

CONTRACT BOTTLING & DISTILLING SERVICES

FROM CRAFT TO SCALE



HENSOL CASTLE
DISTILLERY





Welcome to Hensol Castle Distillery, where craft meets innovation in the world of contract bottling. Beneath the grand rooms of our historic 17th century castle lies a hidden contrast — a state-of-the-art production facility designed to meet the diverse distilling and bottling needs of our clients, from start-ups to established global brands.

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SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT



OUR MISSION

At Hensol Castle Distillery, sustainability isn't an afterthought — it's built into everything we do. We're committed to continuously improving our processes to be as efficient, responsible, and environmentally friendly as possible. Our decisions have a balance of business growth with long-term environmental care.



WASTE REDUCTION

Reducing waste is one of our core goals. Across our group sites, we operate comprehensive recycling and waste segregation systems, while all garden and botanical waste is composted right here on-site. It's a small example of how we turn by-products into positive impact.



OFFSET

Over the past three decades, we've planted more than 30,000 trees across our estate to offset our carbon footprint. Our grounds are home to a variety of protected species, supported by an active ecology management plan that nurtures biodiversity and encourages natural balance.



WATER

Our 650-acre estate is blessed with natural water sources — two boreholes and a spring — that supply the distillery and irrigate our golf courses and sports pitches. A network of lakes and a 20-acre reservoir help manage rainfall and protect the River Ely, reflecting our ongoing respect for the local environment.



ENERGY

We've heavily invested in renewable and efficient energy systems. Solar panels power our hotel and leisure facilities, while air source heat pumps have provided heating and cooling for over two decades. A rolling upgrade programme sees us replacing older equipment with modern, energy-efficient alternatives - from LED lighting to heat exchangers - all part of our drive to continuously reduce energy use.



BRCGS AA ACCREDITATION

Hensol Castle Distillery proudly holds a BRCGS Double A Grade Accreditation, the globally recognised benchmark for excellence in food and drink manufacturing. This certification represents our unwavering commitment to the highest standards of quality, safety, and operational performance — giving our partners confidence that every stage of production, from blending and bottling to storage and dispatch, is handled with care and precision.

MEET THE TEAM

Our success is shaped by passionate people — a team of experts who bring creativity, skill, and decades of experience to every project.



CHRIS LEEKE
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Chris leads the way with a clear vision: to make Hensol Castle Distillery a hub of innovation and craftsmanship. With over 20 years as an Operations Director in retail and hospitality, Chris followed his passion for premium spirits, launching new visitor experiences, brands, and production lines. He encourages individuality, creativity, and excellence at every level.



JAMES LEWIS
HEAD OF OPERATIONS

James has been part of Hensol Castle Distillery since its inception in 2018, overseeing everything from build and design to daily operations. With extensive manufacturing and distilling experience, he ensures every department runs seamlessly - mentoring teams to make confident, informed decisions that keep the distillery performing at its best.



KYLE JONES
HEAD DISTILLER

Kyle leads all aspects of production, from concept to finished spirit. With more than a decade in the drinks world, his experience spans everything from classic gin and vodka to unique distillations and experimental blends. As an international spirits judge, Kyle combines technical precision with creative flair to deliver results that speak for themselves.



DAI WAKELY
MASTER DISTILLER

With over 23 years in the spirits and hospitality industry, Dai is our resident encyclopaedia of liquid knowledge. Working alongside our Head Distiller, Kyle, he develops award-winning recipes for both our own and client brands, specialising in start-ups, recipe development, and creative consultancy. If you've got a product vision, Dai's the one who'll help you bring it to life.



ELLIS EVANS
TECHNICAL OFFICER

Ellis ensures every bottle that leaves Hensol Castle meets the highest technical and regulatory standards. With a background in product assurance and laboratory testing, he manages recipe trials, stability checks, and quality control — keeping our spirits consistent, compliant, and world-class.



LAURA SMITH
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER

Laura keeps production running like clockwork, managing everything from procurement and logistics to delivery schedules. Working closely with suppliers, teams, and clients, she ensures each project runs smoothly — on time, to spec, and to the highest standard.



BOTTLING AND LABELLING

Welcome to Hensol Castle Distillery - where craftsmanship, technology, and innovation come together to deliver premium contract bottling solutions.

Diverse Bottle Range

From 5cl miniatures to bulk distillations and compounding, we cater to every need, offering flexibility for both small-scale craft brands and large-volume production runs.

Semi-Automated Production Line

Our main line is built for efficiency and precision, accommodating a wide variety of bottle types while maintaining exceptional quality. We also offer hand bottling, gift packing, and alternative production options for bespoke projects.

Advanced Bottle Air Rinser

Operating at speeds up to 4,000 bottles per hour, our rinser ensures every bottle is spotless and ready for filling.

Versatile Filler

With a 12-head configuration adaptable to multiple bottle sizes, our filler delivers speeds up to 3,000 bottles per hour - no change parts required.

Flexible Capping Solutions.

Whether ROPP, Cork, or GPI closures, our machinery can handle them all at speeds up to 2,500 bottles per hour.

Customised Labelling

Our five-head linear labeller is a stand-out feature, capable of applying everything from tamper seals and top straps to complex label designs — all at speeds up to 4,800 bottles per hour. The result: bottles that look as good as the liquid inside.

Small Batch and Start-up Support

We understand that not every project needs scale - which is why our second production line is dedicated to small batches, trial runs, miniatures, and complex bottle shapes, blending flexibility with precision.

Specialised Frugalpac Bottle Line

We also have a dedicated, innovative Frugalpac paper bottle - perfect for brands looking to combine sustainability with stand-out shelf presence.

AT HENSOL, WE BLEND TRADITION WITH INNOVATION, ENSURING EVERY BOTTLE THAT LEAVES OUR CELLARS EMBODIES THE EXCELLENCE AND CRAFTSMANSHIP SYNONYMOUS WITH OUR BRAND.



MINIMUM ORDER QUANTITIES (MOQS)



Optimised Production – Best Value at Scale

Our semi-automated line is ideal for growing brands and established producers looking for efficiency and value. With a minimum order quantity of 3,000 litres, scaling up to 100,000 litres per run, the more you produce, the greater the cost efficiency.

Our flexible format capability and fast, accurate throughput make it the go-to solution for core SKUs, supermarket listings, and export orders. Scaling up means not just better value — but streamlined blending, bottling, and packaging, ensuring quality and consistency from start to finish.



Trial Runs & New Launches

For smaller projects or innovative launches, our second production line offers a 1,000-litre minimum. Perfect for testing new products, bespoke bottles, or limited editions, it allows you to “test the waters” while maintaining professional-scale quality.

We can also hold stock on-site under duty-suspension for approved clients, offering flexibility on when your product enters the market.



BOTTLE SIZES & PACKAGING INNOVATION



We're proud to be pioneers. As the first contract bottlers in the world to fill a flavoured vodka into a Frugal Bottle, we continue to lead in sustainable packaging innovation — now producing gins and RTDs in this paper-based format too.

Beyond glass, we also offer bag-in-box options up to 10 litres — ideal for on-trade, events, or e-commerce formats where sustainability meets practicality.

For large-scale needs, we can fill:

- 5L+ jerrycans
- IBCs up to 1,000L
- ISO tanks up to 26,000L

Whatever your format, we deliver precision, consistency, and care — from the first drop to the final seal.







LIQUID CAPABILITIES

With over 30 years of combined distilling experience, our expert team can turn their hands to any spirit category - from vodka and gin to rum, whisky, and beyond.

Our distilling team has over three decades of combined experience, blending tradition with innovation to create exceptional spirits that speak for themselves. Whether you're scaling production, refining an existing recipe, or bringing something entirely new to market, we can help you realise your vision — beautifully, consistently, and at scale.

VODKA

Our team has perfected the art of vodka production - from clean, classic styles to contemporary flavoured expressions. Using the finest neutral grain spirit, we craft smooth, crystal-clear vodka distilled to perfection. Whether you're looking for a traditional profile or a creative twist, we'll help you develop a recipe that balances character with clarity. Bulk neutral spirits we currently stock at Hensol Castle (able to source other base spirits upon request):

Grain Neutral Spirits/Grain Alcohol (min. 96% Vol.)

The most common and the most affordable. Made from wheat, rye, barley and corn, extra-neutral grain alcohol (NGA), also known as grain neutral spirits (GNS) is a high-purity potable alcohol derived from grain via fermentation, distillation and precision rectification

Extra Neutral Alcohol (min. 96% Vol.)

Extra-neutral potato alcohol is made 100% out of potatoes. It is a high-purity potable alcohol (ethanol) produced via fermentation, distillation and precision rectification of potatoes. Typical strength is min. 96% ABV. It is used to produce premium vodka (where it is often the sole ingredient)

Certified Organic Alcohol (96% Vol.)

Alcohol made from grains and other feedstock that are grown without chemical pesticides or artificial fertilisers, and are kept under strict organic standard throughout the production, processing and packaging process.





There are an array of possibilities for your Vodka brand to stand out from the crowd.

We can produce these Vodka categories.

- Premium neutral vodka
- Single distillates dominant vodka
- Vodka liqueurs
- Flavoured vodka
- Spirit drinks
- RTD/RTS vodka cocktails

If you have a vodka brand idea, we can consult and assure you of your possibilities along with dos and don'ts.

GIN

Crafting Excellence: Gin Production

Gin is where our story began - and our passion for it still runs deep. We've distilled countless gins for brands across the UK and beyond, from delicate floral London Dry styles to bold, flavour-forward contemporary blends.

We offer everything from recipe development and botanical profiling to large-scale production and labelling. Whatever your gin dream looks like, we'll help you bring it to life - drop by drop.

With over 100 custom gin recipes in our repertoire, meticulously crafted through collaboration with our clients, we prioritize their desires and preferences at every step. Our New Product Development (NPD) process is swift yet thorough, ensuring that every creation bears the hallmark of award-winning quality.





Our offerings include:

- London Dry
- Distilled Gin
- Flavoured Gin
- Macerations – Bathtub
- Old Tom
- Gin Liqueurs
- Gin Cocktails

RUM

Rich, versatile, and full of character - rum is one of the most exciting spirits to work with. Our expertise spans from light and spiced rums to deep, molasses-based blends, with full control over sweetness, spice balance, and finish. Whether you want a smooth sipper or a bold, cocktail-ready profile, our team can design and deliver your perfect rum.

Crafting Excellence: Rum Production

While our journey began with crafting exquisite gin recipes at Hensol Castle, it's our rum production that truly steals the spotlight. We take immense pride in our ability to produce exceptional rum varieties that surpass every other spirit category.

At Hensol Castle Distillery, we collaborate with both large and small spiced rum brands, offering bespoke services ranging from contract bottling to full-scale new product development and production.

Craftsmanship in Action

Utilising various techniques such as distillation, maceration, blending, or compounding, our craftsmen ensure that each rum creation reflects the pinnacle of artistry and flavour.

Experience the epitome of rum excellence with Hensol Castle Distillery. Let us elevate your brand's portfolio with our unparalleled rum production capabilities.





Our offerings include:

- Spiced Rum
- Flavoured Rum
- Aged Rum
- Cask Aging
- Rum Blending
- Rum-Based Spirit Drinks

We specialise in sourcing rum of specific age and location, ensuring the highest quality and authenticity.

Presently, our rum collection includes:

- Caribbean White Rum at 95% ABV (a staple in our production)
- Jamaican
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Brazilian
- Guyanese

WHISKY

Whisky Production at Hensol Castle Distillery

Our whisky programme draws on generations of knowledge - and a deep respect for the craft. From sourcing and blending to proofing and bottle, we provide a complete solution for whisky and whisky brands wanting to create something truly unique.

Global Sourcing

Through our trusted supply network, we can source world whiskies - Scotch, Irish, American, Japanese, and beyond — giving our partners access to some of the finest spirits available. This allows us to build bespoke flavour profiles and blends that are tailored to your brand's story and market.

Blending & Innovation

Blending is at the heart of what we do; our team has the expertise to craft smooth, complex, and memorable whiskies that meet your exact specification.

We have pioneered the blending of Japanese whisky for a long-standing customer, demonstrating both precision and creativity. We can also create flavoured whiskies and liqueurs, helping brands tap into fast-growing and innovative categories.





Licensed to Bottle Scotch Whisky

As a licensed facility for the proofing and bottling of Scotch whisky, we handle this prestigious category with full compliance, care, and respect for tradition. From bulk spirit through to finished, shelf-ready product, we deliver consistency and quality at every step.

Welsh Whisky – Our Own Story

While we don't produce whisky from scratch for third parties, we are proud to be making our own small batch Single Malt Welsh Whisky right here at Hensol Castle. This showcases our passion for the craft and underpins the knowledge we bring to every blending and bottling project.

Our Whisky Capabilities

- Global whisky sourcing
- Expert blending for bespoke brand profiles
- Licensed Scotch whisky proofing & bottling
- Flavoured whiskies & liqueurs for innovation-led brands
- Full bottling solutions – from small runs to large volumes
- In-house Welsh Single Malt showcasing our craftsmanship

WORLD SPIRITS

World Spirits & Alcoholic Drinks

We understand that the world of spirits doesn't stop at gin, vodka, or whisky. Our expertise also extends to world favourites such as Tequila, Mezcal, Aquavit, Soju, and more. Whether you're developing a new international brand or importing liquid for UK bottling, our facility and team can manage the full process with compliance and confidence.

Global Spirit Sourcing

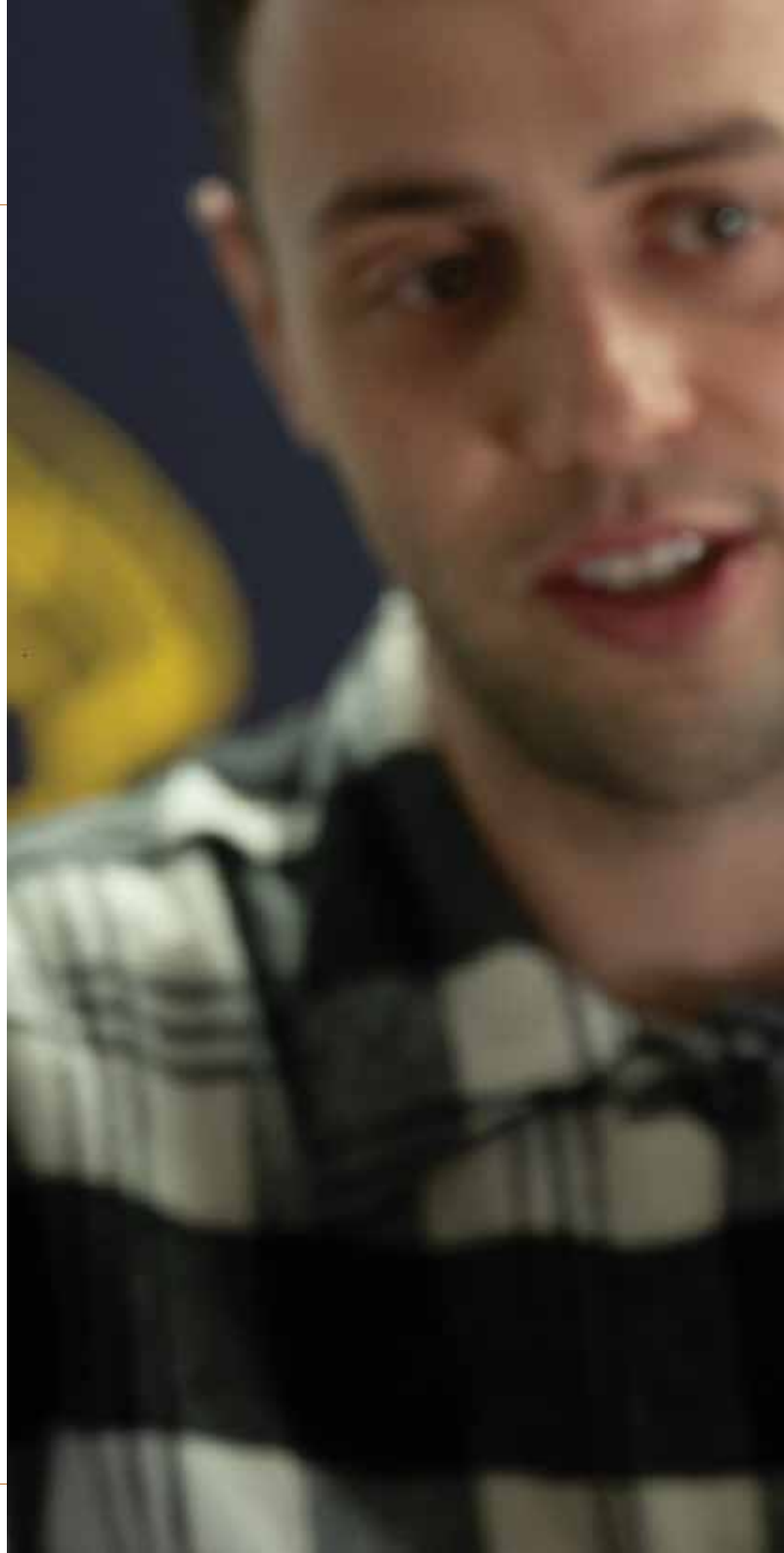
Our network allows us to source authentic, high-quality spirits from across the world, including:

- Agave Spirits: Tequila, Mezcal, Raicilla, Sotol
- Fruit-Based Spirits: Eau de Vie, Calvados, Cognac, Armagnac, Apple and grape distillates
- Asian Specialities: Shochu, Soju, Baijiu, Awamori
- Others: Pisco, Aquavit, Absinthe, Rhum Agricole, and more

Blending & Flavour Creation

Our expertise allows us to:

- Create bespoke blends designed around your brand
- Develop flavoured spirits and liqueurs** that follow market trends
- Refine and adjust recipes to achieve the perfect balance





Ready-to-Serve & Liquid for Canning

We can turn any spirit into a premium ready-to-serve (RTS) format or create tailored liquid formulations for external canning facilities.

This gives us flexibility to bottle premium ready-to-serve cocktails in unique formats and develop high-quality liquid bases for canned RTDs with your chosen partner.

Our Capabilities

- Source World spirits across all categories
- Blend & Flavour bespoke recipes, liqueurs and flavoured spirits
- Bottle from small batch to large-scale production
- Develop premium RTS and RTD liquid formulations

CREAM LIQUEURS

Smooth, indulgent, and luxurious — our cream liqueurs are crafted to delight. We blend rich dairy cream with spirits and natural flavours to create decadent, perfectly balanced drinks.

From classic cream liqueurs to seasonal or dessert-inspired variations, we can tailor recipes, ABV, and sweetness to your brand's style.

Dairy & Vegan Bases

- Classic dairy cream for a traditional, luxurious mouthfeel
- Coconut-based vegan cream** for plant-based or lactose-free options
- Both bases can be customised for texture, sweetness, and ABV to suit your target market

Flavour Expertise

Flavour is where your cream liqueur can truly stand apart. We work closely with several reputable international flavour houses to deliver profiles that are:

- Decadent & indulgent – think chocolate, caramel, coffee, or hazelnut
- Innovative & unique – from trending dessert-inspired flavours to bold, adventurous profiles
- Tailored to market trends – seasonal launches, premium limited editions, or on-trade exclusives

Every flavour is carefully matched with the cream base to ensure a smooth, balanced finish.





LIQUEURS

We're known for our creativity in liqueur development - and it's where flavour innovation truly comes alive.

From fruity and floral to herbal and spiced, our in-house team can craft everything from premium sipping liqueurs to cocktail components and limited-edition releases.

Each batch is designed for depth, balance, and visual appeal - bottled to stand out on any shelf.





CONSULTANCY

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Our consultancy services are designed to support you at every stage of your journey. Whether you're an emerging start-up or an established brand refining your range, we'll guide you through everything from flavour development and packaging to compliance and scale-up. We combine creativity with commercial understanding, ensuring your product not only tastes incredible but succeeds in the market.

Licensing

As a fully licensed distillery, we operate under strict HMRC and industry compliance standards. For approved clients, we can store product under bond or duty suspension, simplifying your logistics and improving cash flow.

Our licensing expertise means you can focus on your brand, while we handle the details — from traceability and excise documentation to customs and export.

NPD (New Product Development)

Innovation is at the heart of what we do. Our dedicated New Product Development (NPD) team works hand in hand with clients to bring bold ideas to life — from concept creation to shelf-ready product. We handle every element, including flavour formulation, pilot runs, sensory testing, and packaging trials. Whether you're developing a signature spirit or expanding a portfolio, we'll help you create something original, exciting, and commercially strong.





**WE BOAST A 100% SUCCESS RATE IN HELPING
OUR CLIENTS OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY LICENSES,
EMPOWERING YOU TO EMBARK ON YOUR
ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY WITH CONFIDENCE.**

Tender Works

We regularly collaborate with both UK and global partners on tender submissions for large-scale contracts and retail opportunities. With our combination of production capacity, creative expertise, and industry insight, we're well-positioned to help brands win - and deliver - tenders with precision and reliability.

From concept to contract fulfilment, we work quickly, efficiently, and with the same care as if it were our own brand.

Let's Work Together

Hensol Castle Distillery is more than a production site — it's a place where great ideas become exceptional spirits. Whether you're an independent brand, a global operator, or an ambitious start-up, our team is here to help you craft, bottle, and grow with confidence.

From sustainable practices and BRCGS AA accreditation to world-class bottling, blending, and development facilities, we're proud to offer everything you need — all under one historic roof.





WAREHOUSING

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We understand the importance of safe and reliable storage for your finished goods and dry goods, which is why we offer top-notch warehousing solutions tailored to your needs. We offer:

Bonded Storage

We provide bonded storage facilities, allowing you to store your finished goods under bond. This service enables you to defer duty payments until your products are ready to be released for sale, providing financial flexibility and ease of international trade.

Storage of Finished Goods

Our warehouse is capable of storing finished goods of various sizes and quantities. Whether you need short-term or long-term storage solutions, we've got you covered.

Storage of Dry Goods

In addition to finished goods, we also offer storage solutions for dry goods, ensuring all components of your product are safely housed under one roof.

Cost Effective Pricing

Our pricing is transparent and competitive providing you with cost-effective solutions for your warehousing needs.

Experienced Warehouse Team

Rest assured that your goods are in capable hands with our experienced warehouse team. With a collective experience of 60 years, our team brings invaluable expertise and professionalism to every aspect of warehouse management. From inventory control to logistics coordination, we ensure efficient operations and the highest standards of service.





Why choose Hensol Castle Distillery for your warehouse needs?

Security

Our warehouse is equipped with advanced security measures to safeguard your goods against theft, damage, and unauthorized access.

Convenience

Centralise your storage needs by storing both finished goods and dry goods at our distillery, streamlining your operations and reducing logistical complexities.

Reliability

Count on us for reliable and punctual service. We prioritise the safety and timely delivery of your goods, allowing you to focus on growing your business.

Flexibility

Whether you require short-term storage solutions or long-term arrangements, we tailor our services to accommodate your specific requirements.





GET IN TOUCH

Looking for a partner who can react quickly, adapt to your needs, and deliver with confidence? Contact our expert team to discuss your tender requirements:

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