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## Climbing the State — House of Applejay Rises Again in Georgia Rankings

*East Ellijay, GA — May, 1 2026* —Following its recognition as Best of Georgia Distillery in 2025 by the Georgia Business Journal, House of Applejay Distillery continues its rise—now ranked #2 Distillery in Georgia in the 7th Annual “Sippin’ Local” Poll published by James Magazine (May/June 2026 issue).

The annual poll highlights one of Georgia’s fastest-growing industries, where more than 250 craft beverage producers contribute to a market exceeding \$2.6 billion in sales. Readers across the state were invited to vote for their favorite breweries, distilleries, and wineries—recognizing businesses defined by strong community support, quality, and customer loyalty.

For House of Applejay, this marks a third consecutive year of recognition, rising steadily from #8, to #4, and now to #2 in the state—a clear sign of growing momentum.

“This is something we build together,” said Caroline Porsiel, founder and CEO. “What makes this meaningful is that it comes from the people—our guests, our supporters, and everyone who connects with what we do.”

Founded in 2022 in East Ellijay, House of Applejay Distillery is the only liqueur-first distillery in the Southeast, specializing in all-natural, small-batch liqueurs and fine spirits. Its distinctive approach blends historic methods with modern American cocktail culture—bringing a new perspective to how spirits are crafted and enjoyed.

“This climb means momentum,” Porsiel added. “And we’re grateful to everyone who’s been part of it.”

Thank you for voting and supporting us—three years strong.



**### About House of Applejay Distillery:**

House of Applejay Distillery is a Georgia-grown agritourism destination founded by Caroline Porsiel, distiller and liqueurist, offering tastings, tours, and educational experiences to the public. Its portfolio focuses on all-natural liqueurs and fine spirits, combining historic production methods with modern craft to create products designed for distinctive cocktail programs and premium retail placement in the American South.

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