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**Illinois Office of Tourism Releases Newest Maker video, Blaum Bros. Distilling Co., part of Illinois Made program**

*Latest maker video features two Galena brothers distilling fine Illinois liquors*

**Galena, Ill.** – The Illinois Department of Commerce’s Office of Tourism released today the newest local Galena business highlighted as part of Illinois Made video series: Blaum Bros. Distilling Co.

Launched in July 2016, Illinois Made is an ongoing program that recognizes the artisans, products and experiences that are unique to the state. It offers Illinois Made-inspired travel ideas to encourage people to extend their travel beyond a day trip by exploring the local businesses and great attractions nearby.

Matt and Mike Blaum, founders of the Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. quit their day jobs to start distilling rye whiskey. They both knew very little about distilling when they decided to start the company, but their passion and collaboration have bred success.

“The Blaum Bros. Distillery Co. uniquely creates exceptional products using Illinois ingredients,” says Cory Jobe, Director of the Illinois Office of Tourism. “The brothers distill their whiskey from all locally sourced grains in Illinois and control the entire process in their purpose-built facility, making them an excellent candidate for our Illinois Made program.”

The beautiful tasting room that is featured in the video was decorated by the Blaum brothers themselves, with their ideal “man cave” in mind. Their products can be found in over 650 locations in Illinois, including almost every bar and restaurant in Galena.

To learn more about Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. and view the new Maker video, visit [www.enjoyillinois.com/](http://www.enjoyillinois.com/).

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