

## **Kevin C. Settles**

*Founder & CEO*

*Bardenay Restaurants and Distilleries*

*Boise, Idaho*



Kevin Settles was born and raised in the Northwest with stints in Portland and Seattle. He graduated from Wenatchee Valley College in Central Washington in 1982 and has degrees in ski resort management and ski instruction. In 1986 he left the ski business to start his first company, a hard cider company. Based in Sandpoint, ID, Kevin and his wife, Lisa Fraser, distributed the cider throughout the NW until 1996 when they sold the company. In 1999 they started their next venture, [Bardenay Restaurants and Distilleries](#). Based in Boise, ID, the original location was the first distillery ever licensed by the federal government to produce hard liquor in a restaurant in the US. They currently have two locations in the Boise area and a third in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Featuring casual Northwest cuisine, each location has a fully licensed distillery. The distilleries produce rum, ginger spiced rum, gin, vodka and lemon vodka. All of the spirits Bardenay produces are sold within the State of Idaho.

Kevin is a member of the [National Restaurant Associations Board of Directors](#) and is the Associations PAC Chair for 2013. He is past president of the Idaho Lodging and Restaurant Association and is currently Board Secretary for Bogus Basin Recreation Association, a community owned nonprofit ski area in the Boise area.

Kevin has too many hobbies, among them: skiing, white water kayaking, road and mountain biking and golf. In addition, he is an active pilot and flies people and supplies between his restaurants in the company plane.

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