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Greetings,

Starting a distillery is the very epitome of patience and optimism. So much of what I create I can only hope that I will be here to enjoy later, but every time I put away a barrel it's a promise, an investment, and a chance for something special. Almost nothing in life worth having comes without persistence, a sentiment all of us can share.

The Maneo line was born from this idea and its very name translates to "I wait". This 4-year-old Mel has seen so many important pieces of my life. Since it was born, I have become a mother, gone through a pandemic, lost a distillery dog, gained 2 incredible production members, faced 2 serious health threats, built a new rickhouse, put my products into distribution, and countless other experiences. This barrel feels like a direct reflection of all of these things, balancing sweetness and heavier flavors.

As my first ever distiller series release, I can promise this; nothing makes it to this line without being as close to perfection as I believe I can make it. Every once in a while in the rickhouse, a special barrel will turn up, one that is unexplainably better than its sisters, and in the business we refer to it as a "honey barrel". This barrel of Mel isn't the oldest we have, but right now it is the best. Despite the concept of waiting, if there is one thing the last 4 years has taught me, its that sometimes the time is in fact *now*, and we aren't always promised more waiting time. Right now is always the best time to enjoy something you love, and if you are really lucky, with somebody you love.

As always, thank you for your unwavering support, I have so many more things to show you, but for those we will all have to wait a bit longer.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Geri".

Geri

Maneo 4 Year Mel

Nose: cream soda, tapioca, sauna, banana taffy, sherry

Palate: red vines, old fashioned caramel, brown sugar, burley tobacco

Mouthfeel: medium bodied, gently warming