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# SUNSOIL IS ON A MISSION TO MAKE THE BEST PRODUCTS AND DO GOOD FOR PEOPLE, PLANTS, AND PLANET.

### OUR STORY

#### **INTENTIONAL ROOTS**

Alejandro Bergdad and Jacob Goldstein grew up together in Skyview Acres, a small progressive cooperative community in Rockland County, NY. Founded by activists and truth seekers, Skyview impressed on both Alejandro and Jacob a shared set of values and beliefs that shaped their core and inspired them in their pursuits to do good. In their early-adult years, both Alejandro and Jacob explored various entrepreneurial endeavors each founding independent startups. After homesteading for seven years in Vermont, Alejandro moved to Colorado where he was involved in the nascent days of the CBD industry. Disappointed by inefficient land, business and processing practices Alejandro saw profits being prioritized over people. He knew there had to be a better way.



#### **VERTICALLY INTEGRATED IN VERMONT**

Reunited by a mutual friend, Alejandro and Jacob bonded over a shared disappointment in the CBD industry's current practices, a strong desire to do it differently, and, with a mutual love of Vermont, the ability to positively contribute to the smallest economy in the United States. In the fall of 2015, the two set off on their mission and co-founded Green Mountain CBD, a name suggested by Alejandro's mother. Vermont was an intentional choice for the company's location. The practical, resilient, and philanthropic values of Vermont had a dwindling dairy industry and was ripe with progressive, pragmatic and skilled farmers. Vertical integration was another intentional choice—from owning the farm to growing organically, and processing naturally—all of these elements would allow the company to maximize quality and consumer accessibility.

## THE MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT IS THE RIGHT TO BE RESPONSIBLE. -GERALD AMOS-

SUNSOIL'S FARM, HARDWICK VERMONT

#### **MORE THAN A CBD COMPANY**

Alejandro and Jacob have attracted a community of doers and disruptors to join the Sunsoil team. Every fulltime Sunsoil employee is an owner, and therefore responsible for the company's impact. As a member of 1% for the Planet, Sunsoil annually donates 1% of sales to environmental causes. Many of the initiatives we support relate to farming and environmental causes because we take from the land and have a responsibility to give back to it. Our founders, family, and friends are farmers and that will always show in the value of the company.



## OUR KEY VALUE PROPOSITIONS

#### **QUALITY IS EVERYTHING**

Every step we take ensures we maintain the integrity and quality of the plant. Our Vermont-based farms and processing facilities are USDA certified organic. We do two rounds of testing in three independent ISO-accredited labs. And our manufacturing facilities are cGMP compliant.

#### **OUR LIPID INFUSION PROCESS**

We only use organic coconut oil or MCT oil to extract the full range of cannabinoids from our hemp in their naturally occurring ratios. We never use CO2, alcohol or harsh solvents. The result is a high-quality, whole-plant CBD product with a few simple ingredients.

#### **ETHICAL PRICING & PRACTICES**

Our employee-owned company will always choose people over profits. We've refined our process to maximize efficiency so we can pass our savings on to our consumers. We price our CBD at \$05./MG or less because we believe CBD should be accessible to everyone. We do this while pursuing mission-driven initiatives in partnership with 1% for the Planet to enrich the communities we serve.







### **OUR TIMELINE**

Alejandro and Jacob purchase	January 2016		December 2015	Alejandro plants custom bred seeds in Stowe Hotel
50-acre farm in Hardwick Vermont Alejandro and Jacob move seeds from the farmhouse	March 2016		February 2016	Alejandro and Jacob build two greenhouses on the Hardwick farm
basement to the greenhouses Jacob flys to California to train on gas chromatograph	August 2016		June 2016	Alejandro and Jacob plant their first hemp crop in Vermont soil on the Hardwick farm
Alejandro and Jacob hire first full-time farm employee at the	September 2016		September 2016	Alejandro and Jacob hand harvest 5 acres of hemp
farm Jacob hand bottles and assembles first oils and capsules	November 2016		October 2016	Jacob processes first lipid infusion on stovetop in Hardwick farmhouse
Green Mountain CBD secures its first retailer outlet, Buffalo Mountain Coop	December 2016	ter er	December 2016	Jacob sketches first label design for Green Mountain CBD, a name Alejandro's mother suggests



### SUNSOIL BY THE NUMBERS

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THE NUMBER OF Scholarships provided This year	THE NUMBER OF LOCAL Vermonters we hired For harvest in 2019	OUR RANKING IN THE MARKETPLACE CURRENTLY (SOURCE: SPINS THRU SEPT 2019)
37	2	5
THE NUMBER OF Fulltime employees We have to date	THE NUMBER OF DRYING Barns we have on site to date	THE CENTS PER MG WE Currently charge foi Our CBD
20	100,000	844
THE HOURLY RATE WE Pay our seasonal Employees	THE NUMBER OF ACRES Planted in 2019	THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES Sold at our first refill Events at healthy livin

#### OUR FOUNDERS JACOB GOLDSTEIN ALEJANDRO BERGAD

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#### ALEJANDRO BERGAD

Alejandro Bergad grew up in Skyview Acres in Rockland County, NY. As a college dropout and serial entrepreneur passionate about problem solving, Alejandro had a number of successful startup ventures in a variety of industries from landscaping to head hunting to sound recording. Alejandro's roots in farming thrived during his seven years of homesteading in Vermont. Through that experience he perfected his process of farming efficiently and sustainably, a skillset he's taken with him in the journey to Sunsoil. Alejandro got his start in the CBD industry at a leading manufacturer in Colorado where he was Chief Agricultural Officer.

At Sunsoil, Alejandro is our Chief Executive Officer overseeing all of our day-to-day activities in Operations, Sales, and Marketing. He is also active in fundraising and securing more acreage for production. When not at the office or in the field, you'll find Alejandro in the air flying or in the local Vermont rivers fly fishing.

#### **JACOB GOLDSTEIN**

Jacob Goldstein grew up in Skyview Acres in Rockland County, NY. He graduated from the University of Vermont with a degree in geography and economics. Jacob got his entrepreneurial start in Vermont after graduation co-founding an environmentally friendly cleaning company.

At Sunsoil, Jacob is our Chief Agricultural Officer overseeing all our day-to-day farming initiatives. He is also an active voice in our social media channels taking photos and managing conversations with our communities. When not tending to our hemp plants, you can find Jacob on any one of the green mountains shredding on a Burton snowboard.

SUNSOIL'S FARM, HYDE PARK VERMONT