

## LUCA MARIANO DISTILLERY, ANNOUNCES THE HIRING OF DAVID PHILLIPS AS ITS MASTER DISTILLER.

Luca Mariano Distillery has hired David Phillips as its Master Distiller as it breaks ground on its new Craft Distillery in Danville, Kentucky.

Danville, Kentucky, September 14, 2022- Luca Mariano Distillery will break ground on a new Craft Distillery after it harvests its soybeans on The Viola Farm in Danville, Kentucky. They have hired David Phillips as Master Distiller to oversee all operations of the distillery from its construction through its completion and startup.

David Phillips has 18 years of experience within the industry and brings a wealth of knowledge and pedigree with him. He previously led operations at two of Kentucky's largest bourbon distilleries: Jim Beam; and Bulleit Distillery (Owned by Diageo).



At Jim Beam, David was involved in operations at both Jim Beam's Clermont and Booker Noe distilleries where he was trained by and worked with Master Distillers Jerry Dalton and Fred Noe as well as with his mentor Larry Walker.

Upon leaving Jim Beam for Bulleit Distillery, David was Team Lead for Bulleit and led all distilling and dry house operations overseeing several major process improvements.

"I personally researched with our Human Resources Department each Bourbon Distiller in Kentucky. We approached David Phillips. Funny enough David reached out to us in 2020 we found out later. It's a match made in heaven. I feel David is the best master distiller in the industry," Francesco S. Viola, Founder & CEO.

Luca Mariano Distillery features premium Kentucky Straight Bourbon and Rye Whiskeys and is excited to welcome David Phillips to its family and looks forward to his stewardship.

For more information, please visit Luca Mariano Distillery's website at [LucaMariano.com](http://LucaMariano.com).

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