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**Fremont Brewing and Columbia Distributing Announce Oregon Partnership  
*Launch Party at APEX on November 17, 2015, 4 – 8:00 pm***

SEATTLE -- – [Fremont Brewing](#) of Seattle, Washington will be distributed in Oregon by [Columbia Distributing](#) beginning with draft sales later this month. To celebrate their entry into the Portland market, Fremont Brewing and Columbia Distributing will host a launch party featuring ten Fremont brews at [APEX](#) in Portland on Tuesday, November 17, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. APEX is located at 1216 SE Division St. 97202.

The Seattle-based brewery and taproom was founded in 2009 by Matt Lincecum and Sara Nelson and is now the fastest growing brewery in Washington, with sales projected to increase significantly since Columbia Distributing assumed Fremont's WA distribution in August of this year.

Winner of countless awards, including World Beer Cup and GABF medals, Fremont's brews include their flagship Universale Pale Ale; Interurban IPA, WA's best-selling craft beer; and local seasonal favorite Summer Ale; as well as numerous barrel-aged and special release styles.

In addition to its reputation for consistent quality and innovation, Fremont Brewing is a recognized leader in sustainable brewing operations and community engagement such as giving generously to non-profit organizations, promoting the organic hop and local grain markets, and reducing their carbon footprint through conservation and green technologies. It is for these and many other initiatives that they won Washington's Manufacturer of the Year Award for 2015 and King County's Best Small Business Award in 2014.

"We're excited to offer our craft beer to our brothers and sisters in Oregon with our partners, Columbia Distributing. APEX is the perfect spot to begin this chapter in Fremont's future because they know that Beer Matters," Lincecum said. "We will travel throughout the great nation of Oregon in the coming weeks and hold events and tastings for the good people in Oregon...Because Oregon Matters!"

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Fremont. Their success in one of the most competitive craft markets in the country is a testament not only to the quality of their beers but to their exceptional people," said Jesse Ferber, VP of craft and imports at Columbia Distributing. "Their team stood out to Columbia as one of the best in class, the more we learned about their organization; the more we felt this was a very strong match for us."

### **About Fremont Brewing**

Fremont Brewing is a family-owned craft brewery founded in 2009 to brew artisan beers made with the best local ingredients we can find. Our beer is distributed in kegs, cans, and 22 oz bottles and can be enjoyed everyday at our kid- and dog-friendly Urban Beer Garden in Seattle's Fremont neighborhood. Because Beer Matters!

[www.fremontbrewing.com](http://www.fremontbrewing.com)

### **About Columbia Distributing**

Columbia Distributing is one of the nation's finest beer, cider and non-alcoholic beverage distributors. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, the company has distributed some of the best known brands in the beverage business since 1935. Today Columbia Distributing and its 3,000+ employees service over 20,000 retail customers covering more than 135,000 square miles in Oregon and Washington. The company's success is based on the deep-rooted tradition of delivering quality products, timely service and a genuine concern for customers' needs. This is achieved by providing ongoing, sustainable opportunities and growth for its employees, customers, suppliers, shareholders and communities. For more information, visit [www.coldist.com](http://www.coldist.com).

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