



Changing the South, One Sip at a Time

Southern Living recognizes the good whiskey genes of Andy and Charlie Nelson

We surveyed the region to find the movers-and-shakers who are shaping the South with community-minded ideas and projects...these are the people you'll want to keep an eye on this year."

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At the outset of the New Year, *Southern Living* is shining a proud spotlight on **"50 People Who Are Changing the South in 2015."** Brothers **Andy and Charlie Nelson** of the new **Nelson's Green Brier Distillery** in **Nashville, TN** have been selected for putting their barrels in the mix, making fine whiskey in the tradition of their great-great-great grandfather, Charles Nelson, one of the nation's most prominent pre-Prohibition whiskey producers. Their history, says *Southern Living*, is what makes the Nelson boys stand out among the wave of artisan distillers now plying their craft across the country.

Southern Living notes that the first batches of Nelson's Green Brier Tennessee Whiskey are "fresh off the copper pot still," and while it's coming of age in their charred oak barrels, the magazine urges those to visit the operation in downtown Nashville. There, they can sample un-aged product in the Tasting Room, and see the works first-hand, on a colorful tour led by an heir of old Charles Nelson.

Meanwhile, the current day Charles Nelson, who goes by "Charlie," was just featured in the February 2015 issue of *Maxim* magazine in a story called "Be Your Own Bootlegger." He is billed as "The Distiller" (along side "The Winemaker" Carlo Mondavi, grandson of Robert Mondavi, and "The Brewer" Jim Koch the creator of Samuel Adams) and relates the story of how he and his brother Andy came to pursue their family legacy, with a passion.

With whiskey in their blood and fire in their bellies, it's no wonder these young brothers are making a name for their family -- all over again.

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