

DISTILLERIES & MEADERIES OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Craft spirits, mead, and the local cocktail scene

The Lehigh Valley's craft spirits and mead scene has grown into a genuine destination, with farm distilleries, urban micro-distilleries, and an award-winning meadery spread across Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, and the surrounding farmland.

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COLONY MEADERY

South Bethlehem (tasting room at 211 E. 3rd St., Bethlehem, PA 18015; business mailing address in Easton) — One of the Valley's most distinctive producers, Colony Meadery crafts honey wines (mead) — including lower-ABV session meads — in flavors ranging from dry and crisp to fruity and sweet. Note: its tasting room is now in South Bethlehem, not the original Allentown incubator space.

EIGHT OAKS FARM DISTILLERY

New Tripoli (7189 Route 309) — A veteran-owned, family-run farm distillery founded in 2016 that grows its own grain and distills vodka, gin, rye whiskey, bourbon, and applejack. Weekend tastings, craft cocktails, and farm tours make it the Valley's signature grain-to-glass experience.

SOCIAL STILL

South Bethlehem (530 E. 3rd St.) — A distillery, restaurant, and cocktail bar set inside a former bank building, distilling vodka, gin, rum, and whiskey on site. A natural stop for craft cocktails paired with a full food menu.

COUNTY SEAT SPIRITS

Allentown (Bridgeworks Enterprise Center, 905 Harrison St.) — An award-winning craft distillery; its Lock Keeper Barrel Finished Gin earned Best of Class at the 2026 American Distilling Institute International Spirits Competition. Weekend tours, tastings, cocktails, and bottle sales.

CHRISTMAS CITY SPIRITS

Downtown Bethlehem (564 Main St., inside the historic Sun Inn) — A history-focused micro-distillery making whiskey, rum, and vodka, with complimentary tastings and its spirits poured at the adjacent Sun Inn Tavern.

HAWK MOUNTAIN DISTILLERY & XPLOER SPIRITS (KILIMANJARO DISTILLERY)

Breinigsville and Allentown, respectively — Two additional Lehigh Valley distilleries rounding out the region's spirits map — worth checking current hours before visiting.

TIPS & PLANNING

Most tasting rooms are open primarily Thursday through Sunday; weekends offer the fullest hours and the best chance to catch a tour. Confirm tour availability ahead of time, as many distilleries run them by appointment. Pairings are part of the fun — Social Still offers a full kitchen, while farm and downtown tasting rooms often feature local cheese boards and small plates. Above all, plan for a designated driver or use rideshare when visiting multiple locations, and double-check addresses before you go, since several producers have moved or operate their tasting room at a different address than their mailing address (Colony Meadery is the key example).

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