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**Willard's Brewery's Releases "French K.I.S.S." Saison made by Kiki Whatley**

**Austin, TX (November 15, 2021)** - Kiki Whatley, Willard's Brewery's first female brewer, has been in the industry for years. Before brewing craft beer, she was a full-time bartender, beer tender and homebrewer. Originally from California, she ventured to Texas to begin her journey in the fermentation industry. She began at Independence Brewing Co in South Austin in 2014 and then moved to Flix Brewhouse where she helped create several award-winning brews including her first Saison. A Saison is traditionally a highly carbonated and fruity pale ale that is originated in Belgium and parts of France. In the early 1900s, Saisons were a highly regarded beverage and were treated similarly to fine wine. It wasn't until the 1980s that Saisons made their way to the Americas, where they are made by brewers like Kiki who capture the taste and style.

Kiki has been working at Willard's Brewery for close to a year and has just debuted her signature Saison style beer, "French K.I.S.S" (Keep It Simple Saison). The "French K.I.S.S." is a fruity and light Saison. "It's a beer that originated and is celebrated in Belgium but is a very underrated style in the US. There's a lot of character in Saison beers, and I wanted the style of mine to be tasted and appreciated by all who sip on a glass at Willards," says Kiki.

Kiki is a member of the Pink Boots Club, which celebrates women in the fermentation and brewing industry. She got a chance to introduce her Saison to the club and give them a tour of the brewery. The Saison is seasonal for now and will be on tap for just a couple of months. Those in the area are encouraged to stop by Willards Brewery to give it a try before they run out!

**About Willard's:**

Willard's Brewery is made up of a group of dedicated artisans, blessed with a passion for well-crafted libations and good times. Named for their fearless leader and serial entrepreneur, Willard has enlisted the leadership of a lifelong brewer who has left an indelible impression on countless breweries over the last 13 years. For more information on Willard's Brewery visit [www.willardsbrewery.com](http://www.willardsbrewery.com) and [@willardsbrewery](https://www.instagram.com/willardsbrewery) on Instagram.