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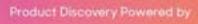
















Thank you to our judges!



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Introducing Our Semifinalists!

























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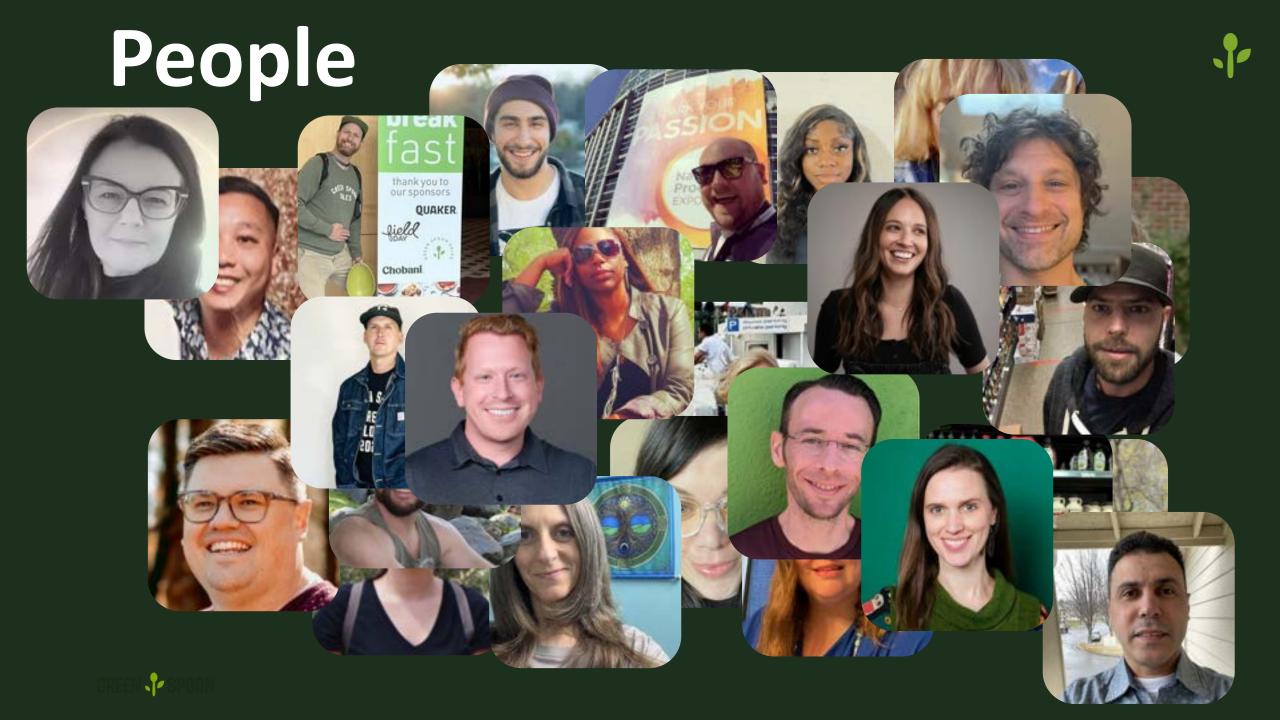


EMERGING BRAND ELEVATOR



CONNECTION

PEOPLE



People PAINTERLAND SASTERS 3g SUGAR Jonny Pops % Setter Pop for a Better World NEW Mini Sige MAGICAL FLAVORS!

PLANET

CONNECTION



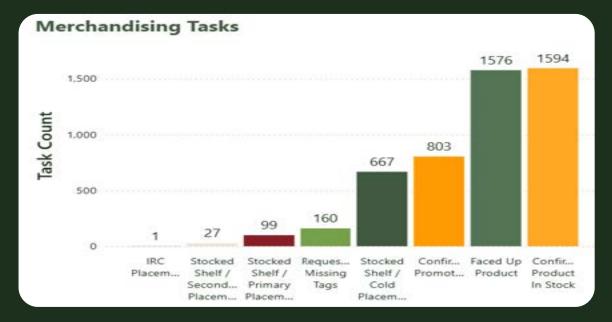






SPOONIVERSE





















A Better Treat Boris Chung











ëa better treat

ORGANIC. SINGLE INGREDIENT.







A NEW, FIRST TO MARKET TREAT



USDA ORGANIC

Grown & Made in the USA



The perfect alternative to messy pumpkin purees.



ORGANIC. SINGLE INGREDIENT.



THE FIRST ORGANIC, SINGLE INGREDIENT DOG AND CAT TREATS!











ALL PRODUCTS MADE & SOURCED IN THE USA.

FREEZE DRIED RAW NUTRITION





7.5 oz. of Fresh Raw Salmon



1.5 oz. of Freeze Dried Alaskan Salmon









PLACEMENTS



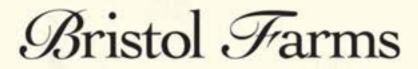


LAZY ACRES natural market

town@country

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MARKETS















CUSTOMERS <u>LOVE</u> a better treat







- 2025 Goals -
 - Customer Acquisition 130,000 customers
 - Retail Expansion









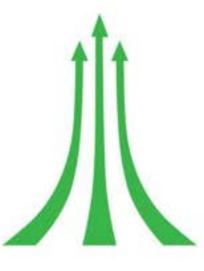


MARKET SIZE



Over the Last Two Years:





53%

MORE NATURAL GROWTH THAN CONVENTIONAL

OUR TEAM



BORIS CHUNG



FOUNDER EMI'S DAD

NICOLE LUCCA



HEAD OF CREATIVE KIARA'S MOM

SAM STATON



BURST BROKER PARTNER REESE'S MOM

RIKI BORDEN



THE OAK GROUP BROKER PARTNER CHUCK'S MOM

At A Better Treat, we think people should feel better about what we feed out pets!

PRODUCT OFFERING



Product

Wild Caught
Salmon

Grass Fed &
Finished Beef

Chicken Breast

Pumpkin

Pumpkin

Purple Sweet
Potato

MSRP: \$9.99

Affordable Organic Single Ingredient Products



Arber Vanessa Dawson































Arber's Organic Bio Insecticide

Emerging leader for non-toxic pest control





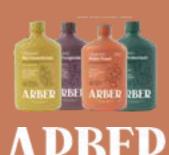
Home & Garden

\$47B+

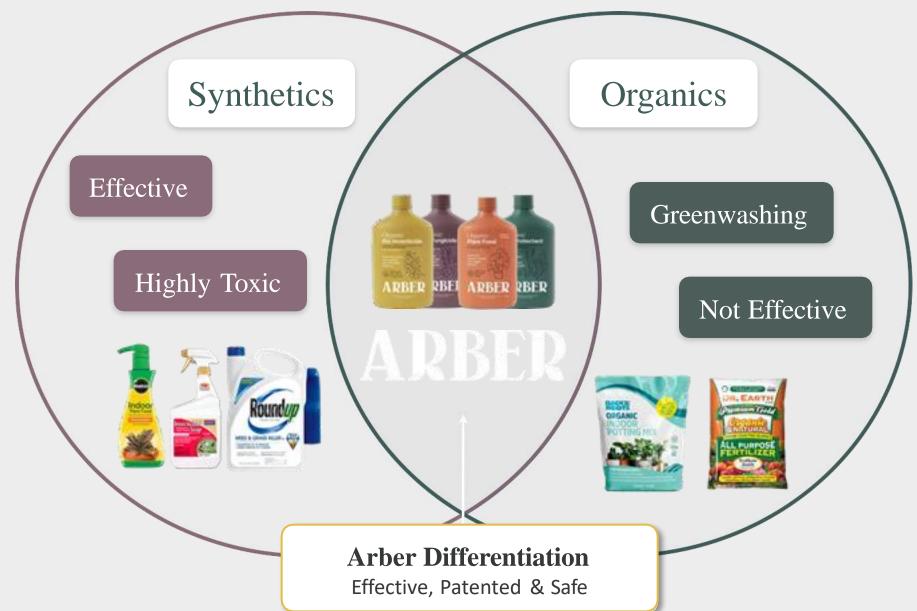
Plant Care & Supplies



Plant & Garden Care Consumables



Category Void of Proprietary, Effective Organics



Three Years Into Building a Billion-Dollar Brand



I've been having problems with powdery mildew in my garden and seen *amazing* results after using these products!

- Mary D, Arber Customer

\$30M+

LIFETIME REVENUE

7,000+

BIG BOX DOORS

5000+ **CUSTOMER REVIEWS**

17% **REPEAT PURCHASE**



RETAILERS









NEW SEASONS NORDSTROM

PRESS

Forbes **HUFFPOST**



VOGUE

VERANDA HouseBeautiful

FOOD52

Digest Sunset



The A Team

Investors

Years of Investor 30+ Experience

Lightspeed 🌓



SUPERANGEL

CPG / Retail

Years of Retail & 30+ **CPG** Experience

P&G method TARGET

Product / R&D

Years of 45+ Biological R&D



MONSANTO 劉























Growee FoodsAman Blana













where's the dip that truly excites?

watery or bland • mostly tomato-based • lacking versatility

Global flavors: the new craving

65% OF CONSUMERS ARE
'Very Curious'
About Global
Flavors

FoodNavigator

International Snacking is #1 Trend
FOR 2025



Party in my mouth

Surprised by how much flavor there was ... buying 3.

-Alex

Curry in a spread?
Mind. Blown.

-Jamie

Oh My Goodness!

-Fatimah





more than just a dip

sandwich spread • cracker + wine pairing • salad dressing



the big opportunity



PRIMAL KITCHEN
GROWTH since 2023
led by Spicy Queso

-17%
Frito-Lay shelf stable dips since 2023

WHOLE FOODS MARKET SHELF STABLE DIPS

+29% YOYSINCE 2023

driven by flavor-forward SKUs

NIELSEN IG

2025 & beyond

traction



Gelson's



THRIVE
- MARKET in progress

200+ independents msrp

\$7.99

distributors





~30% repeat purchase

amazon prime

current targets













EREWHON



Grauce



Aman Blana Founder/CEO



Aishwarya Bothra Growth Lead



Molly Mills Fractional R&D & Product Dev



Bridgette Mayse SoCal Brand Ambassador

Advisor & Mentors



Eddie Pearson Sales & Marketing Advisor



















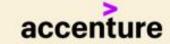














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Hot Products
(Startup CPG section)
Hall ACC Level 3

double dipping is allowed!



KLDSCPSherry Xu









From SHANGRI-LA®



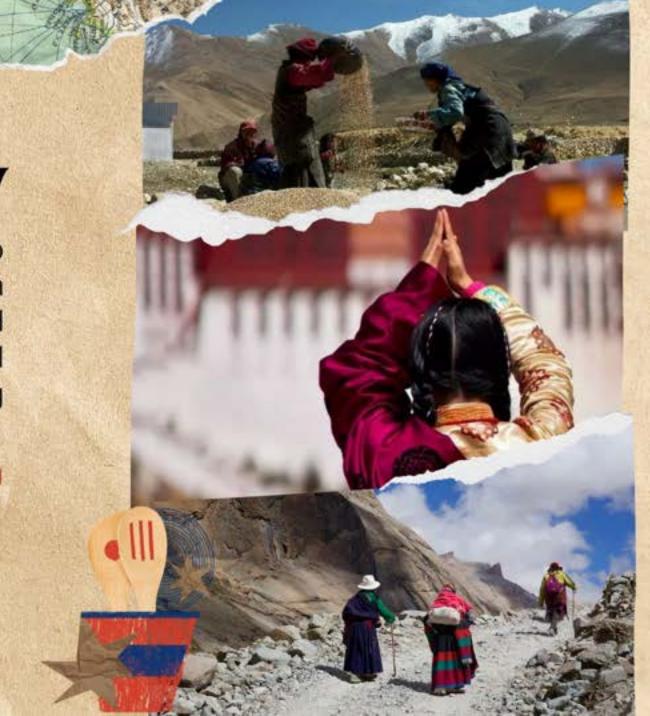






Shangri-la Story

A place some say holds the secret to **immortality.** The truth is, our food is a flavor fusion of Tibetan, Sichuan, and Yunnan superfoods, crafted to fuel both intense mountain labor and long days of meditation.





How Do We Compare?

	KLDSCP	vs.	OTHERS
PROTEIN	32g		6g
TOTAL FAT	3g		19g
CALORIES	230		340
SODIUM	630mg		900mg
NON-FRIED	✓		X
SUGAR-FREE	1	194	×
MSG-FREE	1		X
PLANT-BASED	1		X













NON-FRIED



+ PROTEIN



+ FIBER



+ NET CARB



Our Secret?

- ✓ Gluten & carb free
- Keto friendly
- Low calorie
- High in fiber
- ✓ Low glycemic
- ✓ Prebiotic

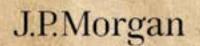




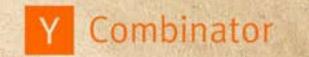
Our Founder

Sherry's entrepreneurship journey began during her MBA at the Wharton School, where she worked with the Food Innovation Venture Lab to develop and test new recipes, leveraging university students as her first customers. Before Wharton, Sherry worked in investment banking between Asia and the US and co-founded a Y Combinator-backed startup that generated \$40 million in revenue.











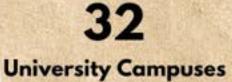




amazon Walmart















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2 Ramen & Rice

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Current



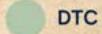
Dessert & Snacks

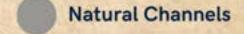
2025-2027 PHASE 1

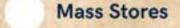












2028-2030 PHASE 2





Neve Foods Nora Fierman









WHAT ATHLETES ARE EATING





	GELS	BARS
ERSY TO ERT MID-ACTIVITY	(BUT MESSY)	X (HARD TO CHEW)
SUSTAINED ENERGY	X (SPIKE AND CRASH)	(SLOW RELEASE)
GENTLE ON THE STOMACH	X (CAN CAUSE GUT DISTRESS)	(GUT HERVY)
PORTABLE AND RESEALABLE	X (SINGLE-USE, STICKY)	X (SINGLE-USE AND CRUMBLY)
MADE FROM REAL, CLEAN INGREDIENTS	X (ARTIFICIAL AND SYRUPY)	(SOMETIMES)



REDEFINING ATHLETE NUTRITION







	GELS	BARS	NEVE
ERSY TO ERT MID-ACTIVITY	(BUT MESSY)	X (HARD TO CHEW)	(SMOOTH)
SUSTAINED ENERGY	X (SPIKE AND CRASH)	(SLOW RELEASE)	(BALANCED FOR ENDURANCE)
GENTLE ON THE STOMACH	X (CAN CAUSE GUT DISTRESS)	(GUT HERVY)	(PLANT-BASED, NO GUT BOMBS)
PORTABLE AND RESEALABLE	X (SINGLE-USE, STICKY)	X (SINGLE-USE AND CRUMBLY)	(RESEALABLE, NO MESS)
MADE FROM REAL, CLEAN INGREDIENTS	X (ARTIFICIAL AND SYRUPY)	(SOMETIMES)	(SCIENCE-BACKED REAL FOOD)

WHY NEVE IS DIFFERENT

REAL, SCIENCE-BACKED NUTRITION FOR ATHLETES

Neve provides a balanced blend of plant-based carbs, protein, and healthy fats for sustained energy and recovery.

PORTABLE & EASY TO CONSUME ANYTIME

Neve has a smooth texture that's easy to eat on the go—whether mid-ride, on the slopes, or post-workout.

CLEAN, PLANT-BASED INGREDIENTS WITH NO JUNK

No artificial flavors or preservatives—just real food in a convenient format.



MARKET, RETURNING CUSTOMERS, AND MARGIN



Direct to consumer margin



Wholesale partner margin



Returning customer rate



Global sports nutrition market



Projected annual growth rate 2024 - 2030



Vegan food market



Projected annual growth rate 2024 - 2032



TESTIMONIALS

DIETITIAN APPROVED! ****

Neve provides a balanced blend of plant-based carbs, protein, and healthy fats for sustained energy and recovery.

NEVE IS A GAME CHANGER ★★★★

Neve is perfect for athletes who struggle with nutrition. It's the first food I've tried during a run that makes me feel great—and it tastes amazing!

POCKET-SIZED FUEL! ★★★★

I love being able to throw a Neve in my pocket when I'm out on a Trail Run or while XC Skiing and know that I can have as much or as little as I need to fuel my activity!

THE SEARCH IS OVER! ****

The search is over. Finally a treat to take on long ski days / long work or shoot days without hitting a wall or feeling like I've stuffed my body full of crap just to sustain energy.

MORE PLEASE! ★★★★

Tastiest sports nutrition in my opinion. I wanted way way more, weird to request a giant bag of it?? A vat Maybe? A gallon jug would be fine too.



OUR RETAIL PARTNERS



























THE TRAIL AHEAD







COMING SOON!

NEVE SUMMITS MT. EVEREST

I have an athlete that will be taking Neve to Everest this year!

I told him to try it and he liked it so he's adding it to his arsenal

WHAT

NEVE SUMMITS THE WORLD!





NEVE

- NUTRITION FROM THE GROUND UP -

NORA FIERMAN NORA@EATNEVE.COM WWW.EATNEVE.COM @EAT_NEVE



Recoup Beverage Susan Hartman







Leconb

GUT HEALTHY
HYDRATION





Regenerative Organic Certified®









Your Daily Dose of Resilience



With Proven **Ingredients:**



Ultra-Hydrating Tree Water with Electrolytes



Prebiotic Fiber



Real Ginger

Subtly sweet from juice

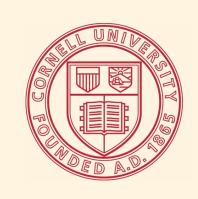






No added sugar, no stevia





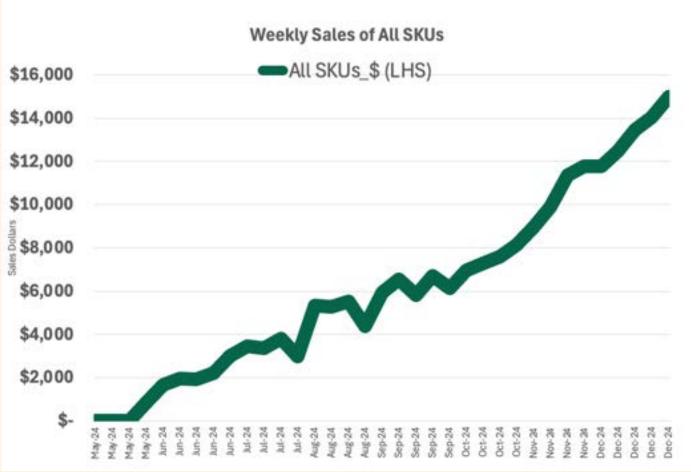




JUNE 2024 LAUNCH

\$350K

Annualized Revenue





\$2.99 MSRP

40-50% REPEAT



650+ Doors









EREWHON





360 Marketing Support



COMMUNITY BUILDING



SOCIAL



CAMPUS AMBASSADORS



DEMOS



DISPLAY



PROMOS + DIGITAL REBATES

Better For You Soda is Booming

but drinks don't address hydration

20% CAGR

\$250MM

Natural Channel

\$13B



REGEN COALITION BRANDS





Team









Advisors



Charles Coristine



Eric Schnell



Lindsey Boyd



Heather Lee



Betsy Gillette



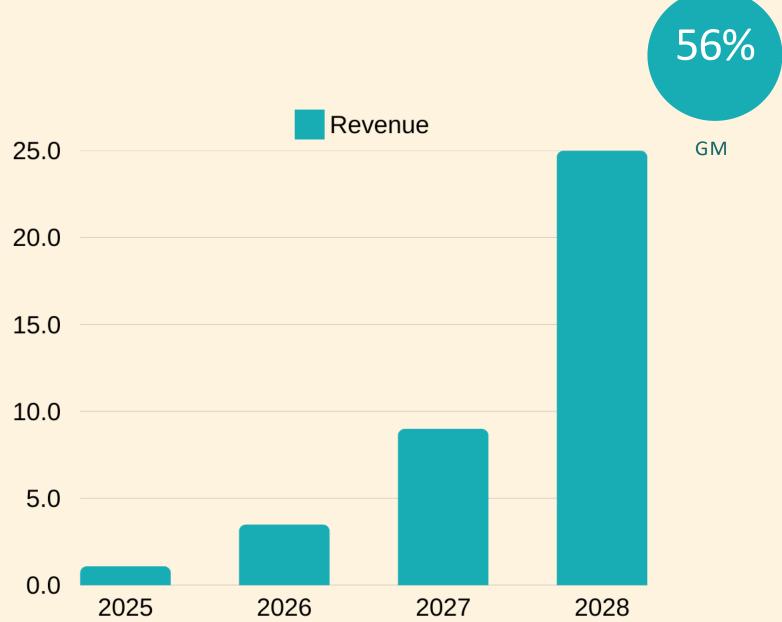








4 Year Projections





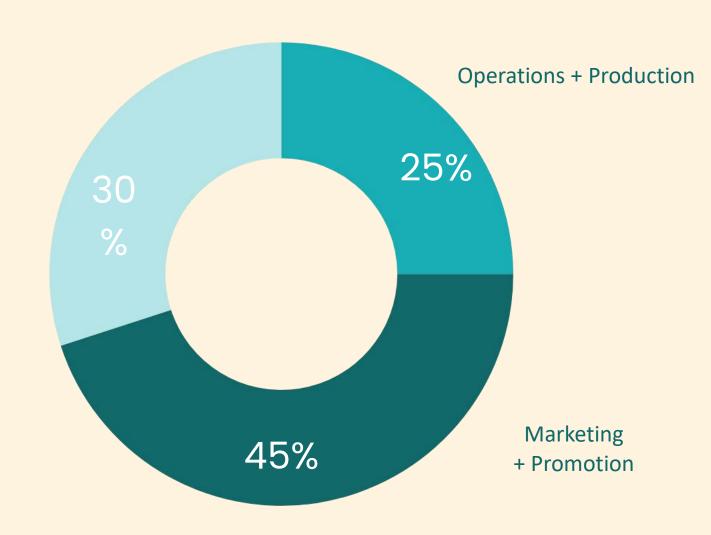
Fueling Growth

Raising \$750K (SAFE)

\$4.5MM Market Cap,

20% Discount

Drive Sales + Grow Organization



LGCOND

LET'S CONNECT!

HOT
PRODUCTS
BOOTH
#N1529





Uncle Waithley's Karl Franz Williams









(notifical)

ORBIL BATCH GINGER REZE. est Water

III UNCLE

2 Winay Brew 4

GINGER BEER-

SCOTCH BONNET BITE

UNCLE WAITHLEY'S

🔑 "Vincy" Brew 🔑

GINGER BEER









JUTHENTIC & UNIQUE CARIBBEAN FLAVORS

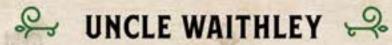


OUR FOUNDER: UNCLE WAITHLEY'S GRANDSON AND BAR INDUSTRY ICON



THE LEGACY OF UNCLE WAITHLEY





Uncle Waithley, a ginger farmer in St. Vincent, lived to 100 years old, dedicating his life to the land. He passed down a deep respect for natural herbs, roots, and fruits to his son, Waithley Lionel, and grandson, Karl Franz Williams.

In his honor, Uncle Waithley's is committed to sourcing the best natural ingredients and partnering with organizations like the Richmond Vale Academy to support local farmers, regenerative farming, and a circular economy.

With ANA sales up \$176 million vs last year (+27.2%) the category is on fire!



Functional Beverages

+54%

to \$9.2B

2020 to 2024

Non-Alcoholic
Beverage
Category Riding
a Wave Of
Innovation



Premium Mixers

+22%

Growth

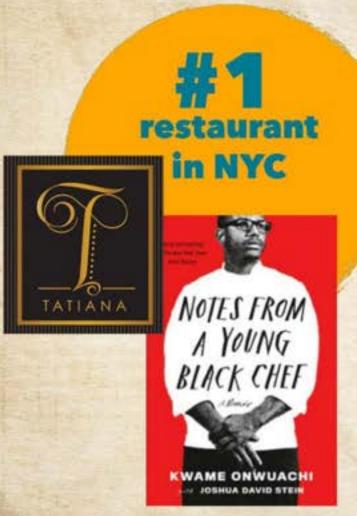
FEVER-TREE



but the Beverage Market Lacks an Authentic Caribbean Brand



while Caribbean Culture is in the Spotlight



FORBES:
The Global
Flavors Taking
Center Stage







UNCLE WAITHLEY'S

GINGER BEER





CRAFTED

- Award Winning
- **Proprietary Process**
 - Premium

\$9.99/\$2.49 MSRP



TARGET

Caribbean Beverage Enthusiasts

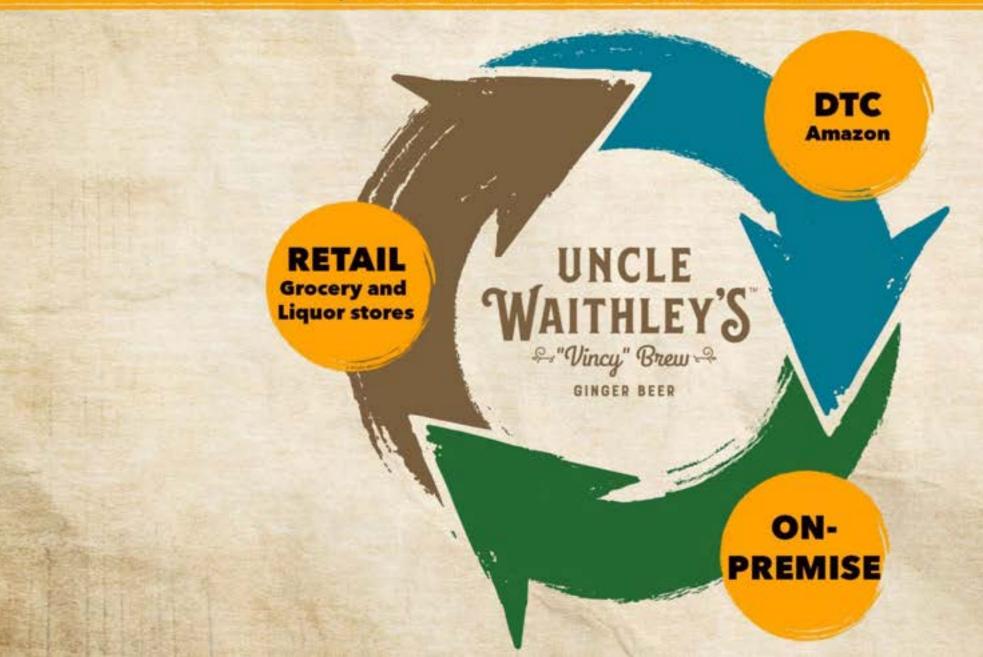
Mindful Drinkers



Discerning Bartenders



THREE-PRONGED GO TO MARKET STRATEGY



DISTRIBUTION

Retail accounts















100+ independent accounts along the East Coast

Over 100 bars and restaurants









WHAT WE HAVE DONE

Won a competition



Black Ambition Prize Competition

Increased our brand profile in the Industry









Winter Fancy Foods

Opened New Markets







Got into some prestigious programs



"On the Verge"



Leveraged capital for maximum impact

Innovated

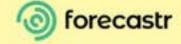


 New Packaging
 Reduced sugar Launched Sorrel & Pineapple

Increased Opperational Capability



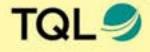




planning







tax & financial management

legal

shipping/freight

POISED FOR SIGNIFICANT SCALE IN 2025

Whole Foods Market Partnership



&"Vincy" Brew ♣

GINGER BEER



2023-24 59 STORES WHÔLE FOODS MARKET

> 2025 229 STORES



FUTURE 500+ STORES

WHÖLE FOODS MARKET

2022 1 STORE 2022 13 STORES

2025 projected velocity: 72 bottles per store per week

SIGNIFICANT DISTRIBUTION GAINS IN 2025

NORTHEAST

Retail



One of

40

Exclusive Partner Brands

4,000 Accounts **On-Premise**



Opens doors to

2,500

high-end bars and restaurants

NATIONAL

Retail

On-Premise





Access to over

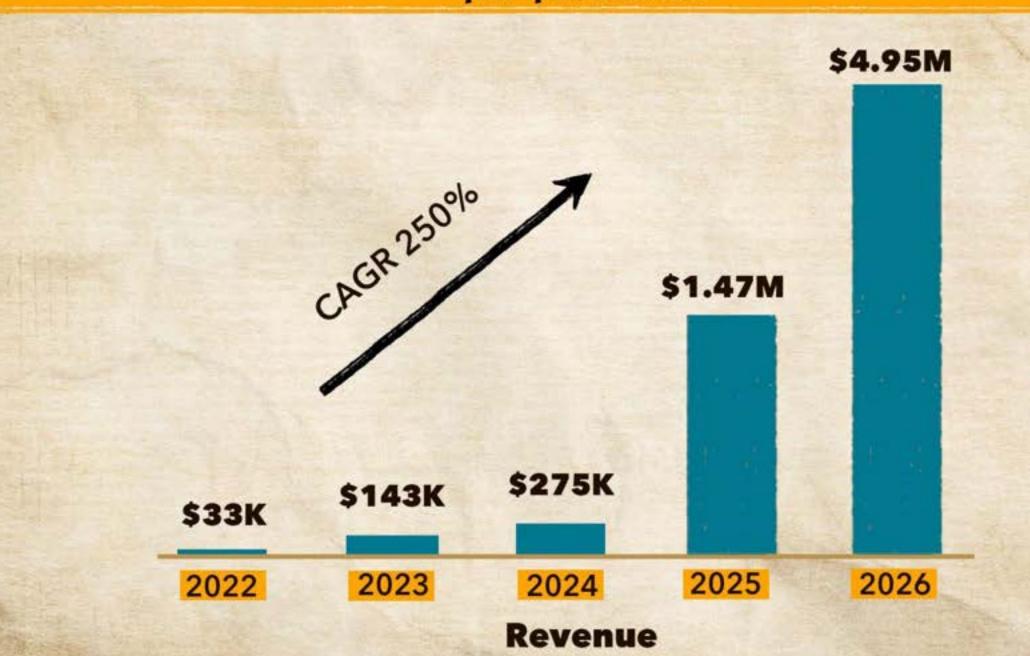
30,000

retail customers with expanded distribution





THE PROJECTION



Sales Team Key Hires

 On and Off-premise to accelerate growth.

Social Media, Influencers & PR Impact

 Drive brand awareness and consumer engagement.

Raising \$1M on a SAFE with a \$12M Valuation Cap

Sales & Retail Support

Sales materials,
 POS, and
 merchandising tools.

Retail Execution

 Enhancing in-store velocity with demos, pricing strategies and merchandising.

THANK YOU









Karl Franz Williams Founder, CEO

Monica Freeman-Greene Co-founder, VP Organizational Strategy

Michael McConnell Co-founder, VP Marketing & Culture

Scott Parker Co-founder, Advisor

Join Us in Fueling This Next Stage of Growth!



Wild Orchard Michael D. Ham

















26x TEA AWARD WINNER



OUR TEAS TEA BAGS FINALIST EVERYDAY GREEN FINALIST HATCHA GREEN ORCHARD WEARING GREEN FOR HATCHA GREEN WILD DEPOSISHED TARREST ORCHARD WILD ORCHARD her be WILD ORCHARD No.

MATCHA POWDERS

LOOSE LEAF

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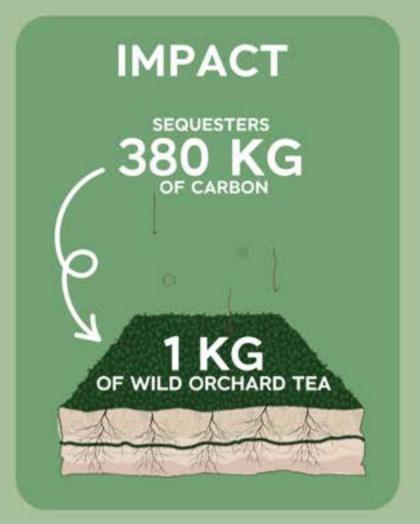
-UNMATCHED IN-

ORIGIN

DIRECT TRADE FROM THE WORLD'S 1ST REGENERATIVE ORGANIC CERTIFIED TEA FARM







NEW LAUNCH



RTD MATCHA LATTES

WITH A2 MILK



25 YEARS IN THE MAKING





MARKET ANALYSIS

PACKAGED TEA MARKET \$2.1B

READY-TO-DRINK TEA MARKET \$6.2B

TOTAL U.S.
TEA MARKET
\$8.3B



MATCHA FLAVOR RTD CATEGORY:

YoY GROWTH IN MULO CHANNEL















LAST YEAR WE WENT FROM 50 TO 300+ DOORS, IN 2025 WE'LL DOUBLE.













SCALING REGENERATIVE THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS















NEW YORK HQ TEAM







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VICE PRESIDENT



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FARM OPERATIONS TEAM



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KEY MILESTONES & OUR FUTURE

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LAUNCH INTO E-COMMERCE LAUNCH RETAIL

2022 2023



RETAIL EXPANSION & FOODSERVICE LAUNCH

2024



\$50M SALES **TARGET**

CHANNEL EXPANSION &

2025

2030





Willa's Christina Dorr Drake







Willa's

THE PLANT MILK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR.
THE REVOLUTION THE CATEGORY NEEDS.



















Willa's Story

BORN IN 1921. LAUNCHED IN 2021.

Healthier plant milk is on the rise

+171%

Plant-based milk sales of the few products with at least one of the following:

- ORGANIC INGREDIENTS
- SIMPLE INGREDIENTS
- LESS SUGAR

+700%

Willa's monthly revenue comparing January 2024 to January 2025

They come for the label. They stay for the taste.

TOP REASONS FANS CHOOSE WILLA'S:

- 1. Delicious Taste
- 2. Simple, Organic Ingredients
- 3. Less Sugar
- 4. More Protein & Fiber

	Willa's	ΘΔTLY!	MALK	Silk
SUGAR	1,	7,	5,	7,
PROTEIN	4,+	3,	3,	1,
FIBER	2,	2,	1,	O ₉
USDA ORGANIC	✓	NO	/	NO
SIMPLE INGREDIENTS	✓	NO	✓	NO
USES THE WHOLE OAT	~	NO	NO	NO
LOW GLYCEMIC INDEX	-	NO	NO	NO
FREE OF RAPESEED OIL AND GUMS	~	NO	✓	NO

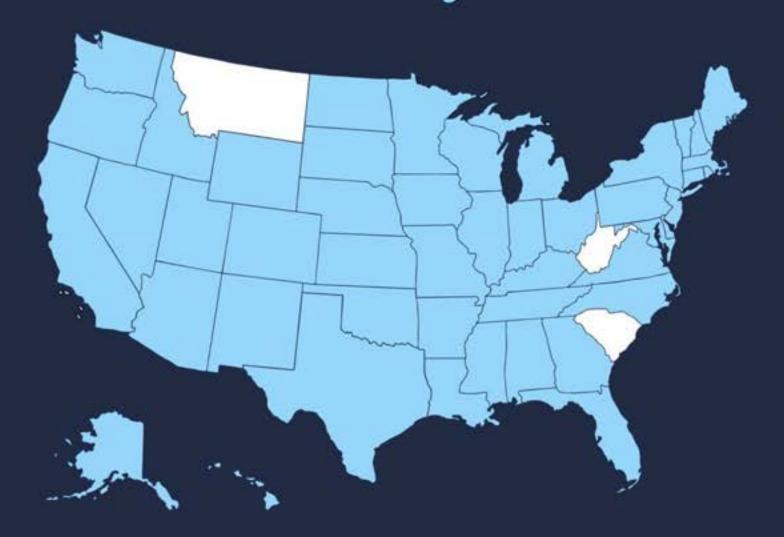
Top selling kids' milks weren't tasty or healthy... until now.







Proven ability to scale



























Reliable Amazon 'subscribe & save' fanbase

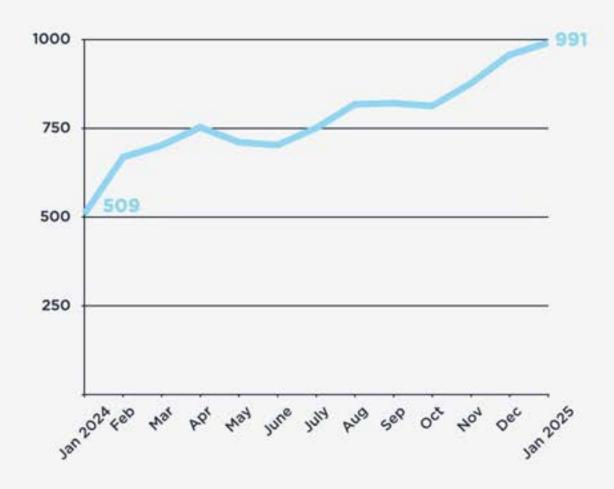
Subscribe & Save 2 Order + Retention

79%

Subscribe & Save Sales \$ % of Total

44%

NEARLY DOUBLED SUBSCRIBE & SAVE CUSTOMERS LAST YEAR!



Willa's net positive impact



ZERO FOOD WASTE (WE USE THE WHOLE OAT!)



ORGANIC OATS FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE



VETTED + ETHICAL SOURCING

Willa's collabs

EREWHON
RAAKA CHOCOLATE
PACHA SOAP
SEED & MILL
FRENCH SQUIRREL
SAMAH DADA





















bon appétit Forbes



BRIT+CO



POPSUGAR. healthyish



The Beet.

© the kitchn Food Business News.







EatThis, NotThat:







World class advisory team

* and are also investors in Willa's

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Founder of Stonyfield Farm Organic Yogurt

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CHRISTOPHER BARROW*

CEO; Chief Strategy Officer; Managing Partner with 30 years global CPG experience - SABMiller, HEINEKEN, Pabst, First Key Capital Advisors

CHEF DAN BARBER

Michelin Starred and James Beard Winning Chef, co-owner of Blue Hill at Stone Barns, author of The Third Plate, and appointed by Obama to serve on the President's Council on Physical Fitness, Sports and Nutrition

TERESA CHRISTENSON*

Senior Director of Sales, Strategic Accounts, Numerator, Senior Director of Sales, Sanofi. Prior: Merchandise Director at Target

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Founder of Helium Sports Group and advisor to sport ownership and brands

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ED TSUE*

Chief Strategy Officer, One Samsung Team at Publicis Groupe. Prior: Coca-Cola Global

VANESSA TING

Advisor to food ventures. Prior: CEO & Board Director for Salty Girl Seafood, CMO of Abbot's, and Senior Buyer at Target

MICHELLE BISCIGLIA

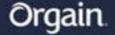
Former Beverage Director / GM of Blue Hill NYC. Developed NY Times Food Festival and consults for Art Basel, and MAD.























Xinca Foods Cynthia Duran









Salvadorian Food (Zinc•ah)

MI FAMILIA 💙





MY MOM & COUSIN MAKING PUPUSAS

PUPUSAS



THREE DELICIOUS VARIETIES



MY MOTHER'S RECIPE

CHILDHOOD FAVORITES



2023 Expo West

MANUFACTURING



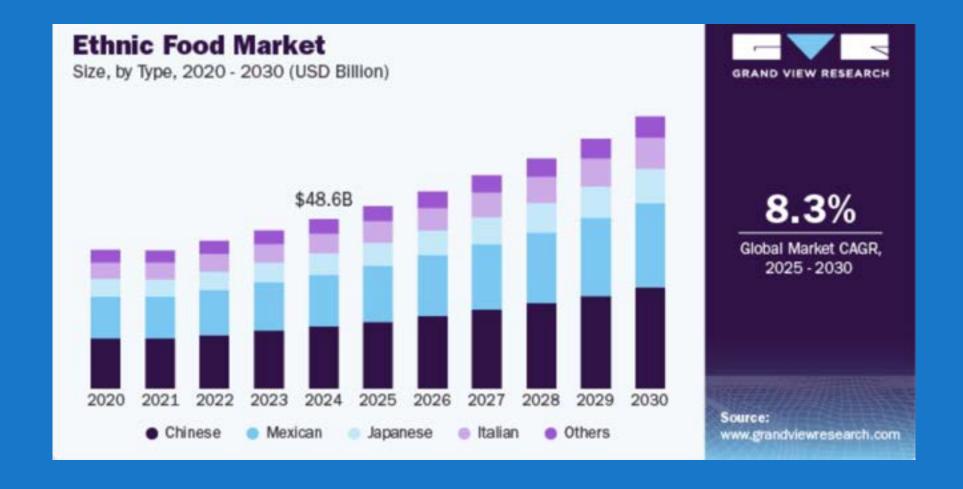
OUR MANUFACTURING FACILITY



WE LOVE LOCAL FARMERS!



GROWING DEMAND



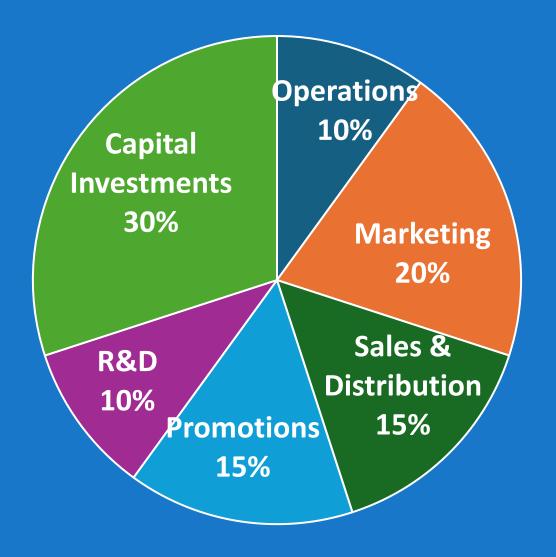


WE ARE WHAT'S NOW & WHAT'S NEXT

WE ARE PROFITABLE

AND REINVESTING BACK INTO THE

BUSINESS





WE ARE GROWING

HOW WE STARTED



Launched D2C

WHERE WE ARE



Retail Launch & Where To Find Us

NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH







Oregons

MARKET of CHOICE

Find the food you love



Looking Ahead





Judges break for deliberation

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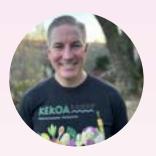




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Off-Piste Collaborative



Danny Auld
Co-Founder
Kekoa Foods



David Fullner
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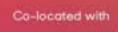




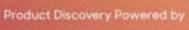




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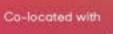








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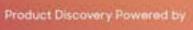
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