Over a decade ago, Cory and Karen King started brewing beer in their Soulard kitchen as a side project. In 2014 their side project took center focus when they opened a storefront brewery and tasting room named The Side Project Cellar. In a few short years, Side Project Cellar has grown into an internationally renowned brewery that attracts visitors from around the globe to Maplewood for their beer releases and tastings.

The Side Project Cellar has been building an empire within the City of Maplewood for the last six years. This included a major expansion in 2016 where they acquired a second location, The Side Project Brewery, to serve as both a brewing and barrel space with additional room to accommodate the many travelers who visit each year. Their next endeavor, a pizza and beer drive-thru concept, includes a partnership with Elmwood and is scheduled to open in early 2021.

The global accolades that Side Project Brewing has accrued are too numerous to count. Most recently, in 2019, RateBeer.com named The Side Project Cellar the 2nd Best Brewery in the World and three of their beers as the best in the world. They were also named Best Brewer Tap Room in Missouri for the fifth consecutive year.

Both the Side Project Cellar and The Side Project Brewery are members of the Mid County Chamber of Commerce. The Kings bring a great deal of energy and support to the community - always the first to step up and contribute when asked!