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when he was 13."

Produced legally or not, distilling liquor can be traced back through prohibition to the days of America's founding fathers. Made under the cloak of darkness and by the light of the moon, moonshine's cultural persistence and popularity has given rise to an industry of legal distilleries in recent years. A former legendary moonshine hotbed, Johnston County has a colorful and storied history of the savory, sweet, once-illegal booze.

Off Highway 50 in Benson, sits a 120-acre farm, rooted in several generations of bootlegging, that's now home to Broadslab Distillery. Broadslab's owner, Jeremy Norris, has been tapping into his family's history and the region's notoriety to create one of our state's first moonshine-centric distilleries.

Jeremy grew up hearing "the" stories. He says, "When we were working in the fields and stuff growing up, my granddaddy, Leonard A. Wood, used to tell me he had a 'doctor's' degree in bootlegging... he told me he went to the still with his brothers when he was 5-years-old and would help them tote water. He got his own still

- In 2011, Jeremy started distilling at Broadslab and this year, he opened a tasting room and tours to the public.
- "A lot of people say 'Well, how did you learn to make moonshine, did you go to school or something?' I started making wine when I was like 12 or 13-years-old ... but didn't want to get in trouble, so I didn't tell anybody," says Jeremy. "I started out right across the road, where wild scuppernongs grow at the edge of the woods.
- Then, when I got in high school, [I] started messing around with distilling. So, I knew a lot about it."
- Broadslab is the meeting of two passions. Jeremy says, "I was always interested in farming and making liquor. For me, it kind of goes hand in hand ... It's an agricultural process, the way I look at it."
- Right on the farm, Jeremy grows, mills and malts his own corn and distills it in a 500-gallon, solid copper pot. "My grandaddy used to say, 'There's two kinds of liquor: one to sell and one to drink."The Carolina White Liquor is handcrafted using Jeremy's grandfather's small batch recipe to create an unusually smooth, drinkable yet undeniably corn-based shine.
- In addition to the Carolina White Liquor, Broadslab produces The Reserve, an oaked corn whiskey;
 Appleshine, a liquor, infused with organic spice and mixed with 100% apple juice; Carolina Coast Spiced Rum,







an oak-aged, spiced-infused rum;

and Carolina Coast Silver Rum, distilled from sugar and sugar molasses.

Savory enough to drink straight, moonshine can be intimidating to first time sippers but is an unexpectedly tasty and creative base for cocktails. So, this holiday season, serve up a unique cocktail with Bit & Grain's Broadslab Cocktail List.



1919 MODEL TEA

1.5oz Broadslab

Moonshine

1oz Fresh Lemon Juice

4oz Fresh Brewed

Sweet Tea

Serve over cubed ice

Garnish with lemon wedge



THE KILL DEVIL

1.5 oz Carolina CoastSilver Rum3 oz chilled prosecco orchampagne1.5 oz fresh squeezedgrapefruit juice

Garnish with grapefruit wedge



DARK & STORMY

1.5 oz Carolina CoastSpiced Rum1 oz fresh lime juice3 oz chilled Ginger Beer

Served over a heaping of crushed ice
Garnished with a lime
wedge





PROHIBITION 21

2 oz Appleshine

4 oz cranberry

Garnish rim with caramel rim, dipped in sugar & cinnamon

SANTA'S RESERVE

2 oz Broadslab Reserve

4 oz eggnog

Garnish with fresh ground cinnamon



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