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Long Island's pioneering craft distillery is maturing with grace, acquiring the depth, character and complexity associated with exquisite small batch bourbon. Long Island Spirits(<https://www.edibleeastend.com/tag/long-island-spirits/>) of Baiting Hollow marks its 10th anniversary this month and kicks off a year of special events, promotions and new product releases to celebrate the occasion.

Initially a disruptive addition to the established Long Island wine country landscape, Long Island Spirits blazed a trail for additional craft spirits operations on the East End and the burgeoning national craft spirits movement. Founded on January 5, 2007 by Master Distiller and Long Island native Rich Stabile, Long Island Spirits was licensed as the 100th distilled spirits plant in the United States. Today there are more than 1,250 distilled spirits plants across the nation and the number continues to grow.

A student of local history, Stabile has spent the last decade launching brands that reflect Long Island's landmarks, legends and lore. His flagship product LiV Potato Vodka – made from locally sourced Marcy potatoes – celebrates the iconic Long Island tuber. Rough Rider Small Batch Bourbon(<https://www.ediblelongisland.com/2016/04/21/rough-rider-bourbon-scores-ultimate-spirits-challenge/>), and Rye Whiskey commemorate the spirit of Teddy Roosevelt, and Pine Barrens Single Malt Whisky and Deepwells Gin exemplify the distinct geography of Long Island. It's the ultimate can-do success story. Once a single-product company, Long Island Spirits brands are now distributed in more than 30 states, serving up a spirited taste of Long Island to a national audience.

