

Still Life

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As the only distributing rum distiller in Colorado, Montanya has made a name for itself, especially among the mountain towns.

The well-liked rum has its roots in Silverton, where it still has a tasting room that is a must-make stop for anyone with a designated driver or planning on spending the night. A few years after opening, Montanya moved its full distilling operation to Crested Butte, where anyone can stop in, say hi and learn about the distilling process.

Either of these locations are often filled with tired skiers, climbers, train-goers or sight-seers, toasting whatever one may be celebrating at the end of a day – or the beginning.



Montanya's more popular beverage, the Maharaja being served up for lunch.



Head distiller Renee Newton prepares stills for the day.



Owner Karen Hoskin shakes up a cocktail on a snowy Saturday afternoon.



Guests munch on snacks with their midday beverages.



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