Summer, 2005. A small tiki party in West Seattle. Master mixologist Ryan Magarian is handed a complex summer botanical infusion by a friend from Portland, Oregon. Finding it unlike anything he had ever tasted, he quickly seeks out its maker, Portland’s House Spirits Distilling.

Recognizing a common interest in spirit, cocktail, and food interactions, the distillers at House Spirits share with Ryan their idea for a renegade regional gin style. In June of 2006—after nearly 30 rounds of trials—Aviation Gin takes wing. Many believe this to be the first brand partnership between distiller and bartender in American history.

House Spirits Distillery is a leader of America’s craft distilling movement. Their award-winning products are batch-distilled and are inspired by a passion for quality spirits and delicious cocktails.