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## Moonstruck Chocolate Co. Launches Oregon Distillers Collection

*Portland, Ore.-based artisan chocolate company combines craft spirits and chocolate*

PORTLAND, Ore. – (Sept. 18, 2013) – [Moonstruck Chocolate Co.](http://MoonstruckChocolateCo.com) has launched its newest line of truffles, the [Oregon Distillers Collection](#), which features nine artisan chocolates infused with spirits from five of Oregon’s top craft distillers. The collection is now available at the four Portland Moonstruck Chocolate Cafés, through the company’s website, in distillery tasting rooms and at select retailers nation-wide.

### Oregon Distillers Collection



### Nine-piece Collection

A nine-piece collection of truffles featuring liqueurs from five of Oregon’s finest craft distillers.

“With more than 35 artisan distilleries, Oregon is a premier hub for spirit aficionados,” said Moonstruck Master Chocolatier Julian Rose. “They inspired me to create these European-style truffles, each of which boasts elevated spirit concentration and authentic flavor profile.”

As he fashioned the Oregon Distillers Collection, Rose was dedicated to marrying together interesting spirits with his gourmet chocolate. He identified complementary flavor profiles in developing the nine-piece collection, which features:

<p><b>Bull Run Distillery</b></p> 	<p><b>Pacific Rum and Cola Truffle</b> A blend of Moonstruck's signature dark and milk chocolate ganache infused with Bull Run Distillery's Pacific Rum and cola flavor to mimic the classic cocktail, hand-piped into a hand-painted dark chocolate shell.</p> <p><b>Temperance Trader Straight Bourbon Whiskey Truffle</b> Decadent dark and milk chocolate ganache infused with Bull Run Distillery's popular Temperance Trader Straight Bourbon Whiskey, featuring mildly sweet and smoky notes with a hint of fruit and butterscotch, hand-piped into a hand-painted dark chocolate shell.</p>
<p><b>Bend Distillery</b></p> 	<p><b>Crater Lake Pepper Vodka Truffle</b> Blended ivory and dark chocolate infused with Bend Distillery's Crater Lake Pepper Vodka, featuring a blend of five different sweet and hot peppers to create a balance of flavor and spice, hand-piped into a hand-painted ivory chocolate shell.</p>
<p><b>Clear Creek Distillery</b></p>	<p><b>Oregon Pear Brandy Truffle</b> Blended milk and dark chocolate ganache infused with Clear Creek Distillery's award-winning Pear Brandy and hand-piped into a hand-painted ivory chocolate shell.</p> <p><b>Oregon Apple Brandy Truffle</b> Clear Creek Distillery's Oregon Apple Brandy is infused with a blend of our ivory and dark chocolate, featuring notes of grass, apple and spice, all hand-piped into a hand-painted dark chocolate shell.</p>



### Rogue Spirits



### Dead Guy Whiskey Truffle

Blended ivory and dark chocolate infused with Rogue Ales Dead Guy Whiskey featuring delicately sweet notes with a rich malt complexity, opening up to a warm peppery finish, hand-piped into a hand-painted milk chocolate shell.

### House Spirits Distillery



### Coffee Liqueur Truffle

Coffee liqueur from Oregon's own House Spirits Distillery, featuring a strong freshly-brewed coffee flavor, infusing a blend of Moonstruck's milk and dark chocolate for a perfect flavor pairing, hand-piped into a hand-painted dark chocolate shell.

### Krogstad Aquavit Truffle

House Spirits Distillery's famous Krogstad Aquavit is infused in this blended ivory and dark chocolate ganache, creating a warm blend of chocolate, star anise and caraway flavors, hand-piped into a hand-painted milk chocolate shell.

### Aviation Gin Truffle

Blended milk and dark chocolate ganache infused with House Spirits Distillery's American-style Aviation Gin, featuring a bouquet of botanical flavors, with top notes of citrus, anise, cardamom and lavender, hand-piped into a hand-painted

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The Oregon Distillers Collection is currently available as single truffles and a complete nine-piece boxed collection. Suggested retail price is \$2.50 for single truffles and \$20 for the nine-piece boxed collection.

Due to the higher liquor levels, approximately 2.5% ABV, sales of the truffles are limited to the following 19 states: AZ, CA, CO, FL, IL, KY, LA, MD, MN, MS, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OR, TX, VA, and WV.

**About Moonstruck Chocolate Co.**

Since 1993, Moonstruck Chocolate Co. has been handcrafting artisan chocolates that not only delight the senses, but also nourish the imagination. Moonstruck uses only the finest and freshest ingredients, including superior quality cocoa beans originating from some of the most exotic locations in the world. Moonstruck Chocolate's master chocolatier, Julian Rose, was named as one of *Dessert Professional's* Top Ten Chocolatiers for 2009 and Moonstruck's award-winning creations were featured as the official chocolate of the 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> *Annual Academy Awards*®. Moonstruck's chocolate creations are handcrafted, hand-decorated and hand-packaged in Portland, Ore., and are available around the country at select retailers, online at [www.moonstruckchocolate.com](http://www.moonstruckchocolate.com), and at the four Moonstruck Chocolate Cafés located in Portland.

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