

For the past 150 years, Corby Spirit and Wine Limited has been at the forefront of the spirits and wine industry in Canada, building a portfolio of Canadian favourites and iconic international brands.

Through it all, the company has evolved through constant innovation, while staying true to its Canadian roots.

We celebrate Corby's history as a Canadian producer, marketer and distributor of premium, top-selling spirits and wines that continues to raise the bar.

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1837



Henry Corby sells his bakery and buys a St. Lawrence steamer where he gets involved in buying grain and becomes interested in the distilling process



1920



Corby purchases the assets of JP Wiser's Distillery Limited of Prescott, Ont., and moves its operations to Corbyville, Ont.



1939



World War II forces the distillery to suspend normal operations and produce alcohol for munitions



1969



The Company changes its name to Corby Distilleries Limited – Les Distilleries Corby Limitée and is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange



1826

Founder Henry Corby immigrates to Canada at age 26 and sets up a small food shop and bakery in Belleville, Ont.

1881

Henry Corby II takes over the business. Over the next decade Corby bottles their own brand of whisky and begins importing Scotch whisky and wine.

1920

H. Corby Distillery is sold to the Canadian Industrial Alcohol Company Limited, a holding company that becomes the parent organization

1952

Corby signs a joint venture agreement with the United Rum Merchants of London, UK, to bring the Lamb's family of rums to the Corbyville distillery site

1987

Allied Lyons PLC successfully acquires a majority of Hiram Walker–Gooderham & Worts Ltd. shares, becoming Corby's majority shareholder

1988

Corby purchases the assets of McGuinness Distilling Co. Ltd. and acquires brands such as Polar Ice vodka and the McGuinness range of mixable liqueurs

1998

The Corby head office moves from Montréal to Toronto

2005

Pernod Ricard becomes Corby's majority shareholder

2008

Corby adds the global powerhouse vodka brand ABSOLUT to its representation portfolio through an agreement with Pernod Ricard

2014

Corby celebrates 45 years on the TSX by ringing opening bell

1859

The Corby distillery operation is incorporated and becomes equally as important as the mill operations

1912

Henry Corby II is appointed to the Canadian Senate

1914

World War I changes the business and the distillery suspends normal operations to produce alcohol for munitions

1935

Hiram Walker–Gooderham & Worts Ltd. acquires 51% of equity in H. Corby Distillery Limited

1978

Corby purchases Meagher's Distillery Limited of Montréal and its subsidiary, the William Mara Company of Toronto

1989

The Corbyville distillery closes after 132 years and all maturing whisky inventory is transferred to the Hiram Walker facility in Windsor, Ont.

2006

Corby and Pernod Ricard enter into long-term representation and production agreements, adding brands such as Chivas Regal, The Glenlivet Scotch Whiskies and Jacob's Creek wines

2013

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