).

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