

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF **TIM HAMPSON**





THE  
**BEER**  
BOOK

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**  
**TIM HAMPSON**

**FOREWORD BY SAM CALAGIONE**



AMSTEL  
BIERE

Slagball

H

GRAND PRESTIGE  
HERTZ

VARKA  
A.D. 1478

Hand logo

Bee logo

PUPONI  
LUBRIFI

MAREDSOUS  
8<sup>th</sup>

TRAPPIST  
WESTM

LEIPZIG  
ERBIS

Kitzmann  
unter Erbk

Great  
Minds  
Drink  
Alike

STEFAN  
HONEY

Kaiseröder  
Premium Pils

Bit  
N°1

Anchor logo

BRINKHOFFS

Logo

Logo

Water  
Zieven

Grosser  
OPEN

MASTER  
BREW  
KENTISH ALE

# THE **BEEER** BOOK

WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

TIM HAMPSON • STAN HIERONYMUS • WERNER OBALSKI • ALASTAIR GILMOUR • JORIS PATTYN  
LORENZO DABOVE • GILBERT DELOS • CONRAD SEIDL • RON PATTINSON • LAURA STADLER-JENSEN  
BRYAN HARRELL • WILLIE SIMPSON • GEOFF GRIGGS • ADRIAN TIERNEY-JONES





LONDON • NEW YORK  
MELBOURNE • MUNICH • DELHI

Produced for Dorling Kindersley by  
**Blue Island Publishing**

**Publishing Director** Rosalyn Ellis

**Editorial Director** Michael Ellis

**Art Director** Stephen Bere

**Editor** Fay Franklin

**Designers** Marisa Renzullo, Ian Midson

**Researchers** Rebecca Carman,

Jürgen Scheunemann, Katerina Cerna

**For Dorling Kindersley**

**Project Editor** Laura Nickoll

**Senior Art Editor** Isabel de Cordova

**Senior Jacket Creative** Nicola Powling

**US Editors** Shannon Beatty, Jenny Siklós

**Managing Editor** Dawn Henderson

**Managing Art Editor** Christine Keilty

**Senior Production Editor** Jenny Woodcock

**Production Controller** Alice Holloway

First American Edition, 2008

Published in the United States by DK Publishing  
375 Hudson Street, New York, New York 10014

08 09 10 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

TD398—October/2008

Copyright © 2008 Dorling Kindersley Limited. All rights reserved

Foreword © copyright 2008 Sam Calagione

Introduction © copyright 2008 Tim Hampson

Without limiting the rights under copyright reserved above, no part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in or introduced into a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form, or by any means (electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise), without the prior written permission of both the copyright owner and the above publisher of this book.

Published in Great Britain by Dorling Kindersley Limited.

A catalog record for this book is available from the Library of Congress.

ISBN 978-0-7566-3982-2

DK books are available at special discounts when purchased in bulk for sales promotions, premiums, fund-raising, or educational use. For details, contact: DK Publishing Special Markets, 375 Hudson Street, New York, New York 10014 or SpecialSales@dk.com.

Color reproduction by Colourscan, Singapore

Printed and bound in China by Hung Hing

Discover more at  
[www.dk.com](http://www.dk.com)





# CONTENTS

Introduction 6

## BEERS TO TRAVEL FOR

### Key Nations 12

US 14

Germany 82

British Isles 140

Belgium 188

Czech Republic 226

### Rest of the World 244

Europe 248

The Americas 306

Asia 316

Africa 327

Australasia 328

## FEATURES

### Breweries

Anheuser-Busch 20

Brooklyn 28

Giants of Brewing 48

Weltenburger Kloster 128

Guinness 158

Thornbridge 180

Hoegaarden 204

Orval 218

Pilsner Urquell 236

### Brewing Themes

Tasting 36

US Ales 59

Malt 96

German Beer 104

Lager 110

Kölsch 123

Altbier 132

Hops 148

Porter and Stout 172

Wild Beer 194

Glasses 198

Fruit Beer 223

Flavorings 254

Beer and Food 264

Bottles 280

Wheat Beer 290

## MAPS

### Breweries

US 14

Germany 82

British Isles 140

Belgium 188

Czech Republic 226

Rest of the World 246

### Beer Trails

Oregon 64

Bamberg 114

Cotswolds 164

Brussels 210

Prague 242

Glossary 338

Tasting Notes 340

Index 346

Acknowledgments 352



# FOREWORD BY SAM CALAGIONE

I believe that all beer is good. I also believe some beers are better than others. But my list of top beers would hopefully look very different from yours. *The Beer Book* is the ultimate toolbox for constructing and expanding your own list of favorites.

This is not a book for beer snobs: folks who want to impress their friends with fancy terminology. It is a book for beer lovers and beer geeks: people who want to learn more about beer because they love to drink it and share it with friends and loved ones.

My biggest hope is that this book will give you the courage and conviction to cheat on your go-to beer. That's right: being a hardcore beer lover means not being afraid to be promiscuous. Experiment. Go nuts. Step outside your comfort zone. Every person's palate is unique, which means we won't all love the same beers, and that is a beautiful thing. Within these pages you will likely find long-lost loves and new flames. With beer, there is nothing immoral about playing the field. Or as the folks at Wasatch Brewery in Utah say in an advertisement for their Polygamy Porter: "Why have just one?"

If we all had the same taste in beer there would only be one kind of beer available. I know—it sounds like the apocalypse. But it really almost happened in the United States not so long ago. Before Prohibition almost every major town had its own local brewery that made beers that reflected the background of the local people. After Prohibition came the mass consolidation and expansion of national breweries that made the light lager style ubiquitous and nearly wiped out the diversity of the local brewing scenes. At our

low point in 1978, the United States had a mere 89 breweries (owned by 41 companies); before Prohibition, America had more than 1,500.

Today such a barren beer landscape seems almost unimaginable. There are more than 1,400 breweries in America and our country is not alone in the renaissance of great beer. As the owner of Dogfish Head, I've been lucky enough to travel, speak, and brew abroad in countries such as Denmark, Italy, Canada, The Czech Republic, Norway, and Belgium. Vibrant brewing scenes are thriving in these countries and many more. The passion, pride, and enthusiasm of today's commercial brewers, big and small, are boundless and infectious. I love talking shop and knocking back pints with brewers from other parts of the world. Of course, our native tongues are different, but we all speak the same language when it comes to beer.

Breweries around the world are pushing the envelope, looking backward to indigenous, historical recipes. At the same time many are looking forward and creating their own styles as they follow their brewing muse. Others are putting their own unique thumbprints on traditional styles. World-class examples of all three of these brewing philosophies are well-represented throughout this book.

There is no better time in history to be a beer lover than at this very moment. The breadth of high-quality choices is at an all time high.

The best part about this renaissance (aside from the glorious beer itself, of course) is that it wasn't funded by the half-billion dollar advertising campaigns of a few giant breweries. It was fueled by you: the beer lover. This has truly been an international, grassroots movement where the consumers voted with their wallets for more choice, more diversity, and more flavor. Friends, family members, and neighbors introduced one another to their favorite stouts, pilsners, lambics, IPAs, bocks, extreme beers, and tripel—expanding the international beer appreciation community one member at a time. The word has spread through the work of advocacy groups such as CAMRA, Beer Advocate, Rate Beer, and The Brewers Association. Beer bars, brewpubs, and better restaurants with broad beer lists drew us in and allowed us to further our experience. And now *The Beer Book* has arrived as an encyclopedic roadmap to our ever-expanding beer world.

Experts in the beer world believe in conveying pertinent information to consumers so that they can make up their own minds about what they want to drink. *The Beer Book* was written in this tradition: it gets right to the point, telling you about the beer, how and where it is made, and what the label looks like so you can actually find it in the store. It doesn't tell you if the beer is good or bad – it doesn't score the beer. It respectfully presents the beer, clearly and concisely, for you to score for yourself.

I remember taking part in a tasting at New Belgium Brewery in Colorado a few years ago. A group of brewers were presenting a few of their more exotic beers for the beer press and connoisseurs. Michael Jackson, the recently departed Bard of Beer and patriarch

of beer journalism, was leading the tasting. He spoke about La Folie, a great wood-aged sour beer from New Belgium, for a moment, then took questions. The first question was “What do you think of the beer?” Michael answered, “Well I like it, but we have many beer writers and experts in the room, what do YOU think of the beer?” This kicked off a 20-minute open forum where beer lovers shared their personal thoughts and impressions of the beer. To my mind this was the quintessential beer experience: a bunch of beer lovers gathered around the object of their affection, sharing enthusiastic opinions in a welcoming environment.

I get the same warm and fuzzy feeling when I read *The Beer Book*. This is especially true if I am enjoying an IPA or an Imperial Stout as I thumb the pages and make notes next to the interesting beers I have yet to try. Whether you are a novice beer lover or a seasoned brewmaster, there are sure to be some rewarding discoveries within these pages. Every beer in here isn't for everybody. That's why there are so many amazing beers to choose from. Beautiful beers are in the eyes of their beholders. Cheers.

### **Sam Calagione**

President and founder, Dogfish Head  
Craft Brewery

Author of *Brewing Up A Business*, *Extreme Brewing*, and *He Said Beer, She Said Wine*.

# INTRODUCTION

This is a book all about beer—the best long drink in the world. It is a drink that has changed and civilized us, yet too often we think that a beer is just a beer—a standard product of our industrial society. Beer is a product of the land, however, made with wonderful natural ingredients. It is the art, craft, and science of the brewer that turns these ingredients into beer.

This book is an adventure—a journey through a fascinating world of flavors, colors, and aromas. On this expedition into the world of beer, we spend time in the new world of brewing in the United States, then travel through the great brewing nations of Europe—Germany, the British Isles, Belgium, and the Czech Republic. We also visit countries more often associated with their viniculture, such as Italy and France.

For a beer enthusiast, trying to imagine a world without beer is like trying to imagine a world without a sky or the stars above. It is

a normal part of human life for so many of us that it can all too easily be taken for granted. But we shouldn't do so. Beer is one of the oldest and most popular drinks known to man. It is thought that about 10,000 years ago, in the Middle East, nomadic peoples began to grow and harvest grain and set up settlements near the fields. Some archeologists believe the reason man did this was to make beer.

## EARLY BREWING

The first records of brewing are in the Middle East in Mesopotamia with the Sumerians 6,000 years ago. At least 3,000 years before the Christian era, an intoxicating drink, made from grains, was providing nutrition to people in Egypt. The writings of the Roman historian Pliny record that a fermented drink made from corn and water was drunk regularly across much of northern Europe. As well as enjoyment, there was a religious side to early brewing, and around the world today in tribal communities there are still ceremonies where an ancient form of beer is drunk.

## BEER TODAY

The beer industry has two faces, one traditional, the other young and vibrant. Both can be found within this book. We should not decry the older industry—it has helped shape



Sparkling copper brewing kettles on display at the Heineken brewery's visitor center in Amsterdam



Portland Brewing, where the MacTarnahan's beer range is brewed

the way it is today. The older industry gave us refrigeration, science, and marketing—which is why we celebrate here the beers from breweries such as Carlsberg, Anheuser-Busch, and Heineken. They have elevated brewing from serendipity to an art and a science, and their creations are rightly found within this book. The young brewing world is a fascinating and dynamic one, and gets due attention here, too.

## THE UNITED STATES

The US is the new world of beer. From Alaska to the Mexican border, American brewers are pushing at boundaries as never before. They brew darker beers, bitterer beers, and hoppier beers than can be found anywhere else.

At the Dogfish Head Brewery in Delaware, founder Sam Calagione is brewing “off centered ales for off centered people.” His beers use unusual ingredients or “extreme” amounts of traditional ingredients. White

Muscat grapes, honey, saffron, liquorice, chicory, and coffee have all been added to the kettles.

At the Alaskan Brewery in Juneau, each of the beers emphasizes its regional roots. Its Smoked Porter uses malt smoked with alder at the local fishery. And Samuel Adams in Boston, Massachusetts, continues to push at the boundaries of strength. Utopias, at 26.5% ABV, just keeps getting stronger.

Brooklyn Brewery's brewmaster, Garrett Oliver, has also taken the pairing of beer with food to new heights. He wants every restaurant to have a beer list to stand proudly alongside its wine list.

## EUROPE

The great brewing nations of Europe still stand tall, with glorious tradition coupled with intriguing innovation. All across Germany, wonderful beer gardens are to be found. Here, brimming liter steins, booming oompah bands, and exuberant celebrations help make the country a beer paradise. In the main, the country's brewing tastes remains very traditional, with even new brewpubs producing pilsner-style beers rather than being innovative. However, the country has more than 15 classic beer styles, ranging from the rauchbier of Bamberg and Nurnberg to Cologne's soft kölsch, served by the blue-aproned köbes, and the acidic weissbier of Berlin.

In the British Isles, Thornbridge is one of a new wave of small breweries. It has rapidly gained a reputation for innovative beers, with an emphasis on extracting exciting flavors from a wide range of ingredients and methods. Flavor is also key to Alastair Hook, brewmaster at London's Meantime Brewery. His Coffee Porter, which is rich with roasted cappuccino flavors, is brewed with fair-trade coffee beans from Rwanda.

Beer drinkers in Belgium probably have more choice about which beer to drink than in any other country in the world. From Flanders come pale ales and sour red ales. Add to this the gueuze, lambic, and krieks of Brussels, the country's abbey ales and *saisons*, and not forgetting its witbier, and the drinker in Belgium is spoilt for choice.

The town of Pilsen in the Czech Republic plays an important part in the history of beer. Here, in 1842, brewer Josef Groll mastered the art of triple decoction mashing, which created a golden, clear beer. And, as they say, the rest is history, as pilsner is now the world's dominant beer style.

The traditional winemaking country of Italy has more than its fair share of brewing tyros. Indeed, it is not uncommon to find American brewers touring the country's more innovative new breweries, looking for inspiration.

Teo Musso lives in a part of Italy renowned for its Barolo and Barbera wines. At his Le Baladin brewery he produces "his raptures" using wine and whiskey yeasts. One beer, Xyayyu, is oxidized for a year to produce mouth-tingling, sherrylike flavors.

Former homebrewer Agostino Arioli saw the light after a visit to Grenville Island Brewery in Vancouver, Canada. Today, production at his Birrifificio Italiano includes



A fruit beer lambic (wild beer) from Belgium's Cantillon

Fleurette, a beer brewed with barley, wheat, and rye, and flavored with rose petals. His Tipopils, which is hopped with four hop varieties (Hallertauer Magnum, Perle, Herbsucker, and Saaz), was recently voted the world's best pilsner by Ratebeer.com.

### **PACIFIC RIM**

In Japan, the Isekaddoya Brewery uses soybean paste and the juice from a native aromatic citrus fruit called yuzu. Even Cabernet grapes can be found in some Japanese brewers' mash tuns and kettles. And Hakuseikan uses wild, airborne yeasts to make a distinctive, Japanese-style lambic.

In Australia there are more than 100 brewers producing an exciting array of beer styles. The family owned Coopers Brewery, which opened in 1862, continues with its exquisite range of cloudy, bottle-conditioned beers, while relative newcomer Little Creatures, in Fremantle, has introduced US-style, hoppy pale ales to the local market.

### **BEER VERSUS WINE**

Wine and beer should have equal billing in the pantheon of alcoholic drinks. Yet, wine is treated by many as a cultured drink, while beer is not. The brewer has a trickier task than that of the winemaker, too, for the brewer must extract sweet fermentable sugars from cereal rather than resinous grapes. The brewer garners and unleashes the magic of yeast, which converts the sugar into alcohol, and it is the brewer who adds the fragile hops, with their bouquet of aromas, flavors, and cleansing qualities. The result of all this is that drinkers today can choose from more than 100 different styles of beer, covering



Boulevard Brewing, in Kansas City, Missouri

every imaginable flavor and color. From the simple notes of grain, yeast, hops, and water, brewers create a symphony of tastes, colors.

We should drink with our eyes and noses before we take a sip to experience the spectrum of colors and burst of aromas. Then, and only then, take a sip and let the beer unleash its flavors on your tongue.

### **KNOWLEDGE IS POWER**

With copious tasting notes and features that explain beer styles and the role of key ingredients, this book provides the information to understand what creates the complexity of vivid colors, aromas, and flavors in beer. Within these pages are the brewing innovators and creators of some of the world's greatest beers. Beers from many countries are listed, along with information on their alcoholic strength (ABV) and style. It is a companion to a wonderful world in which beer is much

more than just a beer. It should encourage you never to ask just for a beer without first considering its style—pilsner or wheat, fruit or an American IPA, Belgian ale or a gueuze?

In 10,000 years we have changed from hunter gatherers to civilized people with rich cultures. Beer was there right at the beginning and has changed with us from “liquid bread” to a sophisticated drink. Whatever the next 10,000 years bring, we can be pretty sure that beer will still be a vital component of the human experience. For there can be few better pleasures—when returning home after a long day at work or just sitting in a favorite bar—than the pleasure of a great beer. But which one? The choice is yours—enjoy the experience.

Tim Hampson





BEERS TO TRAVEL FOR

**KEY  
NATIONS**

USA • GERMANY • BRITISH ISLES • BELGIUM • CZECH REPUBLIC



## WASHINGTON, OREGON



### Seattle

Elysian  
Georgetown  
Hale's  
Pike  
Pyramid

### Portland, Oregon

Bridgeport  
Hair of the Dog  
Hopworks  
Mactarnahan's  
Widmer

## ALASKA



## MINNESOTA,



## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

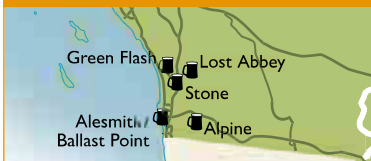


### San Francisco

Anchor  
Shmaltz  
Speakeasy



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



## COLORADO

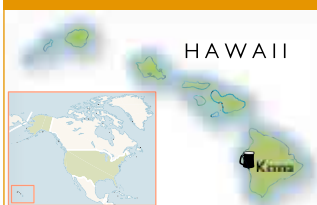


### Denver

Breckenridge  
Flying Dog  
Great Divide  
Wynkoop



## HAWAII



**IOWA, WISCONSIN, ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN, INDIANA, OHIO**



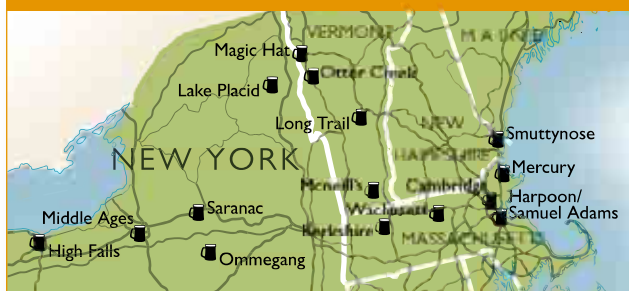
# US

If the US was once known as the land of bland, pale lager; those days are long gone. In beer terms, this is the most exciting, dynamic nation, with more craft brewers than anywhere else on Earth. Their passions feed a beer culture in which diversity of styles, intensity of flavors, originality, and experimentation are the motivating factors – not rules and traditions. What more could any beer enthusiast want? Pullout boxes appear where a city has more than one brewery.

**Portland, Maine**

- Alagash
- Gritty McDuff's
- Geary's
- Shipyard

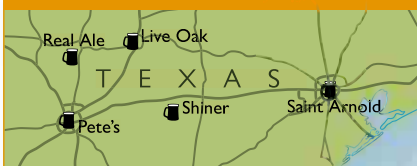
**NEW YORK AREA**



**PENNSYLVANIA AREA**



**TEXAS**



Carolina





BREWERY

BEER

**ABITA**

P.O. Box 1510  
Abita Springs, LA 70420  
www.abita.com

A sleepy town in the pinewoods north of Lake Pontchartrain, Abita Springs was best known for the healing powers of its mineral waters before Abita Brewing opened as a brewpub in 1986. Today Abita operates a fast-growing, thoroughly modern brewery, the largest specialty producer south of the Mason-Dixon line.

**PURPLE HAZE**

FRUIT BEER 4.75% ABV  
Wheat ale infused with raspberry purée. Mildly sweet; a refreshing remedy for southern humidity.

**TURBODOG**

BROWN ALE 6.1% ABV  
Dark, with a rich chocolate nose, and toffee emerging on the palate; a bitter-coffee finish.

**ALASKAN**

5429 Shaune Drive  
Juneau, AK 99801  
www.alaskanbeer.com

Although it is located in a coastal community without roads connecting it to the rest of the United States, Alaskan Brewing has grown into a regional force, selling its beer over much of the nation west of the Rockies. Founders Geoff and Marcy Larson focused on native ingredients and recipes from the outset. Alaskan's first and flagship brew, Amber Ale,

**AMBER**

ALTBIER 5% ABV  
Clean caramel on the nose, brightened by spicy hops. Smooth and malty, with balanced bitterness.

**BARLEY WINE ALE**

BARLEY WINE 10.4% ABV  
Cellared in a former gold mine. Rich and smooth, with dark caramel, cherries, and plums. Nicely balanced.

is based on a beer made across the channel from Juneau back at the turn of the 20th century.

**BREWING SECRET** Alaskan's Smoked Porter, a beer that typifies what's new in American brewing, is made with malt smoked at a local fishery.

**SMOKED PORTER**

SMOKED BEER 6.5% ABV  
Alder-smoked. Flavors of chocolate and burnt fruit; luscious and oily on the palate. Smoky from the beginning through to a satisfying finish.

**WINTER ALE**

WINTER BEER 6.4% ABV  
Spruce intermingles with fruit at the start. Modestly rich on the palate, woody at the finish.

**ALESMITH**

9368 Cabot Drive  
San Diego, CA 92126  
www.alesmith.com

One of several San Diego breweries that has pushed Southern California to the forefront of national brewing, It has a wide following for its mostly strong and often esoteric beers, many barrel-aged and vintage-dated.

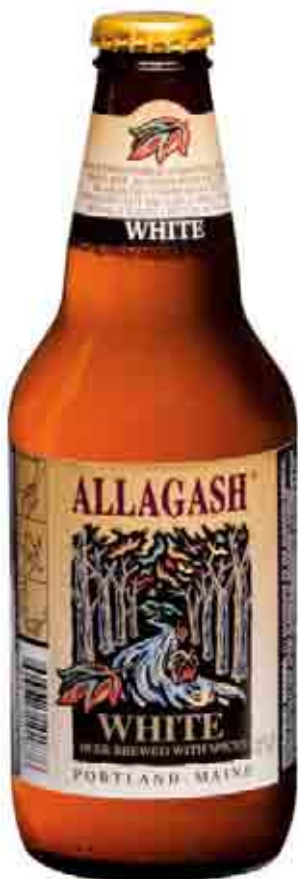
**BREWING SECRET** Every employee is an award-winning home brewer.

**SPEEDWAY STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT 12% ABV  
It's coffee-infused, complementing a broad imperial palate of chocolate, toffee, currants, and oily nuts.

**IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 7.3% ABV  
Brimming with hops and fruit salad aromas, including notes of ripe mango and pineapple.



**ALLAGASH**

100 Industrial Way  
Portland, ME 04103  
www.allagash.com

Focusing on Belgian-inspired beers, Allagash draws on tradition but does not shy away from innovation. In 2007 it became the first American brewery to build a traditional “coolship” (a huge, open, shallow pan) for spontaneous fermentation by wild yeasts.

**BREWING SECRET** Some specialty beers are aged in oak bourbon barrels.

**ALLAGASH WHITE**

WITBIER 6.2% ABV  
Appropriately cloudy, fruity, and refreshing. Brightened by subtle coriander and Curaçao orange peel.

**CURIEUX**

TRIPLE 10% ABV  
Allagash Tripel ale, aged in Jim Beam barrels. Orchard fruits and honey meet bourbon, vanilla, and wood.



**ALPINE**

2351 Alpine Boulevard  
Alpine, CA 91901  
www.alpinebeerco.com

This brewery is known first for beers whose names describe their hoppy nature, such as Pure Hoppiness and Exponential Hoppiness (“double dry-hopped” and not always available). It also produces beers with unusual ingredients, including a honey ale with orange zest and coriander, and a wheat beer infused with vanilla pods.

**PURE HOPPINESS**

INDIA PALE ALE 8% ABV  
A balance of German hops for spiciness and American Northwest varieties for piney and citrus flavors.

**MILHENNEY’S IRISH RED**

IRISH RED 6% ABV  
Brewed with 11 malts, including rye. Complex aromas, with caramel and toffee emerging on the palate. A spicy, medium-dry finish.



**ANCHOR**

705 Maripossa St.  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
www.anchorbrewing.com

Fritz Maytag saved Anchor Brewing from closing in 1965, introduced US drinkers to many classic styles, and launched a microbrewery revolution.

**BREWING SECRET** Maytag is known for preserving the indigenous “steam style,” which involves using bottom-fermenting yeast at high temperatures in wide, shallow, open pans.

**LIBERTY ALE**

PALE ALE 6% ABV  
A benchmark American pale ale. Fruity and floral on the nose; crisp bitterness on the palate.

**ANCHOR STEAM**

STEAM BEER 4.9% ABV  
A signature woody, minty nose. Well-rounded caramel flavors yield to a firm, crisp finish.

**THE BEST-KNOWN BEERS OF THE USA**

Over the last 30 years, the US has undergone a sea change in the world of beer. While it now offers great variety, the mass market is packed with pale light beers.

Just a few decades ago, the US was a country with one basic style choice when it came to beer—a pale lager, generally light in body and lacking in hop flavor or aroma. Today, there are more than 1,400 breweries, producing a wider range of beers than has ever been available anywhere in the world before. However, despite this dramatic change, the overall market is still dominated by Anheuser-Busch (who produce Budweiser), Coors, and Miller. The market is led by light beers. In fact, six of the top seven selling domestically produced beers are low-calorie lagers. America’s brewing past can still be glimpsed on faded advertisements along the back roads, promoting brands from breweries long gone. But many of those brands are still produced under contract—such as Pabst, Schlitz, and Lone Star—and have avid fans. All are pale lagers that taste much alike.

- BUD LITE (LAGER 4.2% ABV)
- BUDWEISER (LAGER 5% ABV) *left*
- COORS LIGHT (LAGER 4.2% ABV) *center*
- MILLER LITE (LAGER 4.2% ABV)
- BUSCH LIGHT (LAGER 4.2% ABV)
- MICHELOB LIGHT (LAGER 4.2% ABV) *right*
- PABST (LAGER 5% ABV)
- SCHLITZ (LAGER 4.7% ABV)
- LONE STAR (LAGER 4.7% ABV)





**ANDERSON VALLEY**

17700 Highway 253  
Boonville, CA 95415  
www.avbc.com

Set in Mendocino County's picturesque Anderson Valley, this solar-powered brewery mixes local and international styles and techniques. Some beer names are those of local landmarks, others are in Boontling, a regional dialect. **BREWING SECRET** The copper brew kettles were rescued from a closed-down German brewery.

**ANHEUSER-BUSCH**

One Busch Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63119  
www.anheuser-busch.com

Anheuser-Busch brews half the beer sold in the United States, including Budweiser and Bud Light, two of the world's best-selling brands. With its Michelob line, seasonal specialties, and beers produced by its regional breweries for local consumers, the company has significantly broadened the range of its beers.

**APPALACHIAN**

50 N. Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
www.abcbrew.com

There's room in this cavernous facility, rich in bricks and timber, for the brewery, a restaurant, and a separate specialty beer bar. It took two years to restore the century-old building. Founded in Harrisburg in 1997, the Appalachian Brewing Company has two other brewpubs, at Camp Hill and Gettysberg.

**ARCADIA**

103 West Michigan Avenue  
Battle Creek, MI 49017  
www.arcadiabrewingcompany.com

Using the British Peter Austin system more common in the Northeast, and brewing with British malts, Arcadia leans toward UK-inspired ales, but made with citrusy and piney Pacific Northwest hops. Ringwood yeast gives the beers a fresh character, and they work particularly well on cask.

**BOONT ESB**

EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER 6.8% ABV  
Citrusy hops layer fruit on top of bready malt. Tangy in the middle; a long and mildly bitter finish.

**BARNEY FLATS OATMEAL STOUT**

OATMEAL STOUT 5.7% ABV  
Impression of coffee and cream, sweetness balanced by roasted grains, the complexity heightened by earthy undertones.

**MICHELOB**

MALT LAGER 5% ABV  
Returned to its all-malt roots in 2007. Delicate, with a spicy nose, clean malt middle and crisp, dry finish.

**STONE MILL ORGANIC PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 5.5% ABV  
Organic beer under the Green Valley Brewing label. This ale is lightly bready with earthy hop character.

**HINTERLAND HEFE WEIZEN**

HEFEWEIZEN 5.2% ABV  
Banana, orchard fruits, and bubble gum aromas. Fresh, tart wheat on the tongue, and a light clove finish.

**JOLLY SCOT SCOTTISH ALE**

SCOTTISH ALE 5.2% ABV  
A straightforward session beer. Hints of rich caramel, a touch of smokiness, and a final impression of sweetness.

**LONDON PORTER**

PORTER 7.2% ABV  
Rich on the nose, flavors of coffee beans, chocolate, and dark fruit, with a lingering, dessertlike finish.

**SCOTCH ALE**

SCOTTISH ALE 7.5% ABV  
Nuttiness and piney hops don't totally balance here. The final impression is of sweet caramel.

BREWERY

BEER



### ATLANTA

2323 Defoor Hills Road, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30318  
[www.atlantabrewing.com](http://www.atlantabrewing.com)

Founded in 1993, Atlanta Brewing was recently forced to abandon the iconic red-brick brewery, after which its beers are named, to make way for a highway. New owners have boosted capacity and expanded distribution, building on the southeast's growing reputation for specialty beers.

#### RED BRICK ALE

BROWN ALE 6.5% ABV  
Surprisingly strong. Caramel and toffee throughout, with underlying notes of chocolate and coffee.

#### RED BRICK WINTER BREW

WINTER BEER 7.5% ABV  
A "double chocolate oatmeal porter" relying on barley malt for a range of rich and bitter chocolate flavors.



### AUGUST SCHELL

1860 Schell Road  
New Ulm, MN 56073  
[www.schellsbrewery.com](http://www.schellsbrewery.com)

Family-owned since August Schell founded it in 1860, this brewery has perhaps the most beautiful setting in the US, with ornamental gardens and a former carriage house converted into a museum. In 2002 the company took over production of the legendary Grain Belt Premium beer, when that brewery failed, to save a Minnesota icon from extinction.

#### CARAMEL BOCK

BOCK 5.6% ABV  
Rich caramel on the nose, turning rummy on the palate. Sweetness lingers after a not-quite dry finish.

#### SCHMALTZ ALT

ALTBIER 5% ABV  
Subtle combination of biscuit and chocolate balanced by mild, slightly spicy hop flavors and bitterness.



### AVERY

5763 Arapahoe Avenue  
Boulder, CO 80803  
[www.averybrewing.com](http://www.averybrewing.com)

Located near the Rocky Mountains, though in a nondescript industrial park, this brewery has earned a reputation for its hoppy beers and its astonishingly strong beers (sometimes they are both). These include a threesome nicknamed the "Demons of Ale," in which the beers average 15 percent ABV apiece.

#### INDIA PALE ALE

INDIA PALE ALE 6.3% ABV  
Piney, oily nose, with grapefruit and orange from the aroma to the palate. Unapologetically bitter.

#### SALVATION

BELGIAN STRONG GOLDEN ALE 9% ABV  
Fleshy fruits, particularly apricots, mingle with sweet, spicy aromas and flavors, and a surprising hint of honey.



### BALLAST POINT

5401 Linda Vista Road  
San Diego, CA 92110  
[www.ballastpoint.com](http://www.ballastpoint.com)

This brewery started in the back of a homebrew shop, offering a dizzying variety of beers, including the hop-centric kinds for which San Diego has become known.

BREWING SECRET Their Kölsch has proved so popular that a separate production brewery has been built to keep up with demand.

#### YELLOWTAIL PALE ALE

KÖLSCH 4.6% ABV  
Soft and sweet on the nose with a hint of spices. Dry cracker flavors yield to a floral, but still dry finish.

#### DORADO DOUBLE IPA

IMPERIAL INDIA PALE ALE 9.6% ABV  
Flavors of pine and grapefruit throughout. Hop oils on the palate blend with a solid malt structure. Long, bitter finish.

## THE STORY OF ...



# Anheuser-Busch

One Busch Place,  
St Louis, Missouri 63118

In the 1850s St Louis, in America's Midwest, bustled with German immigrants who had fled revolution in Europe, bringing with them their language, culture, and a love of beer. By 1870 the city had 50 breweries. St Louis is built over limestone caves; today these are little-used and most are sealed up but, at the time, they were natural cold stores, where beer could be kept and conditioned (lagered) until it was ready for sale. In 1852, George Schneider opened the Bavarian Brewery. Sadly, he wasn't much of a businessman and soon went bust, but this was the beginning of a company that today brews America's best-known beer brand, Budweiser.

The company had a couple more owners before Eberhard Anheuser acquired it in 1860. A German who had emigrated to America in 1843, he made his fortune by making and selling soap. But the brewery owed him money and he took shares in it to clear the debt. He believed he could make money from the beer suds. But it was the involvement of his son-in-law Adolphus Busch in 1864 that sparked the transformation from local brewery into national icon. The company was renamed the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association in 1879 and, a year later, when Eberhard died, Adolphus became its president. His great-great-grandson is now president and CEO of Anheuser-Busch.



◀ **A NATURAL SALESMAN** The biggest asset that Adolphus Busch brought to the business was his exceptional skill as a salesman. He could have sold ice to the Eskimos and coals to Newcastle—instead, he sold a beer to America. Adolphus became the merchant prince of the “king of beers”.

▼ **DRAY HORSES** Anheuser-Busch used shire horses for its beer deliveries in St Louis in the early days, and the horses are still trotted out today on special occasions.



▲ **COLD BEER AND FAST TRAINS** It was a combination of railways, refrigeration, and pasteurization that meant the beers of St Louis knew no frontiers. Refrigerated railcars saw beer, which might otherwise spoil in days, carried across the country. Over the Rockies to the West Coast, up to the wind-chilled shores of the Great Lakes, across to the hot, humid, burgeoning cities on the East Coast, bottled beer was guaranteed to keep fresh in any climate thanks to pasteurization.

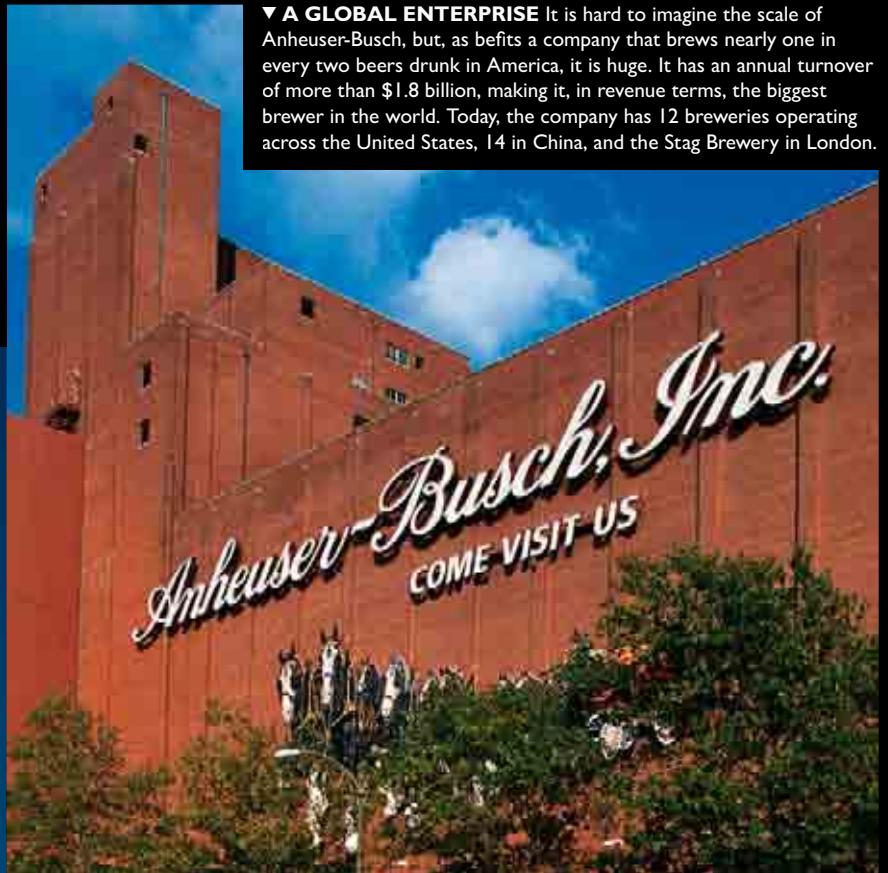


▼ **THE ART OF ADVERTISING**

It was the marriage of brewing and the new industry of advertising that proved the real key to capturing a mass market. From the use of the American eagle icon to the use of beautiful women in advertising campaigns, Adolphus Busch knew how to market beer. Over the course of 35 years, Adolphus grew a brewery with a production of 4,000 barrels per annum into one turning out more than one million barrels by 1901.



▼ **A GLOBAL ENTERPRISE** It is hard to imagine the scale of Anheuser-Busch, but, as befits a company that brews nearly one in every two beers drunk in America, it is huge. It has an annual turnover of more than \$1.8 billion, making it, in revenue terms, the biggest brewer in the world. Today, the company has 12 breweries operating across the United States, 14 in China, and the Stag Brewery in London.



▲ **BUDWEISER** It was in 1876 that Anheuser first sold a beer called Budweiser. It didn't catch on immediately, though; for a time the locals stuck faithfully with the company's now long-gone St Louis Lager Beer.

► **MICHELOB** Another popular Anheuser-Busch brand name, Michelob was first sold 1896, with a tiny output aimed at "connoisseurs."





**BAYERN**

1507 Montana Street  
Missoula, MT 59801  
[www.bayernbrewery.com](http://www.bayernbrewery.com)

Bayern Brewing focuses solely on the beers of Bavaria, where owner-brewer Jürgen Knöller was born. He is a German Diploma Master Brewer, who started brewing when he was 16 and joined Bayern when it opened in 1987, buying the brewery four years later.

**BEAR REPUBLIC**

345 Healdsburg Avenue  
Healdsburg, CA 95448  
[www.bearrepublic.com](http://www.bearrepublic.com)

With a brewpub located amidst the Sonoma County wine-tasting rooms and a brewery north of town, Bear Republic presents a decidedly different break for wine tourists. Founding brewmaster (and fireman and race-car-driver) Richard Norgrove is just as skilled as any wine blender when merging hops flavors and aromas.

**BELL'S**

8938 Krum Avenue  
Galesburg, MI 49053  
[www.bellsbeer.com](http://www.bellsbeer.com)

The oldest surviving microbrewery west of Colorado, Bell's (formerly Kalamazoo Brewing) has grown nearly 700-fold since its first sales in 1985. Founder Larry Bell has earned a reputation as something of a maverick. In 2006 he withdrew his beer from sale in Illinois, one of the brewery's top markets, in a distribution dispute. However, in late 2007 he launched a

range of Kalamazoo (not Bell's) beers back into the Chicago area. Bell's has built a new brewing facility outside Kalamazoo, but the original brewery remains, along with its appropriately named Eccentric Café. Bell's beers are famous for their intensity, although the brewery flagship is wheat-based.

**BAYERN PILSENER**

PILSENER 5% ABV  
Flowerly to start, with not-quite-sweet malt flavors quickly followed by a hoppy bitterness.

**BAYERN AMBER**

VIENNA LAGER 5.3% ABV  
Created when the brewery opened, blending a rich Oktoberfest malt profile with Czech Pilsner hops.

**RACER 5**

INDIA PALE ALE 7% ABV  
Delightfully fresh grapefruit and thick piney aromas, built on a resinous, malty-sweet middle.

**HOP ROD RYE**

IMPERIAL INDIA PALE ALE 8% ABV  
Bright, citrusy nose with spicy alcohols. A subtle blend of biscuit and clean rye. Incessant hops.

**EXPEDITION STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT 11.5% ABV  
Begins with an intense blast of dark fruit (figs and plums) that turns into chocolate, roasted coffee, and port.

**TWO HEARTED ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 7% ABV  
Amplified hops, with an initial rush of grapefruit and orange mingling with fresh floral notes. Perfectly balanced, with persistent bitterness.

**OBERON ALE**

WHEAT BEER 5.8% ABV  
A summer refresher. Zesty, with orange rind in the aroma, and delicate spiciness behind that. A crisp, sharp finish.

**BEST BROWN ALE**

BROWN ALE 5.8% ABV  
Brimming with rich flavors such as caramel and chocolate, subtly balanced by rustic hops.



**BERKSHIRE**

12 Rail Road Street South  
Deerfield, MA 01373  
[www.berkshirebrewingcompany.com](http://www.berkshirebrewingcompany.com)

Western Massachusetts' local brewery (although its beers are increasingly easy to find in Boston). BBC handles almost all its own distribution, guaranteeing that its beer will be fresh and retain a subtle, balanced complexity that begins with open fermentation.

**BREWING SECRET** These pure, unfiltered beers must be kept refrigerated.

**DRAYMAN'S PORTER**

PORTER 6.2% ABV  
Coffeelike aromas, a complex middle (chocolate and toffee), and a pleasantly bitter finish.

**RASPBERRY STRONG ALE**

FRUIT BEER 9% ABV  
Brewed with fresh berries and released for Valentine's Day. Scarily nicknamed "Truth Serum."



**BIG SKY**

5417 Trumpeter Way  
Missoula, MT 59808  
[www.bigskybrew.com](http://www.bigskybrew.com)

Three partners successfully combined a quality ale with a clever name (albeit one it had to defend in lawsuits lodged by Canadian brewer Moosehead) and an attractive label. Big Sky has grown quickly into a regional brewery selling beer from Alaska to Minnesota, three-quarters of it their flagship brown ale.

**MOOSE DROOL**

BROWN ALE 5.3% ABV  
Dark fruits and nuts mingle with chocolate; sweetness moderated by earthy hop notes. Chocolate-brown with a medium body.

**SCAPE GOAT PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 4.7% ABV  
Biscuity, fruity, and spicy on the palate, balanced by moderate bitterness. Short but dry finish.



**BJ'S**

Various locations  
[www.bjsbrewhouse.com](http://www.bjsbrewhouse.com)

BJ's operates restaurants in more than a dozen states, each selling a line-up of seven regular beers, some brewed on premises and some at other BJ's or at the production brewery in Reno, Nevada. Most locations offer seasonal or special beers, some of them exceptional, such as Nit Wit, a Belgian-style white beer. Many of the beers have won awards.

**JEREMIAH'S RED ALE**

STRONG ALE 7.3% ABV  
A cross between an Irish red and an English strong ale, with rich, clean caramel-toffee malt. Dry finish.

**HARVEST HEFEWEIZEN**

HEFEWEIZEN 4.9% ABV  
Genuinely Bavarian, cloudy, with substantial banana notes on the nose. Fruity on the palate.



**BLUE POINT**

161 River Avenue  
Patchogue, NY 11772  
[www.bluepointbrewing.com](http://www.bluepointbrewing.com)

This microbrewery was founded in 1998 in a former ice factory. Its draft beer, brewed here, is on tap across Long Island and in Manhattan; its bottled beer is now outsourced. **BREWING SECRET** Blue Point's draft beer is brewed in a direct-fire kettle that comes from Maryland's former Wild Goose Brewery.

**TOASTED LAGER**

VIENNA LAGER 5.2% ABV  
The direct-fire kettle produces toasted-nut aromas and flavors. A firm, medium-dry finish.

**EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER**

EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER 5% ABV  
Full body, rich caramel flavors balanced by earthy British hops. Best on cask at the brewery.



BREWERY

**BOSCO'S**

Various locations  
www.boscobeer.com

Since 1992 this brewpub chain has been a leader in promoting greater knowledge of beer in the mid-south. Its pubs feature English-inspired cask-conditioned ales, with customers invited to participate as cellermen.

**BREWING SECRET** Flaming Stone's brewing process involves red-hot chunks of granite being plunged into the wort to caramelize the sugars.

**BOULDER**

2880 Wilderness Place  
Boulder, CO 80301  
www.boulderbeer.com

The first US microbrewery outside of California, Boulder has been something of a poster child for the "movement" because its partners began brewing in a goat shed and it relied on the largesse of domestic giant Coors to acquire ingredients. Boulder Beer is available in much of the US, and emphasizes its Colorado roots.

**BOULEVARD**

2501 Southwest Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
www.blvdbeer.com

Boulevard is all about Midwestern hospitality, starting with friendly tours of its smokestack-topped brewery, and including a range of beers well suited to Heartland dining such as Kansas City's famous barbecue.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery's Smokestack Series is a range of Champagne-bottle-conditioned beers.

**BOUNDARY BAY**

1107 Railroad Avenue  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
www.bbaybrewery.com

Three brewpubs opened in this town on Bellingham Bay during the beer boom of the 1990s. Boundary Bay is the survivor, and has become one of the nation's most productive brewpubs. Further expansion, both in production and in distribution, is planned. At the brewhouse, a new cask is tapped every Thursday at 4 p.m.

BEER

**FLAMING STONE BEER**

STEINBEER 4.8% ABV  
Brewed in the manner of German stein beers. Caramel, toffee, and nuts throughout. Smoky, dry finish.

**HEFEWEIZEN**

HEFEWEIZEN 4.8% ABV  
Classic bubblegum and banana nose; softer fruity (more banana) and creamy flavors, with underlying spices including light clove notes.

**PLANET PORTER**

PORTER 5.1% ABV  
The brewery's original beer. Dark fruit aromas and flavors. Subdued roasted malts and bitterness.

**HAZED & INFUSED**

PALE ALE 4.85% ABV  
As hazy as promised—hops in suspension—supported by a bouquet of citrus, flowers, and spices.

**UNFILTERED WHEAT**

US WHEAT BEER 4.5% ABV  
A remedy for Missouri humidity, cloudy and lightly grainy, with refreshing citrus throughout.

**BULLY PORTER**

PORTER 5.4% ABV  
Roasted coffee on the nose, with chocolate emerging on the palate. Slightly sweet, rich, with subtle, balancing hop flavors and finish.

**IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.4% ABV  
Rich with Northwest hop flavors and aromas—orange, and grapefruit. Malt sweetness yields to resiny, bitter finish.

**IMPERIAL IPA**

IMPERIAL INDIA PALE ALE 9% ABV  
Thick with rich malts and hops. A blast of oranges, grapefruit, and pineapple, and a long, bitter finish.



**BRECKENRIDGE**

471 Kalamath Street  
Denver, CO 80204  
www.breckbrew.com

This was founded as a brewpub in the ski resort of Breckenridge, where a pub still operates, before expanding with the Denver-based brewery, which also has an attached pub. Breckenridge briefly ran a chain of pubs across several states, but only those in Colorado remain.

**BREWER'S ART**

1106 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
www.thebrewersart.com

Housed in a grand 1902 townhouse in the Mount Vernon area, The Brewer's Art serves Belgian-inspired house beers and an outstanding selection of continental (primarily Belgian) beers in a comfortable dining atmosphere. It recently began brewing and bottling some of its beer under contract in Pennsylvania.

**BRIDGEPORT**

1313 Northwest Marshall Street  
Portland, OR 97209  
www.bridgeportbrew.com

BridgePort Brewing holds the trademark of Oregon's Oldest Craft Brewery, and its India Pale Ale has come to define the Northwest's beer character. Despite several expansions, it remains Portland-oriented. It dedicates each release of Old Knucklehead, its seasonal barley wine, to a different local personality.

**BRISTOL**

1647 South Tejon  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
www.bristolbrewing.com

Since opening in 1994, Bristol Brewing has been the beer hub in Colorado Springs, as others have come and gone. It ventured into experimenting with barrels ahead of many US breweries. **BREWING SECRET** It has won awards with a beer made using wild yeast and lactic acid bacteria from raspberries picked in nearby Cheyenne Canyon.

**AVALANCHE ALE**

AMBER ALE 5.4% ABV  
Flagship ale, fruity and tart but balanced with sweetness, including caramel and honey on the palate.

**OATMEAL STOUT**

OATMEAL STOUT 4.95% ABV  
Rich with roasted chocolate and a very creamy texture. Complex, hints of smoke, pleasingly bitter at the end.

**GREEN PEPPERCORN TRIPEL**

TRIPLE 10% ABV  
Effervescent and full of life. Fruity and spicy, a bit of candy sweetness, subdued pepper, and a dryish finish.

**RESURRECTION**

DOUBLE 7% ABV  
Caramel, dark fruits on the palate, and surprising citrus notes. The yeast in the first batch "died" and was "resurrected," hence the name.

**INDIA PALE ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 5.5% ABV  
Citrusy from the outset. Solid malt backbone, delicate fruits (peaches and apples). Complex hoppy finish.

**BLACK STRAP STOUT**

STOUT 6% ABV  
A rich blend of black strap molasses, chocolate and coffee, finishing with roasted bitterness.

**WINTER WARLOCK**

OATMEAL STOUT 6.5% ABV  
Toasted marshmallows and chocolate up front, creamy chocolate and roasted flavors on the palate.

**LAUGHING LAB**

SCOTTISH ALE 5.3% ABV  
Medium-bodied, with sweet notes of caramel and toffee and a lingering impression of smoke. Best on tap.



BREWERY

**BROOKLYN**

1 Brewers Row  
79 North  
11th Street Brooklyn, NY 11211  
www.brooklynbrewery.com

While Brooklyn Brewery pays homage to New York's rich brewing history, it is very much a 21st-century business, and occupies New York's first commercial building to derive all of its electricity from wind power. The brewery's bottled beers are made under contract in upstate New York, while brewmaster and well-respected

industry spokesperson Garrett Oliver regularly produces seasonals and a reserve series at the brewery, sold on draft throughout the region.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery has installed a bottling line for 750 ml Champagne-style corked bottles, creating a line of Belgian-inspired ales.

**BUTTE CREEK**

945 West 2nd Street  
Chico, CA 95928  
www.buttecreek.com

Founded in 1996, this brewery was inspired by a neighboring organic winery to begin making organic beers. Golden West Brewing now sells the Butte Creek brand in 24 states and recently launched a second line, Blue Marble Organic, targeting a nationwide audience with lighter-bodied beers.

**CALDERA**

540 Clover Lane  
Ashland, OR 97520  
www.calderabrewing.com

Although it's been around since 1997, Caldera has enjoyed increased visibility and distribution since 2005, when it became the first microbrewery in Oregon to install a small-run line for its distinctively packaged canned beers.

**BREWING SECRET** Caldera sets itself apart by continuing to use whole hop flowers in all its beers.

BEER

**BROOKLYNER WEISSE**

**HEFEWEIZEN** 5.1% ABV  
Effervescent and banana-fruity from the start, backed up with spices, hops and gentle clove notes.

**BROWN**

**BROWN ALE** 5.6% ABV  
Caramel, chocolate and ripe plums throughout, with mineral undertones and a hint of smoke. A coffee-dry finish.

**LOCAL 1**

**BELGIAN STRONG GOLDEN ALE** 9% ABV  
An explosion of aromas and flavors of fruits and spices, and a complex texture, all brought together with a chalky-dry finish.

**BLACK CHOCOLATE STOUT**

**IMPERIAL STOUT** 10.6% ABV  
Pitch black, with a viscous mixture of dark fruits, port, and, of course, bitter chocolate.

**ORGANIC PORTER**

**PORTER** 5.5% ABV  
Tastes as rich as it looks, with roasted malts balancing chocolate and liquorice flavors.

**MATEVEZA YERBA MATE ALE**

**PALE ALE** 5% ABV  
Brewed with yerba mate, a South American herbal tea, for a separate marketing company. Citric hops, earthy, and understandably herbal.

**IPA**

**INDIA PALE ALE** 6.7% ABV  
Makes a large hop impression without being heavy-handed. Citrus, pine, and grapefruit from start to finish.

**PILSENER**

**PILSENER** 5% ABV  
Gets eight full weeks of lagering. Floral aroma, with just an initial hint of sulfur, with a crisp, hoppy flavor and finish.



### CAMBRIDGE

One Kendall Square  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
[www.cambrew.com](http://www.cambrew.com)

At the Cambridge restaurant, beer and food form a perfect partnership. Since opening in 1989, Cambridge has consistently offered beers on tap that are outside the ordinary—perhaps aged in wood in the cellar, spiced with flowers from the garden, or made with organic pumpkins that the brewers chop up themselves.

#### TALL PALE ALE

PALE ALE 5.9% ABV

An aromatic blast of Northwest hops. Pine and grapefruit flavors on a solid malt foundation.

#### CERISE CASSÉE

SOUR ALE 8.5% ABV

“Broken Cherry” begins with a sour mash, aged on wood. A complex blend of sweet and sour, cherries and wood.



### CAPITAL

7734 Terrace Avenue  
Middleton, WI 53562  
[www.capital-brewery.com](http://www.capital-brewery.com)

Capital Brewery is known for its excellent German-inspired beers—brewed in copper kettles from a defunct German brewery—though some are made with a twist. Autumnal Fire, for instance, is a cross between a doppelbock and an Oktoberfest.

**BREWING SECRET** Island Wheat's grain is grown on an island in Lake Michigan.

#### MUNICH DARK

5.4% ABV

Malt-accented, with early hints of caramel and nuts. Building richness with chocolate-toffee notes.

#### SPECIAL PILSNER

PILSNER 4.8% ABV

Light on the palate with a note of honey. Lovely floral hop aromas and a sturdy hop finish.



### CAPTAIN LAWRENCE

99 Castleton Street  
Pleasantville, NY 10570  
[www.captainlawrencebrewing.com](http://www.captainlawrencebrewing.com)

Brewmaster-owner Scott Vaccaro represents the newest generation of American brewers, with a formal education in brewing science, then on-the-job training in the US and England. Back in his home state, he founded this brewery with the support of his family. He is at the forefront in experimentation with barrel ageing.

#### XTRA GOLD

TRIPLE 9% ABV

Citrus notes from Northwest hops blend seamlessly with juicy orchard fruits and a bit of candy sweetness.

#### SMOKED PORTER

PORTER 6.4% ABV

Smoky to start, but rich dark fruits, chocolate, and licorice quickly emerge. Luscious palate.



### CAROLINA

110 Barley Park Lane  
Mooresville, NC 28115  
[www.carolinabeer.com](http://www.carolinabeer.com)

Lighter beers fueled early success for Carolina Beer & Beverage, but the company expanded by acquiring the well-established Cottonwood brands, then opening its brewery-restaurant, Woods on South, in Charlotte.

**BREWING SECRET** Nikki Koontz is one of the very few women to hold the top job of craft brewmaster.

#### COTTONWOOD

LOW DOWN BROWN

BROWN ALE 5.7% ABV

Distinct impression of nuts from the outset, blending with chocolate on the palate, and earthy hops.

#### CAROLINA BLONDE

GOLDEN ALE 5% ABV

Sweet, grainy, and refreshing. The light version (Lighthouse, 4% ABV) has only 81 calories per bottle.

## THE STORY OF ...



# Brooklyn Brewery

79 North 11th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11211

New York was once a vibrant brewing city.

Before Prohibition there were around 78 breweries there, nearly 50 of which were in Brooklyn, with its large German community. One area of Brooklyn was known as "Brewers' Row."

All that seemed gone forever when, in 1976, the Schaefer and Liebmann families closed their Brooklyn breweries, the last in the city. They were unable to compete with the rise of light American lagers produced in the Midwest. "What made Milwaukee famous" had put an end to brewing in the Big Apple.

In 1984, journalist Steve Hindy returned from a six-year stint in the Middle East.

He had learned much on his travels, including how to home-brew beer in Islamic countries where alcohol was not available to buy. He wanted to develop his passion for brewing great beer so, along with his neighbor, former banker Tom Potter, he set up the Brooklyn Brewery in 1987. His craft beers have since become some of the best-selling draft beers in New York City.



▲ **BROOKLYN LAGER** The original brewmaster was Bill Moeller, who developed his recipe for Brooklyn Lager from the notebooks left to him by his grandfather, who was a brewer in Brooklyn at the turn of the 20th century.



► **THE WILLIAMSBURG PLANT** The first Brooklyn brews were produced for them by the Matt Brewery in Utica, and it wasn't until 1996 that Brooklyn had its very own brewery.



▼ **A GROWING MARKET** Led by companies such as the Brooklyn Brewery, the US has the most vibrant beer culture in the world, and good beer is an affordable luxury. While Brooklyn cannot match the advertising and marketing spend of its bigger competitors, the beers are sold well beyond New York's five boroughs. Drinkers in South Carolina, Georgia, and Michigan can all sup the brews, as can beer-lovers in places as far afield as Denmark, Japan, and Great Britain.



◀ **EXPANDING HORIZONS**

At the outset, the company's philosophy was quite simple. Hindy wanted a full-bodied, full-flavoured beer reminiscent of those that he believed were made in New York's glory days of brewing. Since then, the outlook has broadened – now, Belgian-inspired, bottle-conditioned brews are produced in corked bottles, and thirsty beer-drinkers can quaff a glass of Brooklyn's effervescent and fruity Brooklyn Weisse.



◀ **STEVE HINDY** In 1994, co-founder Steve Hindy was joined by Garrett Oliver, former brewmaster at the Manhattan Brewery. By the time he joined Brooklyn, Garrett had already developed a reputation for his own interpretations of traditional beer styles, and for his writing and lecturing on beer. Within two years of arriving at Brooklyn, he had opened the company's very own brewery.



▲ **GARRETT OLIVER** The ambition of brewmaster Garrett Oliver is for every restaurant to offer a beer list as well as one for wine, in order for people to discover for themselves that beer is an honorable companion to even the finest food.





BREWERY

BEER

**CHOC**

120 Southwest Eighth  
Krebs, OK 74554  
www.chocbeer.com

Pete's Place is an Italian restaurant with a long history of brewing and selling Choc Beer. Choctaw Indians taught injured ex-miner Pete Pritchard how to make native beer with wheat, which he sold illegally during Prohibition at his restaurant. In 1995, under the stewardship of his grandson Joe, Choc Beer at last became a legal brew.

**MINER MISHAP**

SCHWARZBIER 5.3% ABV  
Medium-light body, with roasted coffee beans on the nose; sweetish caramel-chocolate flavors.

**1919 CHOC**

US WHEAT BEER 5% ABV  
Descendent of the original Choc. Pours cloudy, with citrus and yeasty aromas. Light, refreshing palate.

**CLIPPER CITY**

4615 Hollins Ferry Road, Suite B  
Baltimore, MD 21227  
www.ccbeer.com

Hugh Sisson sold Baltimore's first brewpub in 1995 to found a microbrewery. He now produces three distinct lines: Clipper City; the more assertive Heavy Seas (7.25% ABV or stronger); and Oxford, which makes organic ales. BREWING SECRET Hop³ (cubed) is hopped three ways—in the kettle, in the hop back, and dry-hopped.

**LOOSE CANNON HOP³**

INDIA PALE ALE 7.25% ABV  
A well-balanced cocktail of hops, with flavors of tangerine, grapefruit, and pine. Amber hues.

**SMALL CRAFT WARNING**

STRONG LAGER 7.25% ABV  
An "uber pils" with strong pale bock qualities. Sturdy bitterness complements the malty sweetness.

**COORS**

311 10th Street  
Golden, CO 80401  
www.coors.com

Although it merged with Molson, and that company now partners SABMiller in the US, Coors has continued to develop less mainstream beers. Its Blue Moon line competes with the largest craft brands, and its SandLot Brewery, within the Coors Field baseball stadium in Denver, regularly offers outstanding traditional lagers.

**BLUE MOON BELGIAN WHITE**

WITBIER 5.4% ABV  
Citrusy sweet nose, spicy with notes of celery. Some wheat sourness, finishing on the sweet side.

**BARMEN PILSNER**

PILSNER 5% ABV  
Beautiful billowing head when poured correctly. Rich with Saaz hops, floral and spicy. Pleasantly grainy, with a long, bitter finish.

**DESCHUTES**

901 Southwest Simpson Avenue, Bend,  
Oregon 97702, USA  
www.deschutesbrewery.com

What began with a brewpub in 1988 in this outdoor-vacation town quickly expanded with a separate production facility that's grown into one of the nation's largest craft breweries. As well as selling a full line of beers with notable hop character throughout the western US, Deschutes still operates its original brewpub in downtown Bend and recently opened another in

**MIRROR POND**

PALE ALE 5.2% ABV  
Grapefruit and fresh flowers at the outset. Light, clean biscuit on the palate, with generous hop flavor.

**BLACK BUTTE PORTER**

PORTER 5.2% ABV  
Well-balanced and complex, aromas and flavors blend roasted coffee beans, chocolate, and dark fruit with signature acidic notes.



Portland. A Bond Street Series of special beer releases, developed “at the pub”, has further widened the brewery’s portfolio.

**BREWING SECRET** Deschutes maintains that the character of its beer is due in part to its use of whole hop flowers.

#### **THE ABYSS**

IMPERIAL STOUT 11% ABV  
Brewed with liquorice and molasses, and partially aged in oak barrels. A cornucopia of intense flavors, held together by wonderful texture.

#### **INVERSION IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.8% ABV  
A swirl of hop aromas (particularly orange zest). Solid, biscuity malt holds its own against bracing bitterness.



#### **DIAMOND KNOT**

621 Front Street  
Mukilteo, WA 98275  
[www.diamondknot.com](http://www.diamondknot.com)

Diamond Knot Brewing has grown substantially since founders Bob Maphet and Brian Sollenberger, two Boeing employees, milled grain at home and hauled it to their brewery tucked in the back of a local bar. They’ve since bought the alehouse and opened a separate production brewery. The menu features stonegrill cooking.

#### **IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.2% ABV  
Opens with a blast of hops, grapefruit, and pine that lasts through a long, juicy, not-too-bitter finish.

#### **STEAMER GLIDE STOUT**

STOUT 4.8% ABV  
Careful blends throughout—coffee, cocoa, and bittersweet chocolate offset by sweetness. Irish inspired, with a rich, creamy head.



#### **DIXIE**

2401 Tulane Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
[www.distinguished-brands.com/dixie.php](http://www.distinguished-brands.com/dixie.php)

The 100-year-old Dixie Brewery was the last survivor of New Orleans’ once-flourishing brewing tradition, with some of its beers aged in historic cypress barrels. That is, until Hurricane Katrina (and the subsequent looters) devastated it in 2005. It’s not clear when it might reopen. Meanwhile its beers are being made at the Minhaus Craft Brewery in Wisconsin.

#### **BLACKENED VOODOO**

SCHWARZBIER 5% ABV  
In 1991, this dark lager was briefly banned in Texas because of the voodoo references on its label. Smooth and light-bodied for southern drinking, with chocolate and toffee notes throughout.



#### **DOG FISH HEAD**

6 Cannery Village Center, Milton,  
Delaware 19968, USA  
[www.dogfish.com](http://www.dogfish.com)

Brewing in the spirit of founder Sam Calagione’s slogan: “Off-centered ales for off-centered people”, Dogfish Head has found a national audience for its “extreme beers”. These have included ales developed using research from archaeologists; recipes featuring unusual ingredients, from chicory to chilies; and beers that simply have more of everything. (Continues overleaf)

#### **MIDAS TOUCH**

HISTORIC BEER 9% ABV  
The ingredients—white Muscat grapes, honey, and saffron—create layers of flavor, melded with subtle acidity.

#### **WORLD WIDE STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT 18% ABV  
Not a classic rendition, but much, much stronger. Port-like, with dark fruits, ripe berries, and a massive dose of alcohol.



*(Continued)* The brewery recently installed the largest wooden brewing vessels built in America since before Prohibition. Calagione is a tireless promoter, and author of three books, including one in which he and his sommelier co-author debate the merits of beer versus wine. Dogfish still operates a brewpub in Rehoboth Beach, where Calagione started in 1995. BREWING SECRET Pangaea ale blends ingredients from every continent, including water from Antarctica.

#### DRAKE'S

1933 Davis Street #177  
San Leandro, CA 94577  
[www.drinkdrakes.com](http://www.drinkdrakes.com)

Since acquiring what was then Lind Brewing in 1999, the owners of San Francisco Bay Coffee have added a bottling line and expanded production almost fivefold. "We've been waking people up for so long, we decided we should help them get to sleep," says company vice president Pete Rogers.

#### DUCK-RABBIT

4519 W Pine Street  
Farmville, NC 27828  
[www.duckrabbitbrewery.com](http://www.duckrabbitbrewery.com)

Known for darkly intense beers, this is one of several small breweries that have thrived since North Carolina changed its law to allow beer stronger than 6% ABV. Duck-Rabbit's distinctive logo is based on an illustration by philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein. BREWING SECRET These quirky brewers say "We sing softly to the yeast."

#### EEL RIVER

1777 Alamar Way  
Fortuna, CA 95540  
[www.eelriverbrewing.com](http://www.eelriverbrewing.com)

Eel River had been around less than five years when, in 2000, it became the first certified organic brewery in the US. The brewpub added a production brewery in nearby Scotia in 2007, moving into an abandoned mill. The new brewery is 100 percent powered by biomass—that is, mill waste such as wood chippings, and spent grain from brewing.

#### 60 MINUTE IPA

INDIA PALE ALE 6% ABV  
Flagship session beer brewed with Warrior, Amarillo, and "Mystery Hop X", and brimming with citrus flavors.

#### FESTINA PECH

SOUR ALE 4.5% ABV  
Labeled a "neo-Berliner Weisse" and fermented with peaches. Fruit sweetness is nicely balanced by tart wheat and slightly sour elements.

#### EXPEDITION ALE

AMBER ALE 6.8% ABV  
Rich in chocolate and sweet caramel, balanced by roasted malts and a lingering hops bitterness.

#### IPA

INDIA PALE ALE 7.2% ABV  
A hops sandwich with caramel and fruity malt at the center. Aromatic at the start and bitter at the end.

#### BALTIC PORTER

BALTIC PORTER 9% ABV  
Caramel, toffee, blackcurrants, and other dark fruits, perfectly blended. Smooth, with restrained bitterness.

#### MILK STOUT

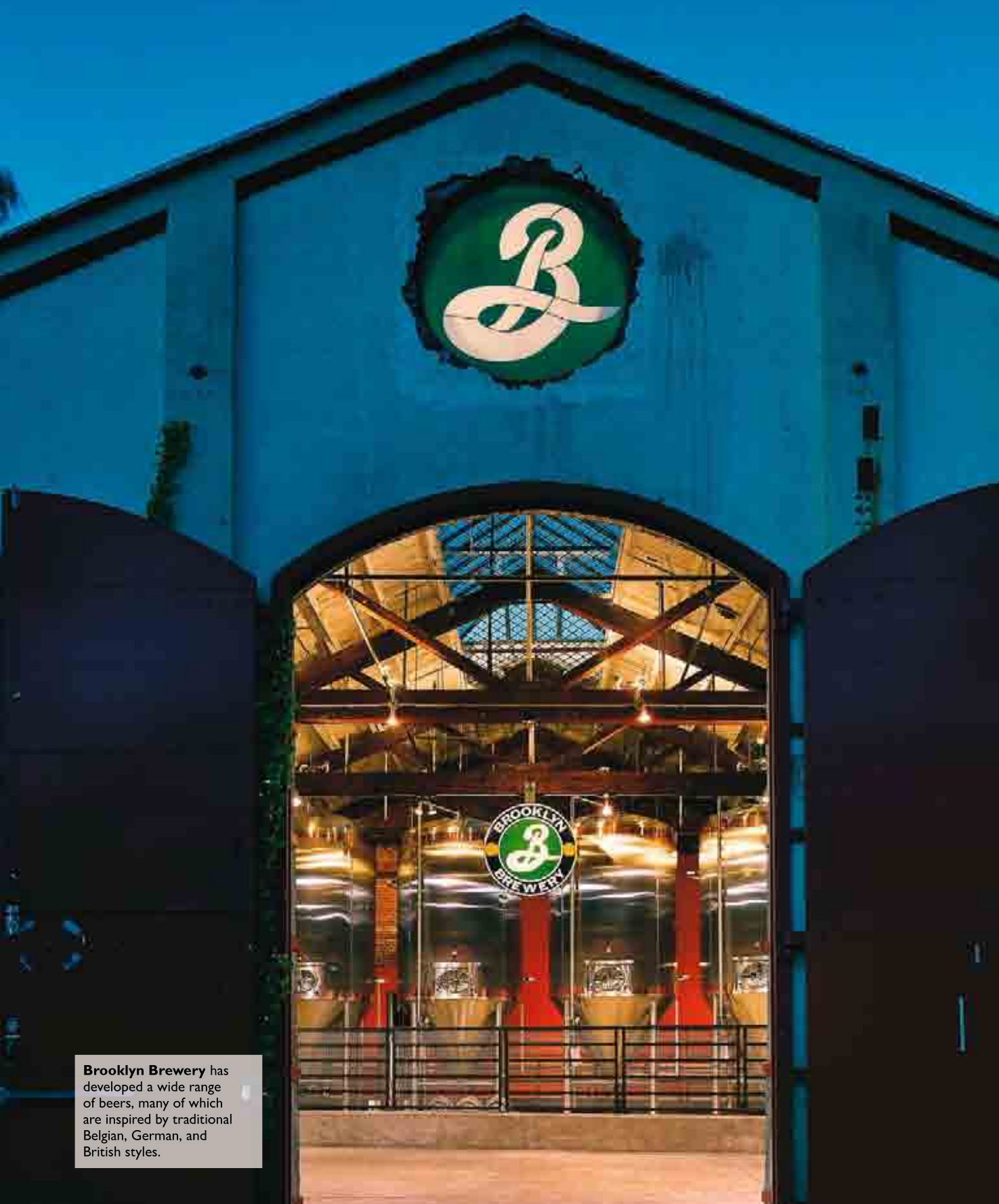
STOUT 5.7% ABV  
A well-integrated combination of roasted coffee beans and chocolate, held together by a creamy palate. Sweet, but not too sweet.

#### ORGANIC PORTER

PORTER 6.3% ABV  
Malty and creamy with chocolate aromas and flavors, and lesser notes of roast coffee beans. Robust.

#### TRIPLE EXULTATION

OLD ALE 9.7% ABV  
Not organic. A complex nose of rich caramel-toffee and fruit, then piney hops assert themselves.



**Brooklyn Brewery** has developed a wide range of beers, many of which are inspired by traditional Belgian, German, and British styles.



## ELYSIAN

1221 East Pike Street  
Seattle, WA 98122  
[www.elysianbrewing.com](http://www.elysianbrewing.com)

Elysian Brewing has three locations in Seattle, with the production facility and a restaurant at the original brewery in the Capitol Hill district. Writer-turned-brewmaster Dick Cantwell keeps an exceptionally wide range of beers available, including a seasonal pumpkin ale that provides an excuse to host a popular fall festival.

## FIRESTONE WALKER

1400 Ramada Drive  
Paso Robles, CA 93446  
[www.firestonebeer.com](http://www.firestonebeer.com)

In rolling out its new Union Jack IPA at the start of 2008, Firestone Walker Brewing Company intensified its focus on pale ales. Each one includes a portion of beer fermented in the patented Firestone Union barrel system, which takes inspiration from the historic Burton Union method originated in Burton-on-Trent,

England. Firestone also blends wood-fermented beer with beer from stainless steel to fashion each of its ales. To celebrate recent anniversaries, the brewers created several strong ales aged in a variety of bourbon, brandy, and untreated oak barrels, then blended them into a single release, using input from regional winemakers.

## FISH

515 Jefferson Street Southeast  
Olympia, WA 98501  
[www.fishbrewing.com](http://www.fishbrewing.com)

Close to bankruptcy in 2000, Fish Brewing has redoubted its efforts in recent years on the core range of Fish Tale Organic beers (a portion of the profits from beers in this line goes to protect aquatic habitats). It has since grown into a regional force, and also now produces German-inspired beer under the Leavenworth label.

### DRAGONSTOOTH STOUT

STOUT 7.2% ABV  
Dark fruit, chocolate, molasses, bitter coffee, and liquorice aromas and flavors on a slightly oily palate.

### PERSEUS PORTER

PORTER 5.4% ABV  
Cocoa and roasted nut flavors, and just-right bitterness. Like toasting marshmallows by the campfire.

### DOUBLE BARREL ALE

PALE ALE 5% ABV  
Contains 15–20 percent oaked beer. Spicy, rounded fermentation-based fruit, vanilla, and a woody rich-but-not-sweet texture.

### PALE 31

CALIFORNIA PALE ALE 4.6% ABV  
About three percent oaked beer. Bright and citrusy aromas, with layers of fruit and malt on the palate.

### UNION JACK IPA

INDIA PALE ALE 7.5% ABV  
Juicy hops arrive in waves of citrus, grapefruit, pine, and mangoes, complementing a solid malt base. Oak and bitterness work in tandem.

### FIRESTONE 11

STRONG ALE 11% ABV  
Rich, with dozens of flavors held together by its texture, shifting from silky to nicely coarse at the end.

### FISH TALE ORGANIC IPA

INDIA PALE ALE 5.5% ABV  
Fresh taste of Northwest hops, piney and citrusy. Crisply rich, with hops lingering beyond a bitter finish.

### OLD WOODY

OLD ALE 10% ABV  
Aged in oak barrels for six months, part of a “Reel Ales” series, with a deep range of caramel and dark fruit. On draft only.



### FLOSSMOOR STATION

1035 Sterling Avenue  
Flossmoor, IL 60422  
[www.flossmoorstation.com](http://www.flossmoorstation.com)

Brewers Matt Van Wyk and Andrew Mason have expanded on what barrel-ageing pioneer Todd Ashman started at Flossmoor Station Brewing. They offer a wide range of award-winning beers in a pub housed in a former train station. The brewery recently launched a small range of bottled beers.

#### PULLMAN BROWN ALE

BROWN ALE 7% ABV

Brewed with hand-toasted malts and molasses. A full-bodied blend of chocolate, toffee, and dark fruit.

#### DE WILDE ZUIDENTREIN

SOUR ALE 7% ABV

A Flanders brown ale, aged in an oak wine barrel on fresh raspberries for a year, dosed with wild yeasts.



### FLYING DOG

2401 Blake Street  
Denver, CO 80205  
[www.flyingdogales.com](http://www.flyingdogales.com)

With labels by British illustrator Ralph Steadman, and the "gonzo" spirit of the late Hunter S. Thompson (both friends of founder George Stranahan), Flying Dog is not your average brewery. The original brewpub was founded in Aspen but is now headquartered in Denver, while the company moved brewing operations to Frederick in Maryland in 2008.

#### GONZO IMPERIAL PORTER

PORTER 9% ABV

Rummy, chocolate, and almost sweet before dry cocoa flavors and solid hop bitterness kick in.

#### DOGGIE STYLE PALE ALE

PALE ALE 5.3% ABV

A fragrant mixture of fresh fruits to start. Citrus accentuates fruit in the middle, well balanced by biscuity malt. Clean, dry finish.



### FLYING FISH

1940 Olney Avenue  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003  
[www.flyingfish.com](http://www.flyingfish.com)

Flying Fish Brewing began worldwide and then went local. It started out as a "virtual brewery" on the Internet before establishing itself as a distinctly regional brewery in 1996, now serving a 100-mile (160-km) radius around its South Jersey home. The brewery recently increased capacity, with plans to widen the range of beers on offer.

#### BELGIAN STYLE DUBBEL

DOUBLE 7% ABV

Chocolate mingled with dark fruit, and a pleasant whiff of alcohol. Finishes on the sweet side of dry.

#### ESB ALE

EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER 5.5% ABV

Malt-accented, rich with caramel and fruit character, and with an underlying nuttiness. Hops are American, but restrained.



### FOUNDERS

235 Grandville Avenue SW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
[www.foundersbrewing.com](http://www.foundersbrewing.com)

Founders was just another small brewery until it jettisoned much of its portfolio for a more esoteric range of craft beers with names like Devil Dancer and Old Curmudgeon.

**BREWING SECRET** Its Kentucky Breakfast Stout is brewed with coffee and vanilla, and aged in bourbon barrels in mines 100 ft (30 m) underground.

#### BREAKFAST STOUT

IMPERIAL STOUT 8.3% ABV

Espresso coffee dominates, with complex dark chocolate notes and a rich texture on the tongue.

#### BLACK RYE

RYE BEER 7% ABV

Not quite black, but tastes it. Best described as rye bread dipped in a well-hopped porter. Flavors and aromas of chocolate and coffee.

## ALL ABOUT ...

# TASTING

Beer is best drunk in the company of others, whether in a pub or beer café. Take this sense of conviviality further and invite friends to a tasting session—a joyful celebration of the best of John Barleycorn.

Tasting beer involves all the senses. After all, beer has a rich variety of colors, flavors, and aromas. There are few rules, but think about the beers that you are sampling. Either choose a variety of styles, showcasing the diversity of beer, or serve different variations on a theme—a selection of American IPAs, for example, Czech pilsners perhaps, or British bitters. Whichever course you choose, begin with the most delicate beers and end with the most intensely flavored or strongest beers. Between 6 and 10 beers is best. Too many and the palate becomes dulled.

Use large wine or brandy glasses for beer tasting if you can—the shape of these helps to concentrate aromas. Lay out water and crackers, or plain salted crisps, which help to dry the palate between beers.

Then enjoy!



**| POURING** Use a clean tasting glass for each beer. Hold the glass at an angle of about 45 degrees at first, straightening it toward the end of the pour to let the beer acquire a head.



**2 APPEARANCE** Look at the beer. It should have a clarity and sparkle to it. Judge the color and condition: does it dance and shimmer in the glass? A tired beer lacks life and actually looks dull. As you drink the beer, a laceworklike trace of foam should be left adhering to the side of the glass—again, a sign of good condition.



**3 AROMA** Swirl the beer in the glass to help release the aromas. Malty aromas include cereal, dried fruit, coffee beans, biscuit, Ovaltine, chocolate, toffee, and caramel. Hops produce fruity, fragrant, perfumy, spicy, resinous, peppery, citrusy, herbal, and floral notes. Yeast esters add their own character to stronger beers, with rich fruity notes redolent of tropical fruit, bananas, and ripe apricot skin. Lambic and gueuze have powerfully earthy, sweet-and-sour aromas thanks to the presence of wild yeast.



**4 FLAVOR** Taste the beer. The tongue detects sweetness at the tip, salt and sour on the sides, and bitterness at the back. Some beers come bearing lots of fruity gifts, while others—especially dark porters and stouts—produce roast, coffee, caramel, and chocolate flavors. Let the beer roll around the tongue, and work out the order of flavors. How does the beer feel in the mouth: smooth, thin, grainy, acidic (lambics again), oily, or chewy. A great beer is about balance and harmony. The malt and hops should be working with each other. Wine tasters always spit, but beer needs to be swallowed for the finish to be noted. Is it bitter? That's the hops. Dry? That's often the effect of the malt. It might be a long, lingering finish, or it might be short and abrupt.

**5 TASTING NOTES** Make notes on the beer's key aspects—appearance, aroma, taste, and finish—as you go along. On pages 340–45, you'll find charts for starting your own tasting notes.





**FOUR PEAKS**

1340 East 8th Street  
Tempe, AZ 85281  
www.fourpeaks.com

Little surprise that UK-inspired beers make up a good proportion of the many award-winners here. A retired brewer from Young's in London helped fledgling brewmaster Andy Ingram when Four Peaks opened in 1996. Later, Paul Farnsworth, who began working in the breweries of Burton-on-Trent when he was 16 years old, consulted on quality control.

**FULL SAIL**

506 Columbia Street  
Hood River, OR 97031  
www.fullsailbrewing.com

Full Sail represents much that is new in American brewing. Founded in 1987, it became employee-owned in 1999, and its beers reflect an independent nature. Living on the Columbia River with easy access to the mountains, most Full Sail employees are outdoor-oriented. The image frequently used on the brewery's promotional material is

of burly brewmaster John Harris, with a keg slung across his shoulder. The core brands (Amber, IPA, and Pale Ale) reach a wide audience in 15 western states.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery also offers seasonals that bear the LTD (Living the Dream) label and a bolder series of Brewmaster's Reserve beers throughout the year.

**GEARY'S**

38 Evergreen Drive  
Portland, ME 04103  
www.gearybrewing.com

David Geary has followed a traditional English model since the brewery sold its first beer in 1986, focusing on a core range of beers (originally just two) and serving the New England region. Geary's still makes only five regular and three seasonal beers.

**BREWING SECRET** Geary's uses yeast from Ringwood Brewery in the UK.

**KILT LIFTER**

SCOTTISH ALE 6% ABV  
Richly malty, with caramel emerging on the palate. Complex, with just a hint of smokiness.

**8TH STREET ALE**

BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV  
Particularly mellow on cask, with caramel and light fruitiness matched with earthy hops, giving way to a medium-bitter finish.

**AMBER**

AMBER ALE 5.5% ABV  
Citrus and spice, quickly balanced by underlying sweetness. Seamless through to a clean finish.

**SESSION LAGER**

US LAGER 5.1% ABV  
Designed as a throwback to beer produced before Prohibition, with appropriately retro packaging. Clean and malt-accented.

**TOP SAIL IMPERIAL PORTER BOURBON**

IMPERIAL PORTER 9.85% ABV  
Second limited special release of its well-established Imperial porter in bourbon barrels. Simply intense after 10 months on wood: Jack Daniels, chocolate, roasted coffee, oak, and other flavors. Will cellar well for years.

**HAMPSHIRE SPECIAL**

STRONG ALE 7% ABV  
Complex balance of slightly burnt caramel, light fruits, and warming alcohol. Traditional bitter finish.

**PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 4.8% ABV  
A showcase for Ringwood yeast, fruity with some underlying caramel, just a bit slick over the tongue.

BREWERY

BEER



**GEORGETOWN**

5840 Airport Way South, Unit 201  
Seattle, WA 98108  
www.georgetownbeer.com

Co-founder Manny Chao was the first employee at Mac & Jack's Brewery in Redmond and learned his craft well. Georgetown sells only draft beer and initially focused on just one, Manny's Pale Ale. The brewery is one of many artisan businesses in the former Seattle Brewing and Malting plant, where the iconic Rainier brand was formerly brewed.

**MANNY'S PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 5.4% ABV

Begins with notes of grapefruit, then hop flavors blend with fermentation fruitiness on the palate.

**CHOPPERS RED ALE**

EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER 6.5% ABV

A robust take on the style. Opens with a blast of spicy, citrusy hops, but a restrained bitterness lets the rich palate take charge.



**GOOSE ISLAND**

1800 West Fulton Street  
Chicago, IL 60612  
www.gooseisland.com

This brewery's extensive range of beers reflects the MBA (Master of Beer Appreciation) Program that it established shortly after opening as a brewpub in 1988. When Goose Island built its production brewery in 1995, brewmaster Greg Hall would launch dozens of styles during the course of a year. Goose Island still operates the original pub on Clybourn as well as

**INDIA PALE ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 5.9% ABV

Pineapple and grapefruit, full of hop flavor, with a fruit and malt backbone balancing the bitterness.

**312 URBAN WHEAT**

US WHEAT BEER 4.2% ABV

Typically unfiltered and hazy, with a citrusy, almost sweet, hop nose that announces it is American. Tart, fruity, with underlying creaminess.



another near Wrigley Field, and both still offer an "MBA" (it's actually a kind of loyalty card!).

**BREWING SECRET** Bourbon County Stout (launched as the brewpub's 1,000th batch, in 1995) arguably kicked off the US revolution of ageing beer in bourbon (and then other spirit) barrels.

**MATILDA**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 7% ABV

Wild, lively hopsack aroma, earthy, with rich fruits and a firm, dry, characterful finish.

**BOURBON COUNTY STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT ABV VARIES

Vintages vary, some flashing more bourbon than others. Always a marriage of rich chocolate, dark fruit, vanilla, and certainly bourbon.



**GORDON BIERSCH**

Various locations  
www.gordonbiersch.com

Gordon Biersch began as a single brewpub, grew into a chain, then split into two—a brewery in San Jose, and restaurant-breweries that produce a similar line of beers. The San Jose operation also brews private label brands for Trader Joe's and Costco.

**BREWING SECRET** Dan Gordon, who runs the stand-alone brewery, trained for five years in Bavaria.

**HEFEWEIZEN**

HEFEWEIZEN 5.4% ABV

Banana and subdued bubblegum to start, with a pinch of spicy cloves. Refreshing, tart wheat flavors.

**MÄRZEN**

MÄRZEN/OKTOBERFEST 5.7% ABV

Smooth and malty; notes of crusty bread and caramel. Spice flavors add complexity. Clean, dry finish.



BREWERY

BEER

**GRAND TETON**

430 Old Jackson Highway  
Victor, ID 83455  
www.grandtetonbrewing.com

Founded in 1988 as Otto Brothers' Brewing—a brewpub which claims a place in American beer history by reintroducing a receptacle called the “growler” (a 64-oz beer jug/1.92-liter). The company took its new name in 2000 after building a production brewery at the base of the Teton Mountains near Yellowstone Park.

**GREAT DIVIDE**

2201 Arapahoe Street  
Denver, CO 80205  
www.greatdivide.com

Opened in 1994, Great Divide Brewing quickly earned a reputation for carefully balanced beers. Its ales have grown bigger (in strength and hop character), and the brewery's reputation has grown, but its beers still retain that delicate equilibrium. The brewery is a short walk from Coors Field, home of the Rockies baseball team.

**GREAT LAKES**

2516 Market Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
www.greatlakesbrewing.com

Selling its beer across a growing region surrounding Ohio, this brewery has been an industry leader in tracking the quality of its beer on retailers' shelves. Nonetheless, its brewing complex near the historic West Side Market always merits a visit. The original brewpub, established in 1988, sits across from the production brewery, which came online in 1998. Visitors

are directed to the taproom's striking Tiger Mahogany bar and shown bullet holes reputedly made by Eliot Ness. He, of course, was the the “untouchable” Prohibition agent who brought down gangster Al Capone. The beer garden looks onto Ohio City's Market Square.

**BITCH CREEK ES B**

BROWN ALE 6.5% ABV  
Hybrid, with toasted malts as well as caramel. Plenty of piney and citrusy hops. Big, but balanced.

**AU NATURELE**

GOLDEN ALE 5.2% ABV  
Organic, opening with spicy, grassy Hallertau hops and bready malt. Sweet, grainy texture balanced by light bitterness.

**HIBERNATION ALE**

OLD ALE 8.1% ABV  
A complex, earthy nose packed with chocolate, roasted nuts, and freshly baked molasses cookies—flavors just keep emerging.

**TITAN IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.8% ABV  
Balanced, in a big way, with plenty of caramel-sweet body to match the piney, grapefruity hops throughout.

**EDMUND FITZGERALD PORTER**

PORTER 5.8% ABV  
Perfectly balanced, chocolate-mocha throughout, delightful fresh quality, and a dry coffee finish.

**DORTMUNDER GOLD**

DORTMUNDER 5.8% ABV  
Aromas of fresh grain or new-mown hay blend with bright noble hops. Robust and crisp.

**ELIOT NESS**

VIENNA LAGER 6.2% ABV  
Bold and hoppy in the Vienna style, with creamy, nutty maltiness and brisk hoppiness nicely balanced.

**BURNING RIVER PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 6% ABV  
Borders on an India pale ale, brimming with juicy, piney American hops that last through a long, dry finish.



### GREEN FLASH

1430 Vantage Court  
Vista, CA 92081  
[www.greenflashbrew.com](http://www.greenflashbrew.com)

Green Flash refers to a rare light phenomenon that lasts only seconds at sunrise or sunset over water. Green seems appropriate for a brewery gaining a national reputation for its hop-accented beers, although brewer Chuck Silva has proved adept at a wide range of styles.

#### WEST COAST IPA

INDIA PALE ALE 7% ABV  
Northwest hops balanced on a solid malt base. Earthy, floral, citrusy, piney, grapefruity, and bitter.

#### NUT BROWN ALE

BROWN ALE 5.5% ABV  
Deep brown, with nuts and cocoa from the outset, and more chocolate and caramel on the palate. Subdued, earthy hops.



### GRITTY MCDUFF'S

396 Fore Street  
Portland, ME 04101  
[www.grittys.com](http://www.grittys.com)

Opening in Portland Old Port in 1988, Gritty McDuff's was one of the first brewpubs in the northeast and an early outpost for US cask ale. There are now branches in Freeport and Lewiston.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery uses traditional English methods, equipment, yeasts, hops, and range of barley malts.

#### BLACK FLY STOUT

STOUT 4.1% ABV  
Surprising coffee aromas and flavors, mingling with chocolate and toffee, but light and satisfyingly dry.

#### HALLOWEEN ALE

EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER 6% ABV  
An autumn release, brewed stronger, aged longer, and with more East Kent Goldings hops than are used in Gritty's Best Bitter.



### HAIR OF THE DOG

4509 Southeast 23rd Avenue  
Portland, OR 97202  
[www.hairofthedog.com](http://www.hairofthedog.com)

Chef-turned-brewer Alan Sprints founded this tiny cult brewery in 1994. His first ale, Adam, was brewed in the Adambier style of Dortmund in Germany, and based on the research of beer writer Fred Eckhardt.

**BREWING SECRET** Every bottle carries a batch number. Check the website to match it to brewing and bottling dates.

#### ADAM

STRONG ALE 10% ABV  
Rich and complex, with dark fruits, bread, chocolate, smoked peat, and more, all cleverly unified.

#### FRED

STRONG ALE 10% ABV  
Named after Eckhardt, this beer defies categorization. Dark fruits and juicy ones, spices and hops—impossible to summarize.



### HALE'S

4301 Leary Way Northwest  
Seattle, WA 98107  
[www.halesales.com](http://www.halesales.com)

First opened in western Washington State in 1983, Hale's Brewery has been a fixture in Seattle since 1995. Its English-inspired pub adjoins a "display production" brewery (visible behind glass, with mirrors on the ceiling to show the foamy fermentation in open-top vessels). Hale's sells 75 percent of its beer within 10 miles (17 km) of its brewery.

#### PALE AMERICAN ALE

PALE ALE 5.2% ABV  
Nods towards the UK, with rounded biscuit malt. Well-balanced by citric, earthy Northwest hops.

#### EL JEFE HEFEWEIZEN

HEFEWEIZEN 5.2% ABV  
Hale's doesn't only do English styles. This is brewed in the Bavarian manner: cloudy, with banana fruity, yeasty character, and light cloves.



**Samuel Adams**, made by the Boston Beer Company, is one of the USA's most successful craft brewery brands.



**HARPOON**

306 Northern Avenue  
Boston, MA 02210  
www.harpoonbrewery.com

This brewery, with major facilities in Boston and Vermont, has tapped into specialty-beer-drinkers' affection for hops, with its flagship IPA accounting for 60 percent of sales. However, its wheat-based UFO has recently been the fastest-growing brand, and its 100 Barrel Series of one-offs guarantees there's always something new.

**IPA**

**INDIA PALE ALE 5.9% ABV**  
Floral at the outset; zestful citrus aromas. More hops in the flavor; biscuitlike palate, subdued bitterness at the end.

**MUNICH DARK**

**DUNKEL 5.5% ABV**  
Rich, almost sweet, with hints of toast, then chocolate. Restrained hops and a long, smooth finish.

**HIGH FALLS**

445 St. Paul Street  
Rochester, NY 14605  
www.highfalls.com

High Falls is still brewing old-style Genesee beers on the site where they have been made since 1878. It also makes the J.W. Dundee family of beers for the traditional ale market.  
**BREWING SECRET** High Falls is one of the largest and oldest continuously operating breweries in the US.

**GENESEE CREAM ALE**

**CREAM ALE 4.9% ABV**  
Pale, faintly sweet, with roast corn flavors; smooth and easy to drink.

**J.W. DUNDEE'S IPA**

**INDIA PALE ALE 6.3% ABV**  
A seasonal summer beer. Relatively sweet caramel character, with more bitterness than flavor from its hops. Crisp finish.

**HIGH POINT**

22 Park Place  
Butler, NJ 07405  
www.ramsteinbeer.com

High Point founder Greg Zaccardi was an American "hop head" until he discovered the wheat beers of Bavaria. He branded his beers Ramstein, after the German city that's home to the largest US Air Force base in Europe, and began making true-to-style weissbiers at High Point Brewing, even though his brewing system was designed for British-style ales.

**RAMSTEIN CLASSIC**

**DUNKELWEIZEN 5.5% ABV**  
Sweet chocolate on the nose and palate. Orchard fruits and banana, balanced by light clove and spicy hops.

**MAIBOCK**

**MAIBOCK 7.5% ABV**  
A spring seasonal. Surprisingly dark with subtle caramel notes. Clean honey-maltiness, not-so-subtle alcohol, and pleasant, herbal hops.

**HIGHLAND**

12 Old Charlotte Highway  
Asheville, NC 28802  
www.highlandbrewing.com

Having moved into a large new production facility in 2006, Highland Brewing was perfectly positioned for the rise in profile of North Carolina beer after state lawmakers eased the limit on beer strength. Asheville is a fast-growing mountain town, with a beer scene to match, including five breweries.

**GAELIC ALE**

**AMBER ALE 5.8% ABV**  
Its name and caramel character nod toward Scotland, but the resinous hop finish is distinctly American.

**OATMEAL PORTER**

**PORTER 5.8% ABV**  
Chocolate to start, with roasted coffee beans emerging, more prominent in the mouth. Coffee and cream impression. Dry and bitter.

BREWERY

BEER



BREWERY

BEER

**HÖFBRAUHAUS**

305 Park Avenue  
Newport, KY 41071  
[www.hofbrauhausnewport.com](http://www.hofbrauhausnewport.com)

Höfbrauhaus Newport, across the river from Cincinnati, was the first licensed franchise of the state-owned brewery of the same name in Munich. Bavarian-style beer is brewed on site (the Las Vegas Höfbrauhaus serves beer brewed in Munich). The menu and decor replicate the original, and there's a beer garden and quiet dining room too.

**HOPPIN' FROG**

1680 E. Waterloo Road (Rte 224)  
Akron, OH 44306  
[www.hoppinfrog.com](http://www.hoppinfrog.com)

Brewer/owner Fred Karm opened this smallish brewery making big beers in 2006. He established his reputation for bold products while directing operations for three Thirsty Dog brewpubs, before the chain went bankrupt. Thirsty Dog itself has been revived as a production-only microbrewery, also in Akron.

**HOPWORKS / HUB**

2944 SE Powell Boulevard  
Portland, OR 97202  
[www.hopworksbeer.com](http://www.hopworksbeer.com)

Hopworks Urban Brewery is the first brewery in Portland to offer only organic beers, part of its commitment to "green culture." HUB's founder-brewmaster Christian Ettinger made Portland's first organic beers.

BREWING SECRET HUB fires its brewing kettle with bio-diesel fuel.

**IRON HILL**

Various locations  
[www.ironhillbrewery.com](http://www.ironhillbrewery.com)

Named after a Revolutionary War landmark in Delaware, the Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant chain continues to grow throughout Delaware and Pennsylvania, offering a set line-up at each location but also a range of specials. Its brewers also package an Iron Hill Reserve Line in 750 ml corked bottles for sale at the pubs.

**MUNICH WEIZEN**

HEFEWEIZEN 5.4% ABV  
Properly cloudy, with subdued fruit aromas. Banana on the palate, with distinct cloves and crisp wheat.

**DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5.5% ABV  
Rich without being heavy. Surprising caramel and toasted flavors, mild hop presence with just enough bitterness.

**BORIS THE CRUSHER**

IMPERIAL STOUT 9.4% ABV  
As thick as motor oil, with intense aromas of burnt liquorice, chocolate, and roasted coffee beans.

**BODACIOUS BLACK & TAN**

STRONG ALE 7.6% ABV  
A blend of IPA and BORIS, creating a tension between piney hops and coffee-chocolate richness that holds the beer together.

**VELVET ESB**

SPECIAL BITTER 5.2% ABV  
A session ale by American standards; rich in caramel, soft on the palate, with signature hop character throughout.

**ORGANIC IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.6% ABV  
Fresh hop aromas—pine, grapefruit, lemon zest. Hop flavors, bitterness matched by bright malt character.

**RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT 9.5% ABV  
Rich, dark-chocolate aroma with supporting coffee notes. Deep chocolate flavors, balanced by roasty bitterness.

**PIG IRON PORTER**

PORTER 5.4% ABV  
One of their first beers. Roasted and rich, it's a full-flavored blend of coffee, prunes, and dark cherries.



### ITHACA

606 Elmira Road  
Elmira, NY 14851  
[www.ithacabeer.com](http://www.ithacabeer.com)

Located in New York's Finger Lakes region, already well known among wine drinkers, Ithaca Beer Company has boosted the region's beer's profile since brewing began in 1998.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery has led efforts to re-establish New York State as a US center of hop growing.

### JOLLY PUMPKIN

3115 Broad Street  
Dexter, MI 48130  
[www.jollypumpkin.com](http://www.jollypumpkin.com)

Not quite like any other brewery in the US, Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales allows its beers to develop under the influence of local wild yeast. All beers are aged in barrels, and are often blended and re-fermented in the bottle to deliver effervescent beer. Though its output is small, the brewery has developed a national following.

### KONA

75-5629 Kuakini Highway  
Kailua Kona, HI 97640  
[www.konabrewingco.com](http://www.konabrewingco.com)

Sales are booming everywhere for Kona Brewing, which offers mainland drinkers "a pint of paradise." The Big Island brewery added capacity to meet growing demand in Hawaii, while sales in 17 mainland states have increased even faster. Beers sold on the mainland are made under contract at Widmer Brothers in Oregon.

### KUHNHENN

5919 Chicago Road  
Warren, MI 48092  
[www.kbrewery.com](http://www.kbrewery.com)

Brothers Brett and Eric Kuhnenn turned the hardware store their father ran for 35 years into a small brewery, winery, meadery, and brew-on-premises (where customers can make their own beer). The national reputation of Kuhnenn shows how word of mouth—and the Internet—can help small breweries develop a cult following.

### NUT BROWN

BROWN ALE 5% ABV

A deep, inviting brown pour. Nutty, with caramel and chocolate notes, its underlying sweetness is balanced by herbal hops.

### OLD HABIT

RYE BEER 9% ABV

Part of a special Excelsior! series. Made with four rye malts, with a portion aged in rye whiskey barrels.

### ORO DE CALABAZA

BELGIAN STRONG GOLDEN ALE 8% ABV

Golden and cloudy, tart and spicy, with orchard fruit and citrus. Develops with age.

### BAM BIERE

SAISON 4.5% ABV

The whole exceeds the sum of its parts in this "farmhouse" ale, from the hops (billowing head, dry finish) to the spicy malts.

### PIPELINE PORTER

PORTER 5.4% ABV

Brewed with local Kona coffee, its flavor is well-integrated. Roasty malt, oily, with chocolate notes.

### FIRE ROCK PALE ALE

PALE ALE 6% ABV

Reddish-orange with slightly sweet caramel aromas and flavor, spicy and citric hops are cleverly integrated and balanced.

### RASPBERRY EISBOCK

EISBOCK 10.6% ABV

A small-run beer. Complex, rich with raspberries, chocolate, warming alcohol, and a closing tartness.

### PENETRATION PORTER

PORTER 5.9% ABV

Almost black, with roasted coffee, chocolate, and dark fruits like cherry filling the nose and the mouth. Citrusy hop finish.



**LAGUNITAS**

1280 North McDowell Boulevard  
Petaluma, CA 94954  
[www.lagunitas.com](http://www.lagunitas.com)

Always known for its hop-driven beers, Lagunitas launched a new range in 2006, each one commemorating a Frank Zappa album and released 40 years after the album of the same name. Founder Tony Magee obtained the permission of the Zappa Family Trust to use the original album art on the bottle label for these beers.

**LAKE PLACID**

14 Mirror Lake Drive  
Lake Placid, NY 12946  
[www.ubuale.com](http://www.ubuale.com)

Located in the Adirondack Mountains ski resort, this brewery's flagship Ubu Ale became famous when Bill Clinton had "growlers" (64-ounce refillable jugs) delivered to the White House. The company has built a new brewery near its brewpub, offering tours and tastings every Saturday afternoon.

**LAKEFRONT**

1872 North Commerce Street,  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
[www.lakefrontbrewery.com](http://www.lakefrontbrewery.com)

Lakefront Brewing, known since 1987 for a range of robust beers, recently moved to the fore in brewing New Grist gluten-free beer for celiacs who cannot tolerate the grains traditionally used in making beer.

BREWING SECRET New Grist is brewed from sorghum, hops, water, rice, and gluten-free yeast grown on molasses.

**LANCASTER**

302 North Plum Street  
Lancaster, PA 17602  
[www.lancasterbrewing.com](http://www.lancasterbrewing.com)

Lancaster was once dubbed the "Munich of the United States" and home to 14 breweries, some of which flaunted Prohibition. The last of the originals closed nearly 40 years before Lancaster Brewing opened in 1995. The 19th-century former tobacco warehouse also houses a restaurant serving dishes such as mussels cooked in ale, and beer-battered shrimp.

**INDIA PALE ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 5.7% ABV  
Brimming with hop character—orange, grapefruit, peaches, pine—over malty sweetness.

**KILL UGLY RADIO**

INDIA PALE ALE 7.8% ABV  
Only in the US is this an IPA. Caramel and fermentation fruit are balanced by spicy, citrusy, and bitter Northwest hops.

**UBU ALE**

STRONG ALE 7% ABV  
On the sweet side, dominated by malt with chocolate, caramel, and dark fruit flavors.

**46'ER IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 6% ABV  
Honoring all who have climbed the 46 Adirondack High Peaks, this is a classic crisp, stongly hopped IPA.

**NEW GRIST**

GLUTEN FREE 5% ABV  
A tang of citrus zest to start, then a light palate with hints of fruit. Mildly astringent and tart.

**RIVERWEST STEIN**

VIENNA LAGER 6% ABV  
Lightly toasted aromas with hints of caramel. More caramel in the mouth, and hop citrus fruitiness. Woody undertones.

**MILK STOUT**

MILK STOUT 5.3% ABV  
Lightly roasted coffee notes sit well with the creamy texture. Chocolate, dark fruits, and nuttiness.

**HOP HOG IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 7.9% ABV  
Considerable caramel-malt character is well balanced by hoppy grapefruit, citrus, and spruce.



### LEFT HAND

1265 Boston Avenue  
Longmont, CO 80501  
[www.lefthandbrewing.com](http://www.lefthandbrewing.com)

The company takes its name from the Arapahoe Chief Niwot, his name translating as “left hand.” Originally brewing English-style ales, the brewery merged in 1998 with Tabernash, known for Bavarian-inspired beers. Those beers have now been phased out, but Left Hand continues to develop a wide range of beer styles and produces many seasonal brews too.

#### MILK STOUT

**MILK STOUT** 5.3% ABV  
Complex and smooth, chocolate and burnt toast in the aroma and flavor constantly balanced by creamy sweetness.

#### BLACKJACK PORTER

**PORTER** 5.2% ABV  
Chocolate and liquorice aromas, medium body, with hints of dark cherries and a smooth, dry finish.



### LEINENKUGEL'S

1 Jefferson Avenue  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
[www.leinie.com](http://www.leinie.com)

Since 1988, when Miller Brewing bought a controlling interest, the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company has grown into one of the largest regional breweries in the country, distributing in almost every state.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery, founded in 1867, still offers a range reflecting its German heritage.

#### CREAMY DARK

**US DARK LAGER** 4.9% ABV  
As creamy as promised, chocolate with coffee and cream character and a dryish not-too-bitter finish.

#### SUNSET WHEAT

**US WHEAT BEER** 4.9% ABV  
Light but complex beer, almost a fruit salad of aromas and flavors, with some wheaty tartness and coriander spiciness.



### LION

700 North Pennsylvania Avenue  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705  
[www.lionbrewery.com](http://www.lionbrewery.com)

The Lion Brewery, founded in 1905, is a survivor—the last of dozens of breweries that once operated in northeastern Pennsylvania. Most recently the brewery has emphasized this heritage with its Stegmaier brand of good-value traditional beers, the roots of which go back to 1857.

#### STEG 150

**VIENNA LAGER** 5.5% ABV  
Created to celebrate the brewery's 150th anniversary. Smells like warm toast, malt-accented, lightly sweet but smooth, not cloying.

#### STEGMAIER PORTER

**PORTER** 5.5% ABV  
Notes of sweet chocolate and ripe fruit matched with toasty malt and a coffee-bitter finish.



### LIVE OAK

3301 East Fifth Street  
Austin, TX 78702  
[www.liveoakbrewing.com](http://www.liveoakbrewing.com)

Live Oak's brewmaster-owner Chip McElroy successfully merges Austin's hip culture with a traditional brewing regimen. More than ten years after opening, the brewery still sells only draft beer.

**BREWING SECRET** Their classic Pils is produced with an old-fashioned method that uses a decoction mash.

#### PILZ

**PILSNER** 3.9% ABV  
Bright golden, with a flowery nose showcasing Saaz hops. Soft and slightly oily palate; dry, bitter finish.

#### HEFEWEIZEN

**HEFEWEIZEN** 4.1% ABV  
Yeasty, full of bananas, vanilla, and cloves, with a hint of bubblegum. Lush flavors to start with, but dry at the finish. A spring/summer beer.

THE STORY OF ...

# THE GIANTS OF BREWING

Walk into any airport bar in the world, five-star hotel, or major supermarket and the chances are that it will sell beer from one of the big five multinational breweries.

SABMiller, InBev, Anheuser-Busch, Heineken, and Carlsberg stand as behemoths in the world of beer. These mega-companies straddle continents and dominate domestic markets. And while their beers are happily drunk by millions of people every day, they do ruffle the feathers of many serious beer lovers, who accuse them of stifling innovation and local and regional beer traditions.

Around the world, the big five are involved in fierce competition, battling it out for the cream of the market share. For this is no cosy cartel, but a full-blooded battle royal to be the biggest brewer in the world. They grow their businesses organically and through acquisitions, and, now that beer is drunk worldwide, they are targeting Russia, China, and India—places far beyond their traditional markets.

Big they might be, dominated by marketing personnel and accountants they certainly are, but within each of these giant corporations there somewhere beats the heart of a brewer proud to be producing a beer made with good, natural ingredients.

## CARLSBERG

Times have changed since JC Jacobsen first introduced the world to Carlsberg in 1847. Carlsberg's three key markets are Western Europe, Eastern Europe, and Asia. The company has majority holdings in several large European breweries, such as Carlsberg UK, Carlsberg in Sweden, Ringnes in Norway, Feldschlösschen in Switzerland, Sinebrychoff in Finland, and Carlsberg Polska. It now wholly owns the Baltic Beverages Holding, which brews beer in Russia, Ukraine, and the Baltic states. Carlsberg also has significant activities in Asia, which are run by its fully owned subsidiary Carlsberg Asia.



▲ Poster for Carlsberg beer dating from 1958.

◀ Carlsberg's original brewery in Denmark was founded in the mid-19th century in Valby.

▼ Carlsberg's original brewhouse is now used to brew the Jacobsen range of specialty beers.



# INBEV

InBev can trace its origins back to a brewery called Den Horen, which was founded in 1366 in the town of Leuven, just outside Brussels. In 1717, Sebastien Artois, the master brewer, purchased the brewery and changed its name to Artois.

A company called Interbrew was formed in 1987 from the merger of Brasseries Artois, then the second largest brewer in Belgium, and Brasseries Piedboeuf, then the largest brewer in Belgium and the brewer of Jupiler.

InBev was formed in 2004 when the Belgian company Interbrew and the Brazilian Companhia de Bebidas das Américas combined to create a corporation that styles itself as “the world’s largest local brewer.” InBev sells Stella Artois and Beck’s worldwide, and owns Leffe, Brahma, Staropramen, and Hoegaarden. The company says the bedrock of the business is its 200 local brands, which include Skol in Latin America, Jupiler (the best-selling beer in Belgium), Labatt Blue in Canada, and Sedrin in China.



◀ InBev’s brewing headquarters in Leuven, Belgium, is home of the Stella Artois beer brand.

▼ InBev also owns the German brewery in Bremen where Beck’s is brewed; in the last 20 years, Beck’s has become a major international beer brand.



▲ The draft horses that were once used at Anheuser-Busch Brewery have become a symbol of the company’s heritage; Budweiser is its most famous brand.

▶ Anheuser-Busch has major interests in several other breweries, including a 50 percent stake in Grupo Modelo in Mexico—brewers of Corona beer.



## ANHEUSER-BUSCH

Anheuser-Busch is the leading American brewer, with nearly 50 percent of the US beer market. Still family controlled, it brews the world’s best-selling beers, Budweiser and Bud Light. It also brews the Busch and Michelob family of beers.

Anheuser-Busch has several long-standing relationships with craft brewers, such as Redhook Ale Brewery and Widmer Brothers Brewing; in addition, it bought the Rolling Rock brands in 2006. The company also holds a 50 percent share in Grupo Modelo, Mexico’s leading brewer, as well as having investments in China’s Tsingtao Brewery and Compañía Cervecerías Unidas in Argentina.

# SABMILLER

SABMiller has brewing operations in more than 60 countries across six continents. Its internationally marketed brands include Pilsner Urquell, Peroni Nastro Azzurro, and Miller Genuine Draft; its local brands include Aguila, Miller Lite, Snow, and Tyskie.

SAB (South African Breweries) was founded in 1895 when it launched its first brand, Castle Lager, in its home market of South Africa. The founder, a Swedish entrepreneur called Jacob Letterstedt, intended to provide beer for the thousands of miners and prospectors around Johannesburg.

In 2002, SABMiller was formed after SAB acquired Miller Brewing Company, then the second largest brewery by volume in the USA. The company is growing strongly in China and has recently bought the Dutch company Grolsch, the Netherland's second largest producer of pilsner. In 2007, SABMiller's Russian operation invested \$170 million in the construction of a new brewery east of Moscow.



▲ SABMiller's Snow facility has given the company a brewing base in China, where potential is seen for a growing market for SABMiller beers.

▶ ▲ Among the best-known brands that SABMiller owns are Peroni from Italy, Pilsner Urquell from the Czech Republic, Grolsch from the Netherlands, and Miller Lite from the US.

◀ Castle Lager is where it all started for the SAB part of SABMiller; South African Breweries began in 1895, and Castle Lager was its first brew.



◀ Gerard Heineken, the brewery's founder, set up Heineken in 1864, and immediately began brewing lager.

## HEINEKEN

Heineken has its roots in Amsterdam, where Gerard Adriaan Heineken purchased a run-down brewery called the Haystack in 1864. Today, the Heineken brand is the largest beer brand in Europe, and the company claims it is the most valuable beer brand in the world. Heineken also owns Amstel, which is the third largest beer brand in Europe.

Operating in more than 170 countries, through its own breweries and through export and licensing partners, Heineken has the widest global presence of all international brewers. Europe accounts for over half of Heineken's sales. It owns more than 120 breweries in at least 65 countries and employs over 60,000 people. It recently assumed ownership of Scottish and Newcastle breweries in the UK.



▲ Currently Heineken's main brewing facility in the Netherlands, the Zoeterwoude Brewery near Amsterdam was built in 1975.

◀ Heineken is now the largest beer brand in Europe.

## HIDDEN GEMS

While the five giants might concentrate most of their marketing strategies and budget on the main brands that they produce, they all also brew gems which beer lovers should certainly seek out.

Carlsberg's Jacobsen Vintage No 1 is said to be the most expensive beer in the world. A 10.5% ABV barley wine, it has been wood aged in Côte d'Or barrels made from Swedish and French oak. It has flavors of vanilla, smoke, caramel, and port.

InBev's Campbell's Scotch Ale (right), at 7.7% ABV, has wonderful spicy and caramel candy aromas. Full of raisin flavors, it has a slightly burnt finish.

Anheuser-Busch may be more well known for its classic Budweiser brands, but it also brews a sprightly

beer in the style of a Belgian witbier. Shock Top—an unfiltered wheat beer brewed at 5.2% ABV—sports a naturally cloudy consistency and tastes of orange and spices.

Heineken bought the Zywiec Brewery in Poland in the 1990s. At the company's Bracki Brewery in Zamkowy, an aromatic Baltic Porter is brewed in open fermenters. Weighing in at a very hefty 9.5% ABV, it is full of sweet coffee notes.

SABMiller's Castle Milk Stout, at 6% ABV, is a true milk stout, in which lactose sugars have been added to the wort during the brewing process.

▶ Campbell's Scotch Ale, produced by InBev



**LONG TRAIL**

Junction Route 4 and 100A, Bridgewater Corners, Vermont 05035, USA  
www.longtrail.com

Long Trail Brewing is a promoter of “EcoBrewing”. Among other measures, it uses only two gallons of water for each of beer made (compared to an industry average of 6:1). Although the regional brewery leans heavily on its flagship Long Trail Ale, it continues to broaden its range with seasonal beers.

**LOST ABBEY**

155 Mata Way, San Marcos, California 92069, USA  
www.lostabbey.com

Lost Abbey beers sometimes pay homage to monastery ales, but some are unlike anything ever brewed in an abbey. Port Brewing, born out of a successful chain of brewpubs in the San Diego area, launched the brand in 2006. Lost Abbey quickly built up a devoted following, with consumers lining up outside to buy its special releases. Brewmaster Tomme Arthur

oversees the ageing room, conjuring up what are best thought of as “Wild American” ales – malt-accented beers enhanced by the barrels in which they are matured.

**BREWING SECRET** The wooden barrels that once held wines and whiskies now nurture wild yeasts.

**LOST COAST**

123 West 3rd Street, Eureka, California 95501, USA  
www.lostcoast.com

Set in a historic seaside town amidst Victorian buildings, Lost Coast is itself somewhat historic. The brewery was founded in 1990 by two women, one of them, Barbara Groom, the brewer. “If there’s a difference between male and female brewers,” Groom has said, “it’s that women brewers may make more well-balanced beers, ones with less bitterness”.

**LONG TRAIL ALE**

ALTBIER 5% ABV

Deep copper, smooth malt aromas, and hop spiciness, but without the hop bitterness of German altbiers.

**DOUBLE BAG**

STRONG ALE 7.2% ABV

Tastes like a stronger version of Long Trail Ale, particularly rich in caramel and chocolate. Earthy, somewhat pungent, hops.

**RED POPPY**

SOUR ALE 5.5% ABV

Brown ale with sour cherries, aged in French oak wine barrels for a year. Oaky, with pleasing acidity.

**CUVEE DE TOMME**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 11.5% ABV

Flavours of cherries, chocolate, smoke, dark fruits, dried fruits, and vanilla. Balanced by restrained sourness and an acidic finish.

**JUDGMENT DAY**

BELGIAN STRONG DARK ALE 10.5% ABV

Dark and powerful, with profoundly fruity aromas and palate; chocolate and whisky malt undertones.

**ANGEL'S SHARE**

BARLEY WINE 11.5% ABV

Some batches are aged in bourbon barrels, some in brandy ones. The result is an intense blend of rich malts and wood character.

**DOWNTOWN BROWN**

BROWN ALE 5% ABV

Soft and smooth, caramel, nuts, and cocoa throughout, coffee bitterness blending with earthy hops.

**8 BALL STOUT**

STOUT 5.9% ABV

Creamy, full-bodied, with a balance of bitter chocolate and coffee. Brief sweetness is swept away in the bitter-dry finish.



### MAC & JACK'S

17825 Northeast 65th Street, Redmond, Washington 98025, USA  
www.macandjacks.com

Mac and Jack's has grown into a significant regional presence with a tiny range and selling only draught beer. Its African Amber accounts for 90 per cent of sales and is the best-selling draught beer in Seattle.

**BREWING SECRET** Each keg that leaves the brewery contains a mesh bag packed with hops.

### MACTARNAHAN'S

2730 Northwest 31st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97210, USA  
www.macsbeer.com

Portland Brewing, one of Oregon's first breweries, was acquired by Pyramid in 2004. It now brews their beers in Oregon but also the popular MacTarnahan range, named after Robert "Mac" MacTarnahan, an early investor in Portland Brewing. One of Oregon's most accomplished senior athletes, he was the public face of the brewery until he died in 2004.

### MAD RIVER

195 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, California 95525, USA  
www.madriverbrewing.com

Founder Bob Smith built his brewery in 1989 using recycled materials, and has since received many awards for its waste-reduction programmes. Mad River reuses 98 per cent of its residuals and generates just one cubic metre/yard of waste a month while brewing about 250,000 gallons of beer per year.

### MAGIC HAT

5 Bartlett Road, Burlington, Vermont 05403, USA  
www.magicat.net

Magic Hat's unique and sometimes outrageous packaging and its "non-style" beers have brought double-digit growth year after year. It began in 2008 with construction underway to double capacity, and plans to push distribution into the midwest and south.

**BREWING SECRET** The Orlio range of beers are certified organic.

### AFRICAN AMBER

AMBER 5.4% ABV

Generously dry-hopped and brimming with refreshing citrusy, floral hop aromas and flavours.

Caramel on the palate gives way to a medium-dry finish.

### MACTARNAHAN'S AMBER ALE

AMBER ALE 5% ABV

Scottish-style caramel and brown sugar sweetness, with citrusy Northwest hops.

### BLACKWATCH CREAM PORTER

PORTER 5.3% ABV

Brewed with oatmeal for a creamy mouthfeel. Cocoa and nutty aromas, with richer chocolate and dark fruits on the palate.

### JAMAICA RED ALE

AMBER ALE 6.6% ABV

First made for the annual reggae festival. Sweetish nose, with Crystal malts and solid, refreshing hops.

### STEELHEAD SCOTCH PORTER

PORTER 6.4% ABV

Distinctly a porter, with roasted malt and a touch of sourness. Caramel notes and hints of smoke add complexity.

### #9

PALE ALE 4.6% ABV

Apricot-infused. Subtle stone fruits on the palate, sometimes buttery notes. Finishes dry.

### ROXY ROLLES

AMBER ALE 5.8% ABV

Brewed for the winter season, rich with caramel and grapefruit aromas and flavours, balanced by closing bitterness.





BREWERY

BEER

**MARBLE**

111 Marble Avenue NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, USA  
www.marblebrewery.com

This new microbrewery has spun out of the award-winning Chama River and Blue Corn brewpubs, both part of the same northern New Mexico restaurant chain. Reflecting shifting beer trends, Marble Brewery's first batch was an assertive India pale ale. Its beers are available throughout the chain.

**MARIN**

1809 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur, California 94939, USA  
www.marinbrewing.com

Marin Brewing was one of the most honoured breweries in early years of Great American Beer Festival awards. It returned to the spotlight in 2007, adding four gold medals to its trophy case. Moylan's, the brewpub Marin brewmaster Brendan Moylan opened in nearby Novato, won gold and silver for its Imperial India Pale Ale.

**MCMENAMINS**

Various locations  
www.mcmenamins.com

The McMenamin brothers seem to have a pub in every northwestern neighbourhood – more than 50 in all – but each one is different, tailored to the location or the premises they inhabit. Some brew on site while others serve McMenamins beer brewed at the Edgefield Brewery, near Portland in Oregon, as well as a range of local beers.

**MENDOCINO**

South Highway 101, Hopland, California 13351, USA  
www.mendobrew.com

Mendocino Brewing was one of the first success stories among US "boutique" breweries (as they were called at the time). It opened in 1983 as the Hopland Brewery, having acquired equipment, the house yeast, and even a few employees from the groundbreaking, but by then defunct, New Albion Brewery.

**MARBLE IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.2% ABV  
West coast oriented, with an opening rush of citrus, particularly grapefruit. Resiny, bitter finish.

**MARBLE KÖLSCH**

KÖLSCH 5.5% ABV  
A Great American Beer Festival gold medal winner. Fresh but subtle orchard fruits on the nose; light and crisp in the mouth.

**SAN QUENTIN'S BREAKOUT STOUT**

STOUT 7.1% ABV  
Bittersweet chocolate and coffee at the start and end, balanced by sweet molasses in between. Roasty and dry.

**STAR BREW TRIPLE WHEAT ALE**

US WHEAT BEER 9.5% ABV  
A tongue-twister: the juicy, dark fruit of a barley wine, spicy wheat tartness, and intense hop flavours and bitterness.

**HAMMERHEAD**

PALE ALE 6% ABV  
Their bestseller. Abundant caramel sweetness balanced with a large dose of fragrant Northwest hops.

**BLACK RABBIT PORTER**

PORTER 5.6% ABV  
Cocoa and nutty aromas, with sweeter chocolate and roasted nuts in the mouth, as well as a bit of buttery toffee.

**RED TAIL ALE**

AMBER ALE 6.1% ABV  
An earthy nose includes hints of orchard fruits. Layers of creamy malt with notes of liquorice.

**BLUE HERON**

PALE ALE 6.1% ABV  
Orange zest and lemon rind to start, giving way to traditional biscuity malt and a balanced, moderate bitterness.



### MERCURY

23 Hayward Street, Ipswich,  
Massachusetts 01938, USA  
[www.mercurybrewing.com](http://www.mercurybrewing.com)

Founded in 1991 as the Ipswich Brewery, it had sold the rights to its original brands before new owners acquired the brewery in 1999 and renamed it Mercury. Mercury later reacquired the Ipswich brands and has been on a fast growth track, with Ipswich and Stone Cat ales, Mercury old-fashioned soda pop, and even oatmeal stout mustard.

#### IPSWICH ORIGINAL ALE

PALE ALE 5.4% ABV

Lightly bready with tropical fruit on the nose. Pleasing hop flavours meld with a biscuity palate.

#### IPSWICH DARK ALE

BROWN ALE 6.3% ABV

Bold, with significant citric hops to match a full body of roasted malts, chocolate, brown sugar, and toffee.

### MICHIGAN

1093 Highview Drive, Webberville,  
Michigan 48892, USA  
[www.michiganbrewing.com](http://www.michiganbrewing.com)

Although Michigan Brewing was one of the state's biggest breweries before it bought the defunct Celis brand from international giant Miller, it is now best known for that range of beers. Belgian in style, they were first created by Pierre Celis (brewer of the original Hoegaarden beer) after he moved to Texas. Celis even helped brew the first batches made in Michigan.

#### CELIS WHITE

WITBIER 4.25% ABV

Cloudy, coriander-spicy, with citrus and a fresh blend of floral hops and toffee. Notes of plums and dates.

#### MACKINAC PALE ALE

PALE ALE 5.5% ABV

The brewery flagship, golden-orange, not quite pale, with substantial malt fruitiness. Earthy and citrusy American hops.

### MIDDLE AGES

120 Wilkinson Street, Syracuse,  
New York 13204, USA  
[www.middleagesbrewing.com](http://www.middleagesbrewing.com)

When Mary Rubenstein gave her husband, Marc, a birthday card that read "welcome to the middle ages", she unknowingly named the brewery the two homebrewers would launch in 1995. They've earned a reputation for their cask-conditioned, or "real", ale. BREWING SECRET Their yeast is descended from an 150-year-old Yorkshire strain.

#### GRAIL ALE

PREMIUM BITTER 5.5% ABV

Alive on cask, with a ruby hue and a fresh blend of floral hops and toffee. Notes of plums and dates.

#### BLACK HEART STOUT

STOUT 6.6% ABV

Fresh coffee and chocolate, with underlying smokiness. Rich yeast character but a dry finish.

### MIDNIGHT SUN

7329 Arctic Boulevard, Anchorage,  
Alaska 99518, USA  
[www.midnightsunbrewing.com](http://www.midnightsunbrewing.com)

Midnight Sun has developed a cult following, despite producing only about as much beer as a good-sized brewpub, and distributing only as far as Oregon. A 2007 Seven Deadly Sin series of "excessive" beers is being followed by an "out-of-this-world" range of Nine Planet beers.

#### SOCKEYE RED IPA

INDIA PALE ALE 5.7% ABV

Northwest hops upfront, grapefruit and evergreen pine needles later. Complemented by caramel richness.

#### ARCTIC DEVIL BARLEY WINE

BARLEY WINE 14% ABV

Aged in port, wine, or whiskey barrels, it varies from batch to batch. A malt base, rich with plums and raisins, assures complexity.



BREWERY

BEER

**MILLSTREAM**

835 48th Avenue, Amana, Iowa 52203, USA  
www.millstreambrewing.com

Millstream is located in the historic Amana Colonies, a region established by German-speaking European settlers before the Civil War. Opening in 1985, it didn't attract the same attention as other micro-breweries, but it has an increased presence in the midwest since a change of ownership in 2000.

**JOHN'S GROCERY GENERATIONS WHITE ALE**

WITBIER 5.2% ABV  
Cloudy and effervescent. Pepper and coriander spices, fruit character blending with yeast, and finally tart.

**SCHILD BRAU AMBER**

VIENNA LAGER 4.9% ABV  
Copper with rich red highlights. A full malt middle that's almost nutty. Floral, spicy hops.

**MINHAS**

1208 14th Avenue, Monroe, Wisconsin 53566, USA  
www.minhasbrewery.com

Ravinder Minhas was just 24 years old when he bought the historic Joseph Huber Brewery in 2006 to produce his popular Mountain Creek brands, already brewed under contract in Monroe for Canadian distribution. Minhas Craft Brewery still makes the Huber brands (dating back to 1843), Berghoff beers, and a line of grocery store house label beers as well.

**LAZY MUTT**

GOLDEN ALE 4.8% ABV  
The first released under the Minhas brand, billed as a "farmhouse ale" by the brewery but more summer ale than a *saison*.

**HUBER BOCK**

BOCK 5.4% ABV  
Toasty and dry, with caramel notes. Best at Baumgartner's Cheese Store & Tavern near the brewery.

**MOONLIGHT**

2218 Laughlin Road, Windsor, California 95492, USA  
www.moonlightbrewing.com

Brian Hunt has run Moonlight Brewing as a one-man operation since 1992, sometimes calling on his family to help deliver beer (available only in kegs). He worked for former brewing giant Schlitz, before founding his farmhouse brewery in Sonoma County.  
BREWING SECRET Hunt grows as many as possible of his own hops.

**DEATH AND TAXES BLACK**

SCHWARZBIER 5% ABV  
Very dark, and rich with roasted malt and chocolate flavours, but surprisingly light, clean, and smooth.

**REALITY CZECK**

PILSNER 4.8% ABV  
Almost sweet aromas and flavours of freshly crushed pilsner malt, with new-mown hay and flowery hop notes; splendidly balanced.

**NEW BELGIUM**

500 Linden Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524, USA  
www.newbelgium.com

New Belgium Brewing's fans praise its beers and the sense of environmental and social responsibility its employees represent. Those beers are particularly coveted east of the Mississippi, where they are nearly impossible to find. Jeff Lebesch and Kim Jordan started out with a system, built to Belgian specifications, in their cellar in 1991.

**FAT TIRE**

AMBER ALE 5.3% ABV  
Biscuity, malty nose, with toasted caramel in the middle and a balanced finish on the sweet side of dry.

**MOTHERSHIP WIT**

WITBIER 4.8% ABV  
The brewery's first organic beer. Fruity and spicy; a creamy texture and wheat tartness on the tongue. Refreshing acidity at the finish.



They now operate the third largest craft brewery in the USA. Best known for Fat Tire Ale, the brewery offers quite a wide range of beers, including its outstanding Blue Paddle Pilsener.

**BREWING SECRET** New Belgium has more capacity for ageing beer on wood than any brewery other than Rodenbach Brewery in Belgium.

#### LA FOLIE

FLEMISH SOUR 6% ABV

Tart fruits on the nose, then oak and vanilla. Distinct but balanced acidity; a mouth-puckering finish.

#### ABBEY

DOUBLE 7% ABV

Fruity-spicy aromas of bananas and raisins, with complex chocolate and dark fruit flavours. Rich on the tongue before easing to a dry finish.



#### NEW GLARUS

Highway 69, New Glarus, Wisconsin 53574, USA  
www.newglarusbrewing.com

In 2008, New Glarus Brewing moved into a \$21 million plant, just outside a picturesque village settled by Swiss pioneers in 1845. In its rural setting, the attractive complex is designed to look like a Wisconsin dairy farm. In 2002 it was a microbrewery that made 13,700 barrels; by 2007, it had increased this fivefold. The new

#### SPOTTED COW

CREAM ALE 4.8% ABV

Faintly fruity, tasting of fresh peaches. Pleasantly grainy, light on the tongue, and refreshing.

#### YOKEL

ZWICKEL 4.7% ABV

Unfiltered lager in the Bavarian tradition. Bready, yeasty, fresh, and dry at finish. The brewery suggests drinkers "Buy Local, Drink Yokel".



expansion will allow the brewery to double production and keep pace with soaring sales and the demand for brewmaster Dan Carey's fruit beers and limited-edition "Unplugged" brews. It's an amazing success story given that New Glarus does not ship its beers outside of Wisconsin.

#### FAT SQUIRREL

BROWN ALE 5.5%

Hazelnuts on the nose, blending with chocolate and caramel flavours; nicely balanced by earthy hops.

#### WISCONSIN CHERRY BEER

FRUIT ALE 5.1% ABV

Packed with Wisconsin-grown Montmorency cherries that dominate the aroma and flavour, balanced by just-right sourness and acidity.



#### NEW HOLLAND

690 Commerce Court, Holland, Michigan 49423, USA  
www.newhollandbrew.com

New Holland Brewing bottle caps carry the slogan "Art in Fermented Form", which extends from beer to a line of brandy-flavoured vodka, gin, rum, and other spirits. To keep up with demand for its assertive beers, the brewery recently put on line a used copper-domed three-vessel brewhouse acquired from Germany.

#### THE POET

OATMEAL STOUT 6.5% ABV

Abundant roast, chocolate, and dark, rummy fruits. Full-bodied and creamy enough to balance the coffee start.

#### BLACK TULIP

TRIPLE 9% ABV

Floral, with candy and honey sweetness, and fruity notes. Sweet but tart in the mouth, accented by spicy, bitter hops.



BREWERY

BEER

**NORTH COAST**

455 North Main Street, Fort Bragg, California 95437, USA  
[www.northcoastbrewing.com](http://www.northcoastbrewing.com)

Since opening in 1988, North Coast Brewing has cast a larger shadow than its production levels would suggest. Though small for a regional brewery, it sells beer in 36 states and exports to Europe and the Pacific Rim too. Brewmaster Mark Ruedrich has further extended North Coast's reputation by exploring beer styles

before many others, and brewing them well. Most recently the brewery launched an Artisan series, packaged in corked 750ml bottles. Part of the profits from one, Brother Thelonious, go to the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz for music education. That beer has earned the brewery entry into many international jazz clubs.

**ODELL**

800 East Lincoln Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524, USA  
[www.odellbrewing.com](http://www.odellbrewing.com)

Odell Brewing opened in 1989 as a gravity-fed brewery housed in a 1915 grain elevator. It has since moved and expanded, but its dedication to traditional brewing hasn't wavered. Like its bigger neighbour, New Belgium, the company is committed to environmentally friendly brewing.

**OLD DOMINION**

44633 Guilford Drive, Ashburn, Virginia 20147, USA  
[www.olddominion.com](http://www.olddominion.com)

The brewery has made highly regarded beers since 1989. Coastal Brewing, a joint venture of Fordham in Maryland and Anheuser-Busch, purchased Old Dominion in 2007, leading to wider availability but a reduction in brands. BREWING SECRET All Old Dominion beers are strictly kosher.

**OLD RASPUTIN**

IMPERIAL STOUT 11.6% ABV  
 Powerful, but flavourful – bitter and sweet chocolate, burnt barley, rum, toffee, dried dark fruits, espresso.

**RED SEAL ALE**

PALE ALE 5.5% ABV  
 Fresh and citrusy. Solid dry malt-caramel character, perfectly balances bracing hoppy bitterness.

**BROTHER THELONIOUS**

BELGIAN STRONG DARK ALE 9.3% ABV  
 Spicy and candy-sweet aromas, with dark fruits, notes of banana and caramelized sugar, almost rummy.

**PRANQSTER**

BELGIAN STRONG GOLDEN ALE 7.6% ABV  
 Complex, fruity, honeyish aromas. Medium body offers more fruit, a bit of banana candy, and a sweet-smooth finish.

**90 SHILLING**

SCOTTISH ALE 5.3% ABV  
 A lighter version of a Scottish ale. Smoothly malty, with some nuttiness and a relatively dry finish.

**5 BARREL PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 5.2% ABV  
 Fresh, floral, and fruity (peaches). A hoppy nose, with more hops in the earthy middle, balanced perfectly against rich British malts.

**DOMINION LAGER**

DORTMUNDER 5.6% ABV  
 Well-balanced sweet pilsner malt and spicy hops. Bready notes on the palate; clean, and relatively dry.

**DOMINION PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 5.6% ABV  
 Pours surprisingly dark, with sweet caramel notes highlighted by citrus and pine from the hops. Almost creamy, and well balanced.

## BEER STYLES

# US ALES

The huge influx of German-speaking immigrants into the United States in the middle of the 19th century changed more than the ethnic mix of the country.

These newcomers brought with them a tradition of beer-making that was to revolutionize the American brewing industry. Lager beers, as well as the odd weissbier, replaced porters and ales.

Then, in 1920, began 13 years of Prohibition, which wiped the slate clean as far as brewing heritage was concerned. Those breweries that survived decided that the future lay in a light and neutral-tasting lager-style beer.

However, when a new wave of craft brewers emerged in the late 20th century, its vanguard looked to the beer styles of mainland Europe and the British Isles, and then went on to develop individual versions of amber ales, pale ales, India pale ales, and brown ales.

There are approximately 1,500 US breweries today, and many produce ale of some description. After the long reign of pale lager, ale is back with a vengeance.

**EXTREME BEERS** American ales are big, bold, and inventive, intensely flavoured with hops and malt's caramel, biscuity qualities. Exceptional examples of such creativity have led to a coining of the term "extreme beers" to convey a sense of beers that are pushing boundaries and breaking the rules.

**CRAFT BREWERS** In 1965 Fritz Maytag bought an ailing San Francisco brewery, creating the traditionally brewed Liberty Ale and launching the microbrewery movement. Home brewer and bicycle repairer Ken Grossman is a more recent example of what is now often called the craft brewer – his Sierra Nevada Brewery was founded in 1979. The term pays due tribute to the skill and respect for tradition of this new wave of brewers.

**OLD STYLES REVIVED** American brewers have been enthusiastic in replicating Old World ales, even those that had become extinct in Europe. Brown ale, somewhat taken for granted in its English homeland, has thus benefited from the magical touch of Brooklyn Brewery's Garrett Oliver, while the long-abandoned hybrid style of Cream Ale is enjoying a renaissance in the form of Honey Cream Ale from Rogue Ales of Oregon.





BREWERY

BEER

**OMMEGANG**

656 County Highway 33, Cooperstown, New York 13326, USA  
www.ommegang.com

Owned by Belgium's Duvel Moortgat, Brewery Ommegang has brewed ales in the Belgian tradition since 1997, selling limited quantities across much of the US. It hosts one of the nation's most outstanding beer festivals, Belgium Comes to Coopers-town, each summer in the picturesque brewery grounds outside of town.

**HENNEPIN**

SAISON 7.7% ABV  
Spicy and peppery throughout. Yeasty notes, citrus more apparent on the palate. Tart and dry.

**OMMEGANG ABBEY ALE**

BELGIAN STRONG DARK ALE 8.5% ABV  
The flagship ale, produced in the spirit of a Christmas beer. Rich and chocolatey, with underlying liquorice and festive spices.

**ORLANDO**

1301 Atlanta Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32806, USA  
www.orlandobrewing.com

Florida's only certified organic brewery, Orlando is trying to find a niche that has so far eluded micro-breweries in the state. Forced to relocate because of highway construction, it moved to its new home on 7 April 2006, the anniversary of the end of Prohibition.

**BLACKWATER DRY PORTER**

PORTER 5.1% ABV  
Malt-accented, with roasting coffee beans on the nose, and almost-milky chocolate and caramel flavours.

**BLONDE ALE**

GOLDEN ALE 4.5% ABV  
Pale-straw-coloured, light-bodied, with subtle malt aromas turning to apples and peaches on the palate. Dry, but with no bitterness.

**OSKAR BLUES**

303 Main Street, Lyons, Colorado 80540, USA  
www.oskarblues.com

A small mountain-town brewpub, Oskar Blues sparked a hand-canning revolution among America's small breweries in 2002, and has grown more than 800 per cent as a result. Before owner Dale Katechis won over an audience for Dale's Pale Ale craft beer, drinkers clung to the notion quality beer was not sold in cans.

**DALE'S PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 6.5% ABV  
Pour it from the can to release a blast of Northwest hops, supported by a rich, malty backbone.

**OLD CHUB**

SCOTTISH ALE 8% ABV  
Malt-accented – even a hint of whisky malt. Creamy-chewy body carries chocolate and caramel notes well. Powerful and mellow.

**OTTER CREEK**

793 Exchange Street, Middlebury, Vermont 05753, USA  
www.ottercreekbrewing.com

The Wolaver family bought the well-established Otter Creek Brewery in 2002 in order to make its own organic ales, which had previously been made under contract at other breweries. Otter Creek beers are still produced as well, and the "World Tour" series includes Otter Mon (a Jamaican-style stout) and Otteroo (an Australian-style lager).

**OTTER CREEK COPPER ALE**

ALTBIER 5.4% ABV  
Rich, complex, malty aromas and flavours, with a sneaky bitterness that extends the finish.

**WOLAVER'S OATMEAL STOUT**

OATMEAL STOUT 5.9% ABV  
Chocolate and roasted coffee at the outset, blending with creamy notes in the mouth. Full-bodied, but finishing rather dry.



### PELICAN

33180 Cape Kiwanda Drive,  
Pacific City, Oregon 97135, USA  
[www.pelicanbrewery.com](http://www.pelicanbrewery.com)

Set on the ocean shore, Pelican lies just south of Cape Kiwanda, one of Oregon's most photographed landmarks. Only small quantities are sold outside the pub.

**BREWING SECRET** Its India Pelican Ale and Doryman's Dark have both been named Grand Champion Beer at the Australian International Beer Awards.

### DORYMAN'S DARK ALE

**BROWN ALE 5.8% ABV**  
Complex malt qualities – roasted nuts, cocoa, coffee beans, caramel – balanced by Northwest hops.

### TSUNAMI STOUT

**STOUT 7% ABV**  
Deep black, with a creamy head. Coffee and chocolate on the nose and palate, rich and almost creamy. Pleasant acidic bite at the end.

### PENN

800 Vinial Street, Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania 15212, USA  
[www.pennbrew.com](http://www.pennbrew.com)

Operating in the former Eberhardt and Ober Brewery, with lagering caves in the adjoining hillside, the Pennsylvania Brewing Company has brewed in the German tradition since opening in 1986. Its other links with Germany are equally strong, with Teutonic fare on the restaurant menu, a beer garden, and a *rathskeller* (cellar bar).

### PENN WEIZEN

**HEFEWEIZEN 5.2% ABV**  
Bavarian all the way. Banana bubble-gum fruity aromas enlivened by cloves and almost peppery spices.

### PENN PILSNER

**VIENNA LAGER 5.2% ABV**  
The flagship, with light, tasty notes that define a Vienna. A true triple-decocted northern German pils.

### PETE'S

14800 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio,  
Texas 78232, USA  
[www.petes.com](http://www.petes.com)

Pete's Brewing was once among the leading new wave of American beer companies. Founder Pete Slosburg sold the business to San Antonio-based Gambrinus in 1988, and the brand has not matched the success of other Gambrinus companies. Brewed under contract in New York, Pete's is less widely available today.

### PETE'S WICKED ALE

**BROWN ALE 5.3% ABV**  
The defining American Brown Ale when brewed to Slosburg's original homebrew recipe lost its bite when the hopping rate was halved.

### WICKED STRAWBERRY BLOND

**FRUIT ALE 5% ABV**  
Looks more blond than strawberry, but berry sweetness begins on the nose and continues through the finish.

### PIKE

1415 1st Avenue, Seattle,  
Washington 98101, USA  
[www.pikebrewing.com](http://www.pikebrewing.com)

A stroll through the restaurant side of Pike Brewing is like a trip to a well-kept beer museum. Owners Charles and Rose Ann Finkel have been key figures in reviving interest in traditional beer in the US. In 1978 they founded Merchant du Vin, importing classic European styles, some for the first time, and inspiring a generation of craft brewers.

### PIKE PALE

**PALE ALE 5% ABV**  
Creamy, with juicy hops playing well off a fruity, biscuity medium body, and lingering, nutty dry finish.

### PIKE KILT LIFTER

**SCOTTISH ALE 6.5% ABV**  
Caramel-accented, with balancing earthy peat-smoked notes, from the opening aromas through to a just-dry-enough finish.





### PYRAMID

1201 First Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98134, USA  
www.pyramidbrew.com

Pyramid has developed scores of ales and absorbed other breweries since opening in 1984. Today it emphasizes its wheat beer prowess. It operates several brewpubs on the West coast, with brewing facilities in Washington, Oregon, and California.

BREWING SECRET Magic Hat is in the process of acquiring Pyramid.

### APRICOT ALE

FRUIT BEER 5.1% ABV  
Apricot in colour. Apricot on the nose. Apricot and wheat flavours mingle in the mouth. Clean and light.

### HEFEWEIZEN

US HEFEWEIZEN 5.2% ABV  
Brewed with 60 per cent wheat. Pouring cloudy, slightly grainy, with wheat tartness on the palate.



### REAL ALE

231 San Saba Court, Blanco, Texas 78606, USA  
www.realalebrewing.com

The brewers at Real Ale Brewing celebrated their 2007 move from a tiny basement brewery to a new facility by doubling their output. As well as using biodiesel for its own trucks, the brewery now sells the fuel (on a not-for-profit basis) to truckers passing through Hill County.

### FULL MOON PALE RYE

PALE RYE 5.6% ABV  
Distinctively rye (almost rye bread), balanced with fruitiness in the middle and a lively citrus hop finish.

### SISYPHUS

BARLEY WINE 11% ABV  
A rich, mahogany-coloured beer that varies in strength each vintage. Complex and viscous with toffee notes, it improves with age.



### REDHOOK

14300 Northeast 145th Street, Woodinville, Washington 98072, USA  
www.redhook.com

Redhook has merged with Widmer Brothers, but the two breweries continue to operate separately and sell their own brands. Founded in 1982, Redhook survived despite locals calling its first ale "banana beer". It was not until the introduction of Ballard Bitter in 1984 that it was certain the brewery would succeed.

### ESB

EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER 5.7% ABV  
Caramel on the nose, and a slightly grassy palate, with fruit, honey, and butterscotch notes.

### BLACKHOOK PORTER

PORTER 5.2% ABV  
The brewery calls this a "London porter". Dark chocolate malts trumped by roasted coffee beans and a pleasant acrid sour note.



### RIVER HORSE

80 Lambert Lane, Lambertville, New Jersey 08530, USA  
www.riverhorse.com

Founded in 1996, in this historic river town, by three brothers who converted a former oyster cracker plant into a brewery. A Philadelphia investment firm bought control of the brewery in 2007, leaving the brothers in charge of brewing but committing to expand distribution and the product range.

### HOP HAZARD

PALE ALE 5.5% ABV  
Hop-accented, citric and grassy aromas, with caramel flavours meeting slightly abrasive hops.

### TRIPEL HORSE

TRIPLE 10% ABV  
Sweet and spicy nose with vanilla esters, and fresh fruit flavours with satisfying hoppy bitterness. A substantial alcohol bite.



### ROCK BOTTOM

Various locations  
www.rockbottom.com

The Rock Bottom chain operates more than 30 brewery-restaurants, together producing more than 40,000 barrels annually. They also have over 50 Old Chicago restaurants that offer more than 30 beers each on tap. Each Rock Bottom Brewery Restaurant location usually features similar core beers but the recipes may vary from pub to pub.

### TERMINAL STOUT

STOUT ABV VARIABLE

Reflecting local preference, it might be deemed an Imperial Stout at one location, Oatmeal, or Dry elsewhere.

### MOLLY'S TITANIC BROWN ALE

BROWN ALE 5.6% ABV

Brown ales vary from pub to pub. This version from Denver is malt-driven. It's an award-winner in the "brown porter" category.

### ROGUE

2320 OSU Drive, Newport,  
Oregon 97365, USA  
www.rogueales.com

Rogue Ales brewmaster John Maier joined the company a year after it opened in 1988. He has earned an international reputation for brewing envelope-pushing beers by creating a well-structured malt foundation on which to layer massive hop additions. This approach has won hundreds of awards and fostered the growth of the "Rogue Nation" – loyal fans who

### DEAD GUY ALE

HELLER BOCK 6.6% ABV

Complex, clean malt aromas, rich and fruity, becoming toastier on the palate. Bright bitter hops. Dry and spicy.

### BRUTAL BITTER

EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER 6.2% ABV

Aromatic and flowery hops become juicier on the palate, braced against fermentation fruit and bready malt. Bitter to the end.

eagerly await the release of limited-edition Johns Locker Stock beers. Beyond its home bases of Newport and Portland, Rogue Ales operates brewpubs and restaurants along the west coast, calling them "micro-meeting halls". There's even one at Portland International Airport.

**BREWING SECRET** Rogue beers are top-fermented using their own PacMan yeast which is well suited for bottle-conditioning.

### SHAKESPEARE STOUT

STOUT 6% ABV

Dark, roasty, chocolate, and coffee mingle with dark fruits and husky malt. Substantial, balanced hops and an oily/creamy smooth finish.

### HAZELNUT BROWN NECTAR

BROWN ALE 6.2% ABV

Inspired by a homebrewer's recipe, with a solid dose of hazelnuts saturating a robust brown ale.

### RUSSIAN RIVER

1812 Ferdinand Court, Santa Rosa,  
California 95404, USA  
www.russianriverbrewing.com

Owner-brewmaster Vinnie Cilurzo's creative use of hops, yeasts, and wine-barrel-ageing make it seem incredible that all his beers come from the same brewery. He was the first to brew an Imperial India Pale Ale commercially, when he was at Blind Pig Brewing. That beer is now called Pliny the Elder and has become the benchmark for the style. (Continues on p68)

### BEATIFICATION

SOUR ALE 6% ABV

A spontaneously fermented blended beer. Complex, tart mix of fruit and wood. Just right acidity at the finish.

### PLINY THE ELDER

IMPERIAL INDIA PALE ALE 8% ABV

Hoppy aroma, hoppy flavour, and a hoppy bitterness – all supported by a firm malt base.

## BEER TRAIL

# OREGON

The term “Beervana” is often used to describe Oregon’s culture of craft beer. The state also offers spectacular outdoor recreation from the Pacific Ocean on the west to Hells Canyon on the east, and up and down the Cascade Mountains in the centre. Beer touring opportunities abound, and it would be possible to spend weeks travelling and never drink the same beer twice. This three-day trail starts in the seaside town of Newport, which is home to the iconic Rogue Ales brewery. It continues the next day with scenic stops on the way to Portland, then concludes with a full day in the Rose City. For more information visit [www.oregonbeer.org](http://www.oregonbeer.org).



Rogue's Dead Guy Ale



### 1 DAY 1: NEWPORT AND ROGUE ALES

Rogue Ales Public House is located on OSU Drive, right in the centre of the working seaport of Newport. There are plenty of bed and breakfasts to choose from in this friendly town, including Rogue's “Bed and Beer” apartments, above the public house. The public house is also the place to book in for one of the brewery tours, which commence at 3pm daily. 2320 OSU Drive, Newport ([www.rogueales.com](http://www.rogueales.com))

### JOURNEY STATS

3 days  
230 km (142 miles)



### 2 DAY 2: PELICAN PUB & BREWERY

The scenic 77-km (48-mile) drive from Newport to Pacific City easily occupies a morning, so you should arrive just in time for lunch at the Pelican Pub & Brewery. The brewery-restaurant is located on the shoreline of Pacific City, where there are outstanding views of the oft-photographed Haystack Rock and Cape Kiwanda. 33180 Cape Kiwanda Drive, Pacific City ([www.pelicanbrewery.com](http://www.pelicanbrewery.com))





**3 DAY 2: GOLDEN VALLEY BREWERY & PUB**  
The scenic route to McMinnville passes through the Willamette Valley, one of the nation's premier wine-growing regions. The Golden Valley Brewery & Pub offers ales, sometimes aged in wine barrels. 980 East 4th St, McMinnville

0 miles 10 miles  
0 km 25 km



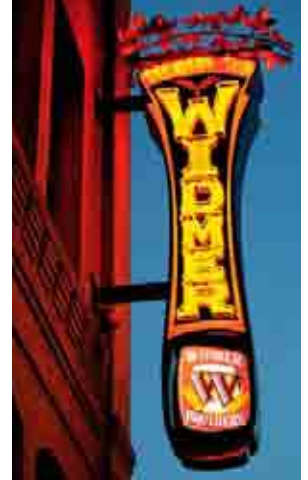
**4 DAY 3: PORTLAND** With more than three dozen breweries in the metropolitan region, it is little wonder residents of Portland like to say they live in "Beervana". Here are some you could visit on Day 3 of this trail.

#### HAIR OF THE DOG

This tiny brewery uses equipment not originally designed for brewing. Visits by appointment.  
4509 SE 23rd Avenue, Portland ([www.hairofthedog.com](http://www.hairofthedog.com))

#### WIDMER (see p78)

Visit the brewery's Gasthaus restaurant to sample the full line-up of beers – including the Alt intended to be the brewery flagship before its Hefeweizen became an American standard. The brewery offers tours on Fridays and Saturdays. 929 North Russell, Portland



#### BRIDGEPORT (see p25)

Oregon's oldest surviving brewery helped turn the Pearl District into a hip locale.  
1313 Northwest Marshall Street, Portland



#### HIGGINS BREWPUB

Greg Higgins uses local produce for his widely praised menu, which pairs well with Oregon beers and wines.  
1239 SW Broadway, Portland

#### GREEN DRAGON BISTRO AND PUB

This relative newcomer quickly became an instant hit with a trendy crowd. Offers a constantly-changing selection of beers not necessarily found elsewhere, served by a knowledgeable staff. 928 SE 9th Avenue, Portland

#### HORSE BRASS PUB

A Portland institution since 1976, the Horse Brass is a sprawling tribute to both the English pub and Oregon beer, offering 52 selections on draught. The pub is especially popular with the late-night crowd.  
4534 SE Belmont Street, Portland

**The Flanders Street**  
Brewpub in Portland, Oregon,  
has helped the city gain its  
reputation for fine beers.



FLANDERS  
ST.  
&  
PORTLAND BREWING



**RUSSIAN RIVER***(Continued from p63)*

Cilurzo and his wife, Natalie, have built a production brewery separate from their popular downtown brewpub, giving more space for a wider range of barrels and ageing. Each variety (the base beer and barrel type differ) spends at least a year on wood.

**BREWING SECRET** Cilurzo uses varieties of wild yeast in his beers. They need careful handling by a master brewer, but give great results.

**SACRAMENTO**

2713 El Paseo Lane, Sacramento, California 95821, USA  
www.sacbrew.com

Although Rubicon, founded in 1987, was Sacramento's first well-known brewery, Sacramento Brewing has grown into the town's largest, since opening in 1995. The company operates two brewery restaurants, distributes packaged beers to a growing market, and is beginning to plan for a separate production facility.

**SAINT ARNOLD**

2522 Fairway Park Drive, Houston, Texas 77092, USA  
www.saintarnold.com

The oldest surviving and largest craft brewery in Texas was founded in 1994. Saint Arnold grew out of its "micro" status in 2007, although it continues to sell its beer only within the state borders. Austrian-born St Arnold is one of the patron saints of beer; the brewery's fermenters are named after other saints.

**SAMUEL ADAMS**

30 Germania Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02130, USA  
www.samueladams.com

The name Samuel Adams has been synonymous with craft beer since Boston Beer Company was one of just a few speciality beer sellers in the country. The company launched the brand in 1984, when it contracted production to mainstream producers with excess capacity. Boston Beer has since purchased some of those breweries and produces much of its

**TEMPTATION**

**BELGIAN STRONG ALE** 7.2% ABV  
Aged in Chardonnay barrels with wild yeast. Complex and vinous. Sharp nose; Chardonnay and oak emerging as it warms.

**BLIND PIG IPA**

**INDIA PALE ALE** 6% ABV  
Explosive floral, citrus, and pine aromas. Sturdy malt accents the fruit character. Clean tangy finish.

**HEFE WEIZEN**

**HEFEWEIZEN** 5.3% ABV  
Particularly rich on the palate. Classic aromas and flavours – banana, lemon zest, yeast, wheat, and cloves.

**RED HORSE ALE**

**AMBER ALE** 6.2% ABV  
Named after the US Air Force R.E.D. H.O.R.S.E. runway repair teams. Deep amber; big across the board with plenty of malt and hops.

**AMBER**

**AMBER ALE** 5.5% ABV  
Caramel and fermentation fruit, with bright, spicy hops providing balance. Excellent on cask.

**ELISSA IPA**

**INDIA PALE ALE** 6.6% ABV  
Delightfully hoppy throughout, brimming with grapefruit character. Big and juicy, with rich malt to match the decided bitterness.

**BOSTON LAGER**

**VIENNA LAGER** 4.9% ABV  
Complex flowery/piney nose. Full-bodied, with caramel in the middle, and a satisfyingly dry finish.

**SCOTCH ALE**

**SCOTTISH ALE** 5.4% ABV  
Rich with caramel and molasses aromas and flavours. Underlying earthy and smoky notes come from the peat-smoked malt.



own beer. The company holds an employees' homebrew contest each year, with the winner's beer being sold commercially, alongside winning brews from a national amateur competition.

**BREWING SECRET** Today almost one out of five craft beers sold in the US is a Samuel Adams.

#### BLACK LAGER

**SCHWARZBIER** 4.9% ABV  
Roasted but smooth, with caramel and nuts on the palate. Coffee notes throughout, providing a pleasing closing bitterness.

#### UTOPIAS

**STRONG ALE** 27% ABV  
The strongest beer in the world, aged in brandy and port barrels. Serve and sip like a rare cognac.



#### SARANAC

811 Edward Street, Utica, New York 13502, USA  
[www.saranac.com](http://www.saranac.com)

Matt Brewing moved the Saranac line to the fore in the 1990s, emphasizing craft beers at the expense of family brands brewed since 1888. Saranac core beers and varietals have thrived, while Matt's historic Utica Club brew remains as a retro favourite.

**BREWING SECRET** "UC" was the first beer back on sale after Prohibition.

#### PALE ALE

**ENGLISH PALE ALE** 5.5% ABV  
Fruity yeastiness is complemented by crisp, citrusy hops. Building bitterness extends a long dry finish.

#### BLACK & TAN

**BLENDED BEER** 5.3% ABV  
Blend of Irish stout and German lager. Notes of chocolate and roast barley cut with just a bit of caramel.



#### SCHLAFLY

2100 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101, USA  
[www.schlafly.com](http://www.schlafly.com)

The Saint Louis Brewery makes beers packaged under the Schlafly brand at a suburban location, but the original downtown brewpub, The Taproom, is the location tourists seek out. Co-founder Tom Schlafly wrote a book called *A New Religion in Mecca* about "sharing" the St Louis market with international giant Anheuser-Busch.

#### SCHLAFLY PALE ALE

**ENGLISH PALE ALE** 4.4% ABV  
Biscuit and fruit, with a dry, not-too-bitter finish. The brewpubs serve a strong, dry-hopped version.

#### SCHLAFLY OATMEAL STOUT

**OATMEAL STOUT** 5.7% ABV  
Breakfast in a glass. Coffee and cream are balanced with a slight oiliness from the oatmeal. Smooth, with hints of smoky chocolate.



#### SHINER

603 Brewery Street, Shiner, Texas 77984, USA  
[www.shiner.com](http://www.shiner.com)

Founded in 1909, the Spoetzl Brewery has ridden the success of Shiner Bock into national prominence. In 2004 it began counting down toward its 100th birthday by releasing a special new beer every year, each one reflecting a German heritage that dates back to the original Shiner Brewing Association.

#### SHINER HEFEWEIZEN

**HEFEWEIZEN** 5.3% ABV  
Cloudy, brewed in Bavarian style with a little honey. More wheat character than yeast, with citrus hints.

#### SHINER BOCK

**US DARK LAGER** 4.4% ABV  
A dark lager, rather than a true German bock. Hints of caramel sweetness. Deliberately low on hops.





BREWERY

BEER

**SHIPYARD**

86 Newbury Street, Portland, Maine 04101, USA  
www.shipyard.com

British-born Shipyard brewmaster Alan Pugsley is one of the best-known figures in craft brewing, having trained under Peter Austin and established breweries around the world, including Geary's in 1984. Shipyard's beers reflect his philosophy of putting drinkability first. While not necessarily drawing huge public attention, this has driven annual double-digit growth.

**OLD THUMPER**

EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER 5.9% ABV  
Brewed under exclusive license from Peter Austin's Ringwood Brewery in England. Richly fruity with well-balanced bitterness.

**EXPORT ALE**

GOLDEN ALE 5.1% ABV  
The flagship ale. Sweet honey and fruit nose continues on the palate.

**SHMALTZ**

92 Cole Street #338, San Francisco California 94117, USA  
www.shmaltz.com

Since Jeremy Cowan started selling HE'BREW beer in 1996, the growth of Shmaltz Brewing has increased at an accelerated rate (550 per cent from 2003 to 2007). Brewing under contract on both coasts, and selling beer in 25 states, Shmaltz continues to roll out new high-alcohol kosher beers as well as creating the Coney Island Lagers.

**BITTERSWEET LENNY'S R.I.P.A.**

IMPERIAL INDIA PALE ALE 10% ABV  
A tribute to Lenny Bruce. Thick with rich malt, long hops; three different rye malts add spiciness.

**MESSIAH BOLD**

BROWN ALE 5.5% ABV  
"The beer you've been waiting for" is complex without being demanding. Coffee, toffee, nuts, and earthy hops in the flavour and aroma.

**SIERRA NEVADA**

1075 East 20th Street, Chico, California 95928, USA  
www.sierranevada.com

Sierra Nevada Brewing has been introducing beer drinkers to citrusy, piney Northwest hops since former homebrewers Ken Grossman and Paul Camusi launched their flagship Pale Ale in 1981. Although many other more bitter beers have since emerged, the brewery continues to act as a matchmaker between beer drinkers

**PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 5.6% ABV  
Piney, grapefruity Cascade hops play against malt fruitiness on both the nose and the palate.

**HARVEST FRESH HOP ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.7% ABV  
Made with "wet" hops, harvested and brewed on the same day. Oily and aromatic, like picking and using herbs straight from the garden.

and hops. Sierra Nevada is also an industry leader in good environmental practice. It has commissioned the first phase of one of the country's largest private solar installations, which will bring it close to its goal of generating 100 per cent of its energy needs.

**BIGFOOT**

BARLEY WINE 9.6% ABV  
Earthy and chewy, with prominent citric hops and whisky-like rich malts. Boldly bitter when young.

**CELEBRATION ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.8% ABV  
A winter seasonal, full of citrusy hop flavours, notably of tangerines. A balanced, fruity-caramel malt backbone and persistent bitterness.

**SKA**

545 Turner Drive, Durango,  
Colorado 81301, USA  
[www.skabrewing.com](http://www.skabrewing.com)

Bill Graham and Dave Thibodeau named their brewery for the Jamaican music they played while homebrewing in college, reflecting their motto "it takes characters to brew beer with character". When they founded Ska in 1995, they had day jobs and brewed at night. Now they can't keep up with the demand for their beers and are building a new brewery.

**TEN PIN PORTER**

PORTER 5.4% ABV

Chocolate and caramel throughout, with roasted coffee stronger in the flavour. Eases into bitterness.

**TRUE BLONDE**

GOLDEN ALE 4.2% ABV

Brewed with honey made just north of town. Light biscuity malt, hints of honey and a touch of citric hops.

**SLY FOX**

312 North Lewis Road, Royersford,  
Pennsylvania 19468, USA  
[www.slyfoxbeer.com](http://www.slyfoxbeer.com)

Since opening its doors in 1995, Sly Fox Brewing has mirrored many other success stories by bottling special beers in 750ml bottles, packaging beer in cans, judicious expansion, and distinctive promotions.

**BREWING SECRET** Come here on Incubus Friday (the first of each month) for the tapping of a new barrel of Triple.

**PIKELAND PILS**

PILSENER 4.9% ABV

Fresh and crisp. Delicate pilsner malt is interwoven with grassy, floral hops – spicy, and firmly bitter.

**SAISON VOS**

SAISON 6.9% ABV

Spicy, fruity, and hoppy nose, very lively on the tongue, tart fruit and bitterness emerging. Satisfyingly dry.

**SMUTTYNOSE**

225 Heritage Avenue, Portsmouth,  
New Hampshire 03801, USA  
[www.smuttynose.com](http://www.smuttynose.com)

Although Smuttynose Brewing has earned a reputation for its carefully balanced offerings, the brewery was also one of the first to embrace "extreme beers", launching a Big Beer Series in 1998. Succeeding on all fronts, it found itself out of room by 2007, and plans to relocate its brewing, still close to Portsmouth.

**SHOALS PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 5% ABV

First made at the Portsmouth pub. Pleasant fruity/biscuit palate gives way to a crisp American hop finish.

**ROBUST PORTER**

PORTER 5.7% ABV

Rich dark fruits and chocolate, well blended throughout. Rich, roasty flavours leave a strong impression for a medium-strength beer.

**SNAKE RIVER**

265 S. Millward Street, Jackson,  
Wyoming 83001, USA  
[www.snakeriverbrewing.com](http://www.snakeriverbrewing.com)

Located in central Jackson, with a view of Snow King Mountain and standing but a few miles from the Jackson Hole ski resort, Snake River brewpub occupies an old cinder-block warehouse. It has twice won Small Brewery of the Year at the Great American Beer Festival.

**ZONKER STOUT**

STOUT 5.8% ABV

Roasted barley sets a bold tone, with chocolate (almost sweet) underneath. Pleasingly dry finish.

**LAGER**

VIENNA LAGER 6% ABV

Golden, with a thick white head. Malt-accented, clean toasted and caramel flavours, drying hop finish.

**SOUTHAMPTON**

40 Bowden Square, Southampton, New York 11968, USA  
www.publick.com

Southampton Publick House's busy brewmaster, Phil Markowski, routinely travels to three breweries in New York State and Pennsylvania to make Southampton-branded beer. As well the eclectic range he's created for the brewery-restaurant on Long Island, he also brews specials, packaged in 750ml corked bottles, and oversees the

production of Double White and Secret Ale. Since early 2008, the Southampton range of beers has been marketed by Pabst.

**BREWING SECRET** Markowski is author of *Farmhouse Ales*, a definitive guide to the *saison* and *bière de garde* styles of Wallonia in Belgium.

**SOUTHERN TIER**

2051A Stoneman Circle, Lakewood, New York 14750, USA  
www.southerntierbrewing.com

When Southern Tier Brewing opened in 2004, it was expected to sell a conservative range of beers. Instead success came with an assertive IPA, followed by other beers that showed an equal ability to deliver great flavour.

**BREWING SECRET** They continue to push envelopes, as evidenced by a trio of 11 per cent imperial stouts.

**SPEAKEASY**

1195-A Evans Avenue, San Francisco, California 94124, USA  
www.goodbeer.com

Two big eyes peering suspiciously out of the darkness decorate the brewery loading dock at Speakeasy Ales & Lagers, a nod to Prohibition days. Since Speakeasy opened in 1997 local sales have been its core business, and it remains a San Francisco brewery first and foremost. Its Big Daddy IPA is named after venerable local publican David Keene of the Toronado.

**DOUBLE WHITE ALE**

WITBIER 6.8% ABV

Bright floral, citric, and sweet notes from the start. Rich textures cut by wheat and orange tartness.

**IMPERIAL PORTER**

BALTIC PORTER 7.2% ABV

Rich, intoxicating aromas of dark fruit and chocolate, joined by coffee on the palate. Pleasantly bitter finish.

**SAISON**

SAISON 6.5% ABV

An endorsement for "Farmhouse Ales" – fruity, peppery, slightly tart, earthy, and refreshing.

**SECRET ALE**

ALTBIER 5.1% ABV

Slightly sweet caramel aromas, with firm bitterness matching rich malt on the palate, lasting beyond the finish.

**OAT OATMEAL STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT 11% ABV (VARIABLE)

Part of a series of Imperial Stouts. Thick and chewy with oatmeal; chocolate-rich, and complexly bitter.

**HEAVY WEIZEN**

STRONG HEFEWEIZEN 8% ABV

Won't appeal to everybody. Bavarian-inspired, but with more fruity (banana) sweetness, more cloves and spice, and more hops.

**BIG DADDY IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.5% ABV

Hop driven – juicy citrus and pine. Lightly caramel, enough sturdy malt to stand up to persistent bitterness.

**PROHIBITION ALE**

AMBER ALE 6.1% ABV

Their flagship, best on draught in San Francisco. Long hop flavours, particularly citrus, playing against a definite caramel sweetness.



### SPRECHER

701 West Glendale Avenue, Glendale, Wisconsin 53209, USA  
[www.sprecherbrewery.com](http://www.sprecherbrewery.com)

Randy Sprecher started his brewery in downtown Milwaukee in 1985 aiming to do more than brew the German-style beers typical of Milwaukee breweries. He insisted on authenticity, such as using real fruit in fruit beers.

BREWING SECRET Bananas are used in their Mbege African-style beer.

#### BLACK BAVARIAN

SCHWARZBIER 5.9% ABV  
 Dark sweet molasses nose, with hints of coffee, chocolate, and caramel. Medium-bodied and clean.

#### HEFE WEISS

HEFEWEIZEN 4.2% ABV  
 Yeasty, subdued banana and spices on the nose, more banana and honey on a soft palate, brightened by spicy cloves.



### STARR HILL

5391 Three Notched Road, Crozet, Virginia 22932, USA  
[www.starrhill.com](http://www.starrhill.com)

Starr Hill Brewing became the second small Virginia brewery in which Anheuser-Busch bought a stake during 2007, when it struck a deal that could lead to national distribution. The brewery has produced well-received traditional beers since taking over a failed brewpub in 1999 and later adding a production facility.

#### DARK STARR STOUT

STOUT 4.75% ABV  
 Even the nose leaves an impression of dryness. Roasted malt and rich chocolate in a pleasantly light body.

#### JOMO

VIENNA LAGER 5% ABV  
 Bready, even toasty to start with. Toastier and full malts in the mouth with a hint of noble hops and clean, balancing bitterness.



### STEAMWORKS

801 East 2nd Avenue Durango, Colorado 81301, USA  
[www.steamworksbrewing.com](http://www.steamworksbrewing.com)

Although Steamworks Brewing sells a full range in its two brewery-restaurants (the other is in Bayfield), it has found the greatest success in an expanding southwestern market with its German-inspired beers. The brewery takes its name from the steam-powered tourist train that runs between Durango and Silverton.

#### STEAM ENGINE LAGER

AMBER LAGER 5.4% ABV  
 Pours a bright copper, with sweet malt on the nose. More caramel in the flavour, even honey.

#### COLORADO KÖLSCH

KÖLSCH 4.2% ABV  
 Not as bright or crisp as you'd find in Cologne, but popular as a light lager with lingering sweetness.



### STEVENS POINT

2617 Water Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481, USA  
[www.pointbeer.com](http://www.pointbeer.com)

The Stevens Point Brewery gained a measure of fame when, in 1973 (at a time when American beer choice was at its lowest), *Chicago Daily News* columnist Mike Royko named Point Special as the best beer in the USA. Founded in 1857, Stevens Point is the fifth-oldest continuously operating brewery in the country.

#### POINT SPECIAL

US LAGER 5.1% ABV  
 Has a loyal regional following. Pours bright and drinks smooth, with sweet malt and hints of grassy hops.

#### SPRING BOCK

MAIBOCK 5.8% ABV  
 A spring seasonal since 1938. Dominated by rich pilsner malt, with a pleasant light toastiness on the palate. Clean hop bitterness.



BREWERY

BEER

**STONE**

1999 Citracado Parkway, Escondido, California 92029, USA  
www.stonebrew.com

Although some find the “you are not worthy” campaign, used to promote Arrogant Bastard Ale, off putting, CEO Greg Koch’s argument in favour of particularly full-flavoured beers is the opposite of elitist. He doesn’t think beer appreciation takes special skill: “If you want to turn people on to great beer, use great beer to do it,” he says. That philosophy has resulted

in 30 per cent annual growth year after year. After building a larger brewery in 2006, the company added the Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens, serving local organic “slow food” dishes and featuring a large, lovely beer garden landscaped with boulders and dry-stone walls, reflecting the brewery’s name.

**STRAUB**

303 Sorg Street, St. Marys, Pennsylvania 15857, USA  
www.straubbeer.com

Straub is a family-run throwback to 1872, when it was founded. The brewery enjoyed record sales in 2007 although its flagship beer is a pale lager brewed with shaved corn. It sells 60 per cent of its beer in its home town, and offers visitors an “Eternal Tap” (pour-your-own beer).

**SUDWERK**

2001 2nd Street, Davis, California 95616, USA  
www.sudwerk.com

Officially Privatbrauerei Hübsch, it’s understandable that this brewery-restaurant focused on German-style beer and food when it opened in 1990. The restaurant has since been sold, and the menu now features “California cuisine”, but beer from the separate Sudwerk Brewery remains old world. The brewery itself has been for up for sale since 2005.

**IPA**

**INDIA PALE ALE 6.9% ABV**  
Fruity hop aromas meet firm malt character at the start, developing complexity, finishing bitter but bright.

**ARROGANT BASTARD ALE**

**STRONG ALE 7.2% ABV**  
Promises to be aggressive and certainly lives up to it. Juicy hops matched throughout by rich malt. Lingering bitter finish.

**IMPERIAL RUSSIAN STOUT**

**IMPERIAL STOUT 9.4% ABV**  
Intense, full of chocolate, roasted coffee and dark fruits. All balanced by a brooding bitterness.

**SMOKED PORTER**

**PORTER 5.9% ABV**  
Smoke plays a supporting role, joining roasted coffee beans on the nose, and chocolate on the palate, adding depth throughout.

**STRAUB**

**US LAGER 4.3% ABV**  
Fresh and grainy, light and clean on the tongue. Minimal hoppiness, the only bitterness is balancing.

**PETER STRAUB’S SPECIAL DARK**

**AMBER LAGER 5% ABV**  
Based on a bock, but lighter. Sweet malt on the palate, with caramel and a touch of spiciness.

**SUDWERK LAGER / HELLES**

**HELLES 4.9% ABV**  
Aromas and flavours of sweet malt. Complex texture on the palate; firm but unimposing hops.

**SUDWERK PILSNER**

**PILSNER 5.2% ABV**  
Sweet malt brightens the nose, mixed with spicy hops. Full-bodied. Bread-dough yeastiness balanced with lingering bitterness.



### SUMMIT

910 Montreal Circle, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102, USA  
[www.summitbrewing.com](http://www.summitbrewing.com)

Focusing on its Twin Cities market and a small core of beers, Summit Brewing has grown into one of the country's largest craft breweries, eventually building Minnesota's first brand new production brewery since the 1930s. It is expanding distribution to 13 states and has begun to offer special release beers.

#### EXTRA PALE ALE

PALE ALE 5.3% ABV

Distinctive, but not overpowering, citrus nose, firm fruity middle and dry finish with a scent of lemon.

#### GREAT NORTHERN PORTER

PORTER 5.6% ABV

Roast notes and a chocolate bitterness merge well with herbal hops and balance the sweet caramel-toffee flavours.



### SURLY

4811 Dusharme Drive, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota 55429, USA  
[www.surlybrewing.com](http://www.surlybrewing.com)

Surly Brewing sold its first beer in February of 2006, and by December the *Minneapolis St Paul City Pages* had named founder Omar Ansari as one of its "artists of the year". Packaged in cans and sold only in Minnesota, the brewery's often intense, and seldom "to style", beers have developed a national following.

#### BENDER

BROWN ALE 5.1% ABV

Brewed with oatmeal, adding creamy texture to a blend of chocolate, dark fruit, and nuts.

#### FURIOUS

INDIA PALE ALE 6.2% ABV

Only for those favouring the most aggressive of hopping. Piney and oily, only somewhat balanced by caramel. Flat out bitter.



### TERMINAL GRAVITY

803 SE School Street, Enterprise, Oregon 97828, USA  
[www.terminalgravitybrewing.com](http://www.terminalgravitybrewing.com)

The brewpub that Steve Carper and Dean Duquette literally built themselves in 1997 in Northeast Oregon has expanded into a microbrewery. When it opened, they leased space to a baker and installed a kitchen that turns out great sausages. "We're the brewer, the baker, and the sausage maker," Duquette said at the time.

#### IPA

INDIA PALE ALE 6.7% ABV

Rich malts playing against citrus hops. Thick on the tongue, but cut by grapefruit. Citrus lingers.

#### EXTRA SPECIAL GOLDEN / ESG

PALE ALE 5.4% ABV

Noteworthy for its peach-tinged fermentation flavour, mingling nicely with light malt sweetness, and citrusy hops.



### TERRAPIN

255 Newton Bridge Road, Athens, Georgia 30607, USA  
[www.terrapinbeer.com](http://www.terrapinbeer.com)

Spike Buckowski and John Cochran began shipping beer from their own warehouse early in 2008, almost six years after the Terrapin Beer Company started selling contract-brewed Rye Pale Ale. That beer was an immediate hit, as was the Monster Beer Tour, a series of strong beers released after Georgia raised its 6 per cent ABV cap on beer.

#### RYE PALE ALE

PALE ALE 5.3% ABV

Rye blends with bright grapefruit, adds texture to fruit fermentation, and complements late bitterness.

#### WAKE-N-BAKE COFFEE

OATMEAL IMPERIAL STOUT

IMPERIAL STOUT 8.1% ABV

It's all in the name, along with chocolate-covered dark fruits.



BREWERY

**THREE FLOYDS**

9750 Indiana Parkway, Munster, Indiana 46321, USA  
www.threefloyds.com

Beginning with its flagship Alpha King in 1996, Three Floyds Brewing had lived by the philosophy of brewmaster Nick Floyd: "I love the smell of hops in the morning. It smells like victory." **BREWING SECRET** The annual release of Dark Lord Russian Imperial Stout sells out in one day, with customers driving hundreds of miles to buy it.

**TRUMER**

1404 Fourth Street, Berkeley, California 94710, USA  
www.trumer-international.com

The US Trumer Brauerei is a partnership between Texas-based Gambrinus, which bought and remodelled a closed brewery in 2004, and the Trumer Brauerei in Austria. The Pils is brewed to the same recipe at each brewery. **BREWING SECRET** Bottles for taste-testing are regularly exchanged between breweries to ensure consistency.

**TWO BROTHERS**

30W315 Calumet Avenue, Warrenville, Illinois 60555, USA  
www.twobrothers.com

Brothers Jim and Jason Ebel opened their brewery in 1997 with a brew-house designed to produce traditional hefeweizen, supplemented with recycled equipment. For instance, their grandfather donated bulk milk tanks from his dairy farm. Recently, a line of stronger beers has fuelled the growth of all brands.

**UINTA**

1722 South Fremont Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104, USA  
www.uintabrewing.com

Uinta Brewing actively promotes Utah's outdoor culture and the environment, using slogans like "Keeping Utah the way we found it – except with beer". The brewery joined Utah Power's Blue Sky Programme in 2002, when it installed a new brewhouse and became 100 per cent wind-powered.

BEER

**ALPHA KING**

PALE ALE 6% ABV  
Opens with a rush of citrus fruits. Firm malt backbone, matched by hop oils. Prolonged bitterness.

**GUMBALLHEAD**

US WHEAT BEER 4.8% ABV  
Citrus and orchard fruits on the nose, followed by wheat tartness and hops throughout.

**TRUMER PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV  
Grassy and grainy fresh, a lovely blend of pilsner malt and noble hops. Slightly sweet palate, noble hop flavour and a lively mouth feel. Refreshing dry finish.

**DOMAINE DUPAGE**

BIERE DE GARDE 5.9% ABV  
Sweet malts, including caramel on the nose. More caramel-toffee on the palate. Clean smooth finish.

**EBELS WEISS BEER**

HEFEWEIZEN 4.9% ABV  
Banana and cloves, maybe lemon too, from the outset. Brandy and wheat-tart in the mouth, moving on to a smooth, light finish.

**KING'S PEAK PORTER**

PORTER 4% ABV  
Coffee and cream sweetness, restrained dark fruit on the palate, with a pepper and cocoa dry finish.

**ANNIVERSARY BARLEY WINE**

BARLEY WINE 10% ABV  
Malt-accented, with notes of molasses and candied fruits. Properly bitter and warming.



### UPSTREAM

514 South 11th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, USA  
www.upstreambrewing.com

Since opening in 1996 as part of an "unlinked chain" started by Wynkoop Brewery, Upstream (a translation of the Native American name for Omaha) has gained independence, opened a second pub, and brewed varieties of beers not previously found in Nebraska. BREWING SECRET Developments include barrel-ageing, and the use of wild yeast.

#### BATCH 1000 BARLEY WINE

BARLEY WINE 10.2% ABV  
Caramel and vinous on the nose and palate, blending with lively fruity esters. Rich, almost chewy, palate.

#### GRAND CRU

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 9% ABV  
Aged for a year in oak wine barrels. Earthy and woody nose, delicate citrus and honey on the palate, ultimately balanced.



### UTAH BREWERS

1763 South 300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115, USA  
www.utahbeers.com

Schirf Brewing Co. and Squatters Brewing Co. already operated (as they still do) their own brewery-restaurants when, in 2000, they established the Utah Brewers Cooperative as a production and packaging brewery. BREWING SECRET Utah law limits beers to 4 per cent ABV, except for those sold in state stores.

#### SQUATTERS PROVO GIRL PILSNER

PILSNER 4% ABV  
Flowery hops freshen a breadly nose. A mild sweetness yields to a dry, bracing finish. Light bodied.

#### WASATCH POLYGAMY PORTER

PORTER 4% ABV  
"Why have just one?", the brewery asks. Chocolate dominates, with some roast and a short, dry finish.



### VICTORY

420 Acorn Lane, Downingtown, Pennsylvania 19335, USA  
www.victorybeer.com

Victory Brewing founders Ron Barchet and Bill Covaleski – who met on a school bus in 1973 – travelled much of the beer world, apprenticed in Germany, and worked in US micro-breweries before starting their own in 1996. The breadth of their interests is reflected in the range of their beers, and their new brewhouse is designed

#### PRIMA PILS

PILSNER 5.3% ABV  
Fresh flowery aromas, cookie-like palate, and a solidly bitter-rough finish. Sturdy yet delicate.

#### GOLDEN MONKEY

TRIPLE 9.5% ABV  
Spicy, with hints of banana followed by light pepper. Candy-sweet on the palate, with a dry finish.



to produce almost any style in a traditional manner. They earned an early reputation for hoppy American beers, and their Belgian-inspired ales are among their most popular.

BREWING SECRET Victory has long-term contracts with German hop-growers to assure the availability of authentic ingredients for their lagers.

#### HOPDEVIL IPA

INDIA PALE ALE 6.5% ABV  
Spicy hop aromas, hop flavours, and woody bitterness throughout, laid on a firm malt base.

#### WHIRLWIND WITBIER

WITBIER 5% ABV  
Assertive orange, peppery spices, and cloves on the nose. Silky in the mouth, quickly matched by a spicy bite and tart wheat.





BREWERY

BEER

**WACHUSETT**

175 State Road East, Westminster, Massachusetts 01473, USA  
www.wachusettbrew.com

Wachusett founders Ned, Kevin, and Peter concentrate on delivering fresh beer close to home, and 70 per cent of sales are in Worcester County, central Massachusetts. They have set up a programme to enable students from their alma mater of Worcester Polytechnic to earn college credit while working at the brewery.

**WEYERBACHER**

905 Line Street, Easton, Pennsylvania 18042, USA  
www.weyerbacher.com

Since opening in a livery stable, with a nod toward English-inspired ales but using the original spelling of his German name, founder Dan Weirback has changed directions a few times. The company briefly tried the brewpub business, but then moved to a larger facility, and has thrived by making big, bold “New American” beers.

**WIDMER**

929 North Russell, Portland, Oregon 97227, USA  
www.widmer.com

More than two decades old, the US-centric Hefeweizen (cloudy but accented by yeast rather than hops) that the Widmer brothers basically invented continues to drive double-digit growth. Widmer and Redhook have merged to form a single company called Craft Breweries Alliance, but Widmer maintains its own brewery.

**WYNKOOP**

1634 18th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, USA  
www.wynkoop.com

The first brewpub in the Rockies, Wynkoop settled into Denver’s “LoDo” area before it was trendy, and co-founder John Hickenlooper later became the city’s mayor. A gathering spot after hours during the Great American Beer Festival each fall, the pub sponsors an annual search for America’s Beer Drinker of the Year.

**COUNTRY ALE**

GOLDEN ALE 5% ABV  
The partners’ first creation strikes a balance between floral hops and bready, toasted malts.

**BLUEBERRY**

FRUIT BEER 4.4% ABV  
This wheat-based beer plays to mixed reviews, with natural blueberry the dominant note, particularly on the nose.

**HOPS INFUSION**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.2% ABV  
Hops focused, but with a malt backbone to support a blast of citrus, pine, fresh pepper, and more.

**IMPERIAL PUMPKIN ALE**

SPICED BEER 8% ABV  
Seasonal. An alcohol-infused slice of pumpkin pie – loaded with plenty of nutmeg and cinnamon.

**HEFEWEIZEN**

US HEFEWEIZEN 4.9% ABV  
Citrus, particularly lemon zest, is matched against clean, bready-yet-tart wheat. Finale of grapefruit.

**SNOW PLOW**

MILK STOUT 5.5% ABV  
Coffee on the nose becomes creamier on the palate, roasted notes blending with rich chocolate.

**WIXA WEISS**

HEFEWEIZEN 5.4% ABV  
Begins with aromas of bananas, orchard fruits and bubblegum. Tart wheat on the tongue, while clove lingers in the back of the throat.

**PATTY’S CHILE BEER**

SPICED BEER 4.5% ABV  
A light, German-style beer with a punch delivered by heaps of Anaheim chillies added to every barrel.

# MORE BEERS OF THE USA

The USA is the home of craft brewing, with more small batch producers than anywhere else in the world. These are often very regional operations, with their beers travelling no further than the local and neighbouring towns.

<p><b>GRAY'S</b> 2424 West Court Street, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545, USA www.graybrewing.com</p> <p>The Gray family has been brewing in Janesville since 1856, but not always alcoholic beer. The brewery focused on making soda between 1912 (when it quit beer-production just ahead of Prohibition) and 1994, when Gray's was forced to rebuild its plant after an arson attack and decided to return to its beermaking heritage.</p>	<p><b>NIMBUS</b> 3850 East 44th Street, Tucson, Arizona 85713, USA www.nimbusbeer.com</p> <p>Nimbus has made ales since 1997, first using equipment scavenged from Vermont and later modernizing and expanding. The name comes from founder-brewer Nimbus Couzin.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> The water profile here is much like that of Burton-on-Trent in England – hard and rich in sulphur.</p>	<p><b>MCNEILL'S</b> 90 Elliot Street, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301, USA www.myspace.com/mcneillsbrewery</p> <p>Founder Ray McNeill, a classically trained cellist, has prided himself on careful research into traditional styles since opening his brewpub in 1991. The names of his beers, however, are sometimes less than traditional, or even appetizing.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> McNeill is developing plans for a production brewery.</p>	<p><b>STOUDTS</b> 2800 North Reading Road, Route 272, Adamstown, Pennsylvania 19501, USA www.stoudtsbeer.com</p> <p>Founders Carol (the brewer) and Ed Stoudt founded their brewery and adjoining steakhouse with a focus on German-inspired beers, and for more than 20 years they have balanced European tradition and American innovation. The Stoudt's adjoining antiques mall is one of many in the "Antiques Capital of America".</p>
<p><b>OATMEAL STOUT</b> OATMEAL STOUT 5.6% ABV Roasted coffee beans and chocolate, with caramel and sweet creaminess. Lightly bitter, dry at the finish.</p> <hr/> <p><b>IRISH RED</b> AMBER ALE 6.2% ABV A spring seasonal, with a reddish-amber pour that signals rich, slightly sweet malt flavours, followed by muted earthy hops.</p>	<p><b>PALO VERDA PALE ALE</b> PALE ALE 5.5% ABV Abundant Northwest hop aroma, and flavours of citrus and pine. Best quaffed close to the brewery.</p> <hr/> <p><b>OLD MONKEYSHINE</b> OLD ALE 8% ABV Rich malts and British hops give this beer an old-world feel. Full-bodied, with caramel, chocolate and even Christmas-cake flavours.</p>	<p><b>DEAD HORSE INDIA PALE ALE</b> INDIA PALE ALE 5.7% ABV Floral and earthy, East Kent Goldings hops on a sturdy base of rich English malts. Woody, dry finish.</p> <hr/> <p><b>DUCK BREATH BITTER</b> PREMIUM BITTER 5.5% ABV Rich with British malts, pleasantly mineral in character, and a sneaky bitterness. Best on cask at the pub.</p>	<p><b>STOUDTS PILS</b> PILSNER 4.8% ABV A crisp expression of Saaz hops, flowery up front, spicy in the middle, long and dry at the finish.</p> <hr/> <p><b>FAT DOG STOUT</b> IMPERIAL STOUT 9% ABV An oatmeal stout, but brewed to Imperial strength. Thick and rich with molasses, prunes, and bittersweet coffee flavours.</p>
<p><b>SWEETWATER</b> 195 Ottley Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30324, USA www.sweetwaterbrew.com</p> <p>This is the dominant craft brewery in the southeast. Its flagship Extra Pale Ale continues to drive strong growth, but, since Georgia has permitted the sale of stronger beer, SweetWater has done well with hefty brews like its 6.4% IPA and Festive Ale.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> Festive Ale is brewed on only one day of each year.</p>	<p><b>TOMMYKNOCKER</b> 1401 Miner Street, Idaho Springs, Colorado 80452, USA www.tommyknocker.com</p> <p>Tommyknocker Brewing's name stems from the town's mining background – after gold was discovered in 1859 the Argo mine supplied the Denver mint with half its gold needs. The Cornish miners who worked here were firm believers in pixies called Tommyknockers who lived in the mines and could bring good luck and protection.</p>	<p><b>TRÖEGS</b> 800 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17104, USA www.troegs.com</p> <p>In 2007, just one year after Tröegs Brewing tripled the size of its plant, brother-owners John and Chris Troegner added equipment to double their production capacity. Although its core beers sustain growth, specials such as Mad Elf, brewed with cherries, and a "Scratch" series of one-offs, have created demand well beyond Pennsylvania.</p>	<p><b>YUENGLING</b> 5th and Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901, USA www.yuengling.com</p> <p>The oldest brewing company in the US, operating since 1829, Yuengling brews with adjuncts, but has set itself apart from more mainstream producers. The brewery has thrived right along with craft, all-malt beers. It has built a second brewery (the original is in Pottsville) and bought a large, idle Florida brewery to help keep up with demand.</p>
<p><b>420 EXTRA PALE ALE</b> PALE ALE 5.2% ABV A light-on-the-tongue blend of citrusy hops and honeyish malt.</p> <hr/> <p><b>FESTIVE ALE</b> SPICED BEER 8.6% ABV A holiday offering, as malt-rich as its mahogany colour suggests. Spiced with both cinnamon and mace, but not overdone.</p>	<p><b>BUTT HEAD BOCK</b> DOPPELBOCK 8.2% ABV Caramel and toasted malts on the nose. Richer on the palate, warming, with surprising berry fruitiness.</p> <hr/> <p><b>PICK AXE PALE ALE</b> PALE ALE 6.2% ABV Hop-spicy nose with noticeable malt fruitiness, biscuit on the palate as well as earthy hops.</p>	<p><b>TROGENATOR</b> DOPPELBOCK 8.2% ABV Malt driven, with sweet caramel and toffee aromas joined by toasted bread crust in a medium body.</p> <hr/> <p><b>HOPBACK AMBER</b> AMBER ALE 5.6% ABV Caramel-sweet fruit character with bright, floral-spicy hops. The amped-up version is called Nugget Nectar.</p>	<p><b>TRADITIONAL LAGER</b> US LAGER 4.9% ABV Amber colour and light body. Slightly sweet, floral aromas, and sweet again on the palate. Crisp at the end, with subtle bitterness.</p> <hr/> <p><b>ORIGINAL BLACK &amp; TAN</b> BLENDED BEER 5.2% ABV A blend of Yuengling Premium and Porter. Pours quite dark, with chocolate and caramel flavours.</p>



**Boulevard**, based in Kansas City, Missouri, is a characterful brewery with a bar-restaurant.



# GERMANY

Germany is world renowned for its beer culture. It is home to the most famous beer festival, Munich's Oktoberfest, and boasts many distinctive beer styles. It is also famous for the quality and purity of its beer, thanks to the Reinheitsgebot – a set of laws set out in the 16th century to govern methods of production. The Reinheitsgebot remains a guiding principle of German beer making today. Pilsner is the most popular beer style, and most breweries will brew a version of it, with the exception of the Bavarian weissbier specialists. Pullout boxes appear where a city has more than one brewery.



**Hanover**  
Herrenhausen  
Gilde



Uerige

**Düsseldorf**  
Füchsen  
Schumacher  
Uerige



Schwarzbach





**Chemnitz**  
 Braustolz  
 Reichenbrand



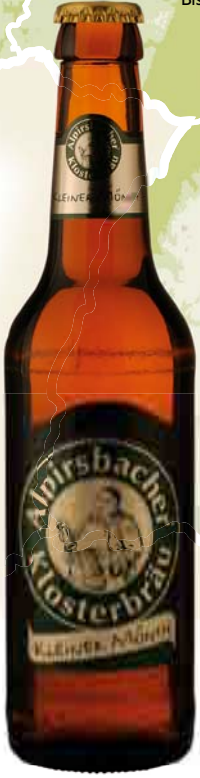
**Bamberg**  
 Fässla  
 Schlenkerla



**Regensburg**  
 Bischofshof  
 Kneiting  
 Thurn & Taxis  
 Weltenburg



**München**  
 Airbräu  
 Augustiner  
 Hacker-Pschorr  
 Hofbräu München  
 Löwenbräu



**AIRBRÄU**

Münchner Airportcenter, Terminalstr. Mitte 18, 85356 München, Germany  
www.allresto.de

This brewery has a unique location: set between the two terminals of Munich airport. It opened in 2004 at the same time as the airport's new Terminal 2, and it includes a much-frequented restaurant and beer garden. Two brewing kettles are situated right in the middle of the restaurant.

**AKTIEN**

Hohe Buchleute 3, 87600 Kaufbeuren, Germany  
www.aktienbrauerei.de

The origins of brewing at the Aktien brewery in Kaufbeuren can be traced back to the early 14th century. In more recent times, Aktien has taken over the Löwen and Rosen breweries.

**BREWING SECRET** Aktien still brews its beer strictly according to the Bavarian Purity Law set in 1516.

**ALDERSBACH**

Freiherr-von-Aretin-Platz 1, 94501 Aldersbach, Germany  
www.aldersbach.de

The modern operation seen today grew out of a small brewery attached to a monastery dating from the 13th century. The range of beers has grown over the centuries; white beer started to be brewed in 1928, and today the company produces 13 different styles of beer.

**ALLERSHEIM**

Allersheim 6, 37603 Holzminden, Germany  
www.brauerei-allersheim.de

Founded in 1854, this brewery was, for Otto Baumgarten, merely a sideline to farming. He harvested the grain in his own fields, but had to buy in the hops. Production grew over the years, though, and today the brewery has 40 employees.

**BREWING SECRET** The beers are brewed to suit discerning local palates.

**FLIEGERQUELL**

LAGER 5.2% ABV

Deep golden, finely structured, and classically dry. It is brewed for international palates.

**KUMULUS**

WHITE BEER 5.4% ABV

Typical yellow colour; a sparkling, very fresh white beer, refreshing and full-bodied.

**NATURTRÜBES KELLERBIER**

KELLERBIER 5.1% ABV

Unfiltered and naturally cloudy out of the cellar. The slightly sweet taste is typical of one of the oldest styles of beer in Bavaria.

**FENDT DIESELROSSÖL**

MÄRZEN 5.9% ABV

A malty, aromatic structure and a full-bodied, slightly bitter taste. Goes well with venison dishes.

**FREIHERREN PILS**

PILSNER 4.5% ABV

Mild bitterness in the hopping. The lightly malted grain results in a dry, fine taste.

**KLOSTER DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5% ABV

Full-bodied and malty, with a typical dark mahogany colour; the roasted flavour is due to the dark malts.

**LANDBIER**

PILSNER 5% ABV

A pilsner with a mash bill from light and dark malt. Soft in taste, with a typical malty aroma.

**BLUE MOON**

BEER AND COLA 1.9% ABV

A pleasant mix of dry hops and cola. It's not too sweet, because the mix is produced without sugar.



### ALPIRSBACH

Alpirsbacher Klosterbräu, Marktplatz 1, 72275 Alpirsbach, Germany  
www.alpirsbacher.de

A railway was constructed through the Black Forest at the end of the 19th century, which brought many visitors to the village of Alpirsbach. Johann Gottfried Glauner helped to cater for them by reopening the old village brewery. Sales were good, and today the beer from Alpirsbach is produced by the fourth generation of the family.

### KLEINER MÖNCH

LAGER 5.2% ABV

The golden colour promises a fresh, young beer. It is full-bodied with a flavour of caramel from the malt.

### SCHWARZES PILS

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

Deep red-black colour and a strong taste, with a roasted malt aroma that is unmistakable.



### ALTENBURG

Brauereistr. 20, 04600 Altenburg, Germany  
www.brauerei-altenburg.de

Founded in 1871, this brewery produced its first beer in 1873 and soon became successful. The company was taken over by the Communists after World War II. Since the 1990 Reunification of Germany, however, the Altenburg story has started anew, and it is again the biggest brewery in the region.

### ALTENBURGER SCHWARZE

SCHWARZBIER 4.9% ABV

This mahogany-coloured beer has an aromatic, malty taste with an intense note of hops.

### FESTBIER

Bock 6% ABV

Amber-coloured beer, full-bodied, with a taste of mild hops. It is brewed specially for local festivals.



### ALTÖTTINGER

Altöttinger Hell-Brau, Herrenmühlstr. 15, 84503 Altötting, Germany  
www.altoettinger-hellbraeu.de

The Bavarian town of Altötting is home to the Altötting Madonna, a world-famous pilgrimage site. In 1890 Georg Hell expanded production at a local brewery to help cater to thirsty pilgrims. Today the brewery produces eight different beers.

**BREWING SECRET** The finest hops and best German malts are used.

### BAYERISCHE DUNKEL

DUNKEL 5.2% ABV

Roasty and malty taste, but fresh, and with a long finish. A dark speciality with its own character.

### FEIN-HERB

LAGER 5% ABV

The best malts, combined with a careful selection of hops, produce an exceptionally dry, fine taste.

## THE BEST-KNOWN BEERS IN GERMANY

There are about 1,300 breweries in Germany today, mostly in the south. Bavaria alone has 700 breweries.

Internationally, the most famous German beer is Beck's, which is owned by the global drinks giant InBev. Another world-famous German brand is Holsten, which is a subsidiary of the Danish Carlsberg Group. Löwenbräu was the first German export beer to become famous after World War II; it is now part of InBev. However, these international brands are not on the huge scale of Anheuser-Busch in the USA, nor are they the top-selling beers in Germany itself. In fact, they are relatively small in comparison with the biggest names on the German domestic market, such as Krombacher, Veltin's, Warsteiner, and Bitburger. Most of the large German breweries produce pilsner as their main product. In terms of speciality beers, the German No.1 is Erdinger Weissbier (wheat beer), and Clausthaler is widely popular for low-alcohol beers. However, the majority of successful German breweries proudly keep themselves relatively very small, limiting their distribution to a regional market; indeed, many are home breweries that have become famous in association with a single village or even a single restaurant.

BECK'S (PILSNER 4.8% ABV) *left*  
BITBURGER (PILSNER 4.8% ABV)

CLAUSTHALER (LOW ALCOHOL 0.45% ABV)

ERDINGER (WHEAT 5.3% ABV) *centre*

HOLSTEN (PILSNER 4.8% ABV) *right*

KROMBACHER (PILSNER 4.8% ABV)

VELTINS (PILSNER 4.8% ABV)

WARSTEINER (PILSNER 4.8% ABV)





**ANDECHS**

Klosterbrauerei Andechs, Bergstr. 2, 82346 Andechs, Germany  
[www.andechs.de](http://www.andechs.de)

The Benedictine monks of Andechs began to produce beer in 1455. The monastery updated its brewery in 1972, investing in modern equipment. Still closely associated with the holy mountain pilgrimage site southwest of Munich, Andechs today is a brand name that's internationally known.

**ANKERBRÄU NÖRDLINGEN**

Ankergasse 4, 86720 Nördlingen, Germany  
[www.ankerbrauerei.de](http://www.ankerbrauerei.de)

The brewery's history can be traced from 1608, when several beers were brewed here for a festival. It was acquired by the Grandel family at the end of the 19th century.

**BREWING SECRET** The beers are made with local malts, mineral water from the Ries, and hops from Spalt.

**ARCO**

Schlossallee 1, 94554 Moos, Germany  
[www.arcobraeu.de](http://www.arcobraeu.de)

Arco has been owned by the Counts of Arco-Zinneberg for 450 years. The castle and brewery belonging to the family are situated in Moos, a small town in the heart of Niederbayern in Bavaria, where the rivers Isar and Donau converge. The current Count Arco personally launched the beers in the USA in 2004.

**AU IN DER HALLERTAU**

Schlossbrauerei Au in der Hallertau, Schlossbräugasse 2, 84072 Au, Germany  
[www.auer-bier.de](http://www.auer-bier.de)

Au is at the heart of the largest hop-growing area in the world. It was linked with the master brewer Schweiger in 1590 and, since 1846, has been owned by six generations of the Earls Beck of Peccoz. A modern approach is an essential feature of the management at Au in der Hallertau.

**BERGBOCK HELL**

Bock 7% ABV

A strong beer, but it tastes mild and aromatic. Its typical light sweetness gives it a full body.

**DOPPELBOCK DUNKEL**

Bock 7% ABV

This world-famous beer has a really strong taste. The dark malts give it an unmistakable character, with a light aroma of hops in the finish.

**LAGER HELL**

Lager 5% ABV

A full-flavoured clear, yellow beer; pleasant and full-bodied, with a fine aroma at the beginning.

**NÖRDLINGER PREMIUM PILS**

Pilsner 4.7% ABV

A very flowery hop aroma turns slightly bitter and a bit sparkling on the tongue.

**SCHLOSS HELL**

Lager 4.9% ABV

With its soft but full-bodied taste and golden colour, Arco's Schloss Hell typifies Bavarian lager.

**URFASS**

Lager 5.2% ABV

Slightly more bitter than the Schloss Hell, and especially spicy, this is a real premium lager of Bavaria.

**HOPFENGOLD**

Export 5% ABV

Golden colour, full-bodied taste with fine bitters of hops and clear malt. Nice finish, not too sweet.

**HOLLEDAUER LEICHTES**

Wheat Beer 3.3% ABV

A cloudy yellow, light wheat beer, fresh and lightly sparkling; not too heavy a taste, and with a slightly bitter finish.

**AUER**

Münchner Str. 80, 83022 Rosenheim, Germany  
www.auerbraeu.de

Between 1887 and 1920, Johann Auer acquired several plots of land and some breweries around the town of Rosenheim, southeast of Munich. Since then, the company has expanded considerably.

**BREWING SECRET** When it was founded, this was one of the most modern breweries in Bavaria.

**AUGUSTINER**

Landsberger Str. 31-35, 80339 München, Germany  
www.augustiner-braeu.de

Founded in 1328, this is the oldest brewery in Munich and one of only two in the city (along with Hofbräu München) that do not belong to a giant of the global brewing industry. The site as it is today was constructed in 1885. Augustiner beer has become famous around the world even though the brewery does not advertise itself.

**AYINGER**

Zornedinger Str. 1, 85653 Aying, Germany  
www.ayinger.de

Johann Liebhard founded this brewery in Aying in 1876, at a time when there were about 6,000 breweries in Bavaria. That number has dropped to about 700 today, but Ayinger has survived and was renovated by the Inselkammer family in 1999. It has since become more widely known.

**BARRE**

Berliner Str. 122-124, 32312 Lübbecke, Germany  
www.barre.de

Family-owned since 1842, the Barre Privatbrauerei lies in the Westphalian region between the rivers Wester and Rhine. Barre's special beers are well known and loved in the region.

**BREWING SECRET** The company uses its own spring to supply fresh water for the brewery.

**BAJUWARE DUNKEL**

**DUNKEL** 5.5% ABV  
Brewed in old-fashioned Bavarian style, this beer has a malty aroma and a full-bodied character.

**WEIZENBOCK**

**WHEAT BOCK** 7% ABV  
A strong, spicy speciality. A good accompaniment to hearty cheeses or sweet desserts.

**EDELSTOFF**

**EXPORT** 5.6% ABV  
The unusual dark golden colour displays its special character. A sweet and obvious hop taste guides you to a very malty finish.

**WEISSBIER**

**WHEAT BEER** 5.4% ABV  
Golden and cloudy, this is a full-bodied wheat beer with a citrus taste and light bitters in the finish.

**JAHRHUNDERTBIER**

**EXPORT** 5.5% ABV  
A honey-like aroma with light flowery hops leads on to a harmonious finish.

**CELEBRATOR**

**DOPELBOCK** 6.7% ABV  
The taste of malt dominates this nearly black, strong beer. It is not as sweet as other doppelbocks of the same quality.

**BARRE PILSENER**

**PILSNER** 4.8% ABV  
The clear golden-yellow colour is typical of a pilsner, as is the fine taste of hops and the malty finish. Medium-bodied.

**BARRE DUNKEL**

**DUNKEL** 4.8% ABV  
Fine aromas of malt, strongly flavoured, and with a finish of light bitters.



**Revellers clink glasses** during Oktoberfest – the world-famous annual 16-day Festival of Beer that has been staged in Munich since 1810.





BREWERY

BEER

**BERG**

Berg Brauerei Ulrich Zimmermann, Brauhausstr. 2, 89548 Ehingen-Berg, Germany  
[www.bergbier.de](http://www.bergbier.de)

Berg, founded in 1757, is family-owned and one of the smallest breweries in Germany.

**BREWING SECRET** Berg makes use of corn in brewing, which is supplied by an organic farm nearby.

**BERGQUELL**

Weststr. 7, Löbau, Germany  
[www.bergquell-loebau.de](http://www.bergquell-loebau.de)

With its long brewing tradition, the Bergquell Brauerei Löbau has played an important role in the Lausitz region since 1846. It is also one of the most advanced breweries in the whole of Germany and is well known for its wide range of special beers.

**BREWING SECRET** The special beers have an international following.

**BERLINER KINDL-SCHULTHEISS**

Indira-Ghandi-Str. 66-69, 13053 Berlin, Germany  
[www.berliner-kindl.de](http://www.berliner-kindl.de)

The union of the Berliner Kindl and Berliner Schultheiss breweries in 2006 was symbolic for Germany, whose breweries had declined through post-War division. The merger has generated a great many new brands, produced in one of the most modern brewing facilities in Germany.

**BINDING**

Darmstädter Landstrasse 185, 60598 Frankfurt, Germany  
[www.clausthaler.de](http://www.clausthaler.de)

Conrad Binding started in the year 1870 with a small brewery in the ancient city of Frankfurt am Main. The other big brewery of the city, Henninger, was acquired by Binding in 2001. Since 2002 the company has been a member of the Radeberger group. The Clausthaler brands are a low-alcohol speciality of Binding.

**BERG ORIGINAL**

LAGER 4.8% ABV  
 Its smooth, dry taste makes this beer the most popular brand offered by the brewery.

**BERG MÄRZEN**

MÄRZEN 6.1% ABV  
 A typical strong beer. The taste is very hearty, not least because of its high dose of hops.

**KIRSCH PORTER**

PORTER 4.2% ABV  
 A black beer with a cherry flavour and typical porter qualities. Malty and full-bodied.

**LAUSITZER PORTER**

PORTER 4.4% ABV  
 Typical porter with a dry, roasted malt taste. It is full-bodied and not too heavy; dark coloured and a little bit sweet.

**MÄRKISCHER LANDMANN**

SCHWARZBIER 4.9% ABV  
 Black and highly malty, but without any bitterness. A genuine original of the Märkish region.

**BOCKBIER**

Bock 7% ABV  
 Golden, strong, and not too sweet; pleasant, with a smooth finish – a typical bock.

**CLAUSTHALER CLASSIC**

Low ALCOHOL 0.45% ABV  
 Full-bodied, with a fresh and pleasant taste, and light aromas of fine hops; golden coloured.

**CLAUSTHALER EXTRA HERB**

Low ALCOHOL 0.45% ABV  
 A very strong and spicy beer with a pleasant bitterness of hops and a malty finish. A fresh beer with a golden colour.



### BISCHOFF

Wellerhof, 50321 Brühl, Germany  
[www.bischoff-koelsch.de](http://www.bischoff-koelsch.de)

This privately owned brewery was established in farm buildings at the beginning of the 1960s, in an area of Brühl, near Cologne, that has been inhabited since Roman times.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery's kölsch is a speciality of the Cologne region and is traditionally served in a tall, narrow glass.

### BISCHOFSHOF

Heitzerstr. 2, 93049 Regensburg, Germany  
[www.bischofshof.de](http://www.bischofshof.de)

The Bischofshof brewery started life attached to Regensburg Cathedral. Records show that it was brewing in 1230 for the Bishop. At the beginning of the 20th century it moved to a new location in order to expand. Nowadays, Bischofshof beer is produced in one of the most modern facilities in the brewing industry.

### BITBURGER

Römermauer, 3, 54634 Bitburg/ Eifel, Germany  
[www.bitburger.de](http://www.bitburger.de)

Founded in 1817, Bitburger is a pilsner specialist. It is well known through international sponsorship of sporting events, and is widely regarded as the best brewery for pilsner on draught.

**BREWING SECRET** The company always uses two-row summer barley, and its testing brewery is unique in Germany.

### BRAUGOLD

Schillerstr. 7, 99096 Erfurt, Germany  
[www.braugold.de](http://www.braugold.de)

The brewery was founded in 1822, and acquired other breweries over time – up until 1948, the point at which it was nationalized by the GDR. After Reunification in 1990, Braugold was purchased by the Licher Privatbrauerei.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewers follow recipes from the famous Thüringer brewery.

### BISCHOFF KÖLSCH

KÖLSCH 4.9% ABV  
 Clear golden colour; fresh and sweet, with light notes of hops.

### RADLER

BEER BLEND 2.5% ABV  
 Clear yellow in colour, with lemonade-citrus aromas. It is sparkling and very refreshing.

### WEISSBIER HELL

WHEAT BEER 5.1% ABV  
 An old Bavarian speciality: fresh, clear, sparkling, and slightly sweet – in a pleasant way.

### BISCHOFSHOF PILS

PILSNER 5.1% ABV  
 Creamy foam and a light, sparkling start. Good bitter taste; light aromas of fine hops.

### PREMIUM PILS

PILSNER 4.8% ABV  
 A clear, typical pilsner with a light, bitter taste; smooth, but very dry. On draught it is fresh and elegant.

### BITBURGER LIGHT

PILSNER 2.8% ABV  
 The light sister of the premium. Though only 2.8% ABV, it is full-bodied, with a fresh cask taste.

### BRAUGOLD SPEZIAL

PILSNER 4.9% ABV  
 Has the typical golden colour and dryness of a pilsner; highly aromatic with a balanced bitterness of hops on the palate.

### BRAUGOLD BOCK

BOCK 6.5% ABV  
 Its balanced, bitter aroma and strong flavour are typical of a bock.



**BRAUSTOLZ**

Am Feldschlösschen 18, 09116 Chemnitz, Germany  
www.braustolz.de

A farmer founded this brewery in 1868. The company was modernized after World War I, nationalized in 1945, and renovated in 1991. Today it employs more than 50 people and produces many different styles of beer.

**BREWING SECRET** A 1991 investment of DM40 million for modern equipment ensured the brewery's future.

**BRINKHOFF**

Lütgendortmunder Hellweg 242, 44388 Dortmund, Germany  
www.brinkhoffs.de

From its humble origins in 1844 as a small home brewery, Brinkhoff has had more than 160 years of success, to become a brand known far beyond its hometown of Dortmund, one of the beer capitals in the world.

**Brinkhoff's No. 1** is a notable name for every lover of the special pilsners from this region.

**BUCHER BRÄU**

Elsenthaler Str. 5-7, 9441 Grafenau, Germany  
www.bucher-braeu.de

A medium-sized brewery that moved to the heart of the Bavarian Forest in 1982 after outgrowing its premises in the centre of Grafenau. It has been owned by the Bucher family since 1863 (now in its fifth generation).

**BREWING SECRET** The natural cloudiness of the Hefeweizen comes from the yeast added at the time of bottling.

**CRAILSHEIMER ENGELBRÄU**

Haller Str. 29, 74564 Crailsheim, Germany  
www.engelbier.de

When this brewery was founded by Georg Fach in 1738, Crailsheim had 4,000 inhabitants and 13 breweries. Fach was not to know that his company would become one of the most successful in the country.

**BREWING SECRET** A survey of what women like in a beer led to the creation of the First Lady brand.

BREWERY

**BRAUSTOLZ LANDBIER**

EXPORT 5.2% ABV  
Golden, smooth, malty, and with a fine aroma of hops – an earthy beer.

**BRAUSTOLZ PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV  
A classic pilsner with a very dry and fresh taste, accompanied by obvious aromas of bitter hops.

**BRINKHOFF'S NO. 1**

PILSNER 5% ABV  
Typical bitter aromas of a pilsner. Smooth, slightly sparkling, with a golden-yellow colour.

**BRINKHOFF'S RADLER**

BEER BLEND 2.5% ABV  
Honey-coloured, sparkling and pleasant with citrus aromas; very refreshing and not too sweet.

**GRAFENAUER HEFEWEIZEN**

WHEAT BEER 5.2% ABV  
Fresh and sparkling. The light taste of yeast is fine and aromatic. There is a little sweetness.

**HELLES**

LAGER 4.9% ABV  
Clear yellow beer, slightly bitter, with a reasonable sweetness, and a taste of the finest hops. A rather strong but rounded finish.

**FIRST LADY**

DUNKLER BOCK 5.9% ABV  
Mild, lightly bitter, and with a harmonious malty aroma.

**KELLERBIER DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5.3% ABV  
Beautiful mahogany colour; aromas of malt and yeast; full-bodied, with a taste that is both sweet and pleasantly bitter.

BEER

**DACHSBRÄU WEILHEIM**

Murnauer Str. 5, 82362 Weilheim,  
Germany  
[www.dachsbier.de](http://www.dachsbier.de)

It was a master brewer from Munich who founded the Dachsbräu on a farm in Weilheim in 1879. Georg Dachs began to produce wheat beer, and the family-owned brewery has since grown ever bigger.

**BREWING SECRET** The most significant characteristic of the beer is that it is traditionally hand-crafted.

**DARMSTÄDTER**

Goebelstr. 7, 64293 Darmstadt,  
Germany  
[www.darmstaedter.de](http://www.darmstaedter.de)

The brewery stands next to the train station in Darmstadt – hence the train logo, used since 1847, and the animated steam engine on its website.

**BREWING SECRET** A revolution in the company's history was the complete change-over of all bottles to clip-tops in the year 2000.

**DIEBELS**

Brauerei-Diebels-Str. 1, 47661 Issum,  
Germany  
[www.diebels.de](http://www.diebels.de)

Diebels was privately owned from 1878 until 2001, when the brewery was taken over by global drinks giant InBev. The Düsseldorfer Alt is the brewery's most famous brand and is sold all over Germany. Other, newer brands include a pilsner and a cola-blended beer called Dimix.

**DINKELACKER-SCHWABENBRÄU**

Tübinger Str. 46, 70178 Stuttgart,  
Germany  
[www.ds-kg.de](http://www.ds-kg.de)

Carl Dinkelacker was the first to brew pilsner in Stuttgart at the end of the 19th century, and his contemporary Robert Leicht was the first to deliver beer by motorcar. Today, their breweries are in partnership and together form the biggest player in Baden-Württemberg.

**DUNKLER DOPPELBOCK**

DOPPELBOCK 7.5% ABV

Strong and sweet, this typical doppelbock has malt aromas from the start, and is very full-bodied.

**URHELL**

LAGER 5.5% ABV

A kellerbier – unfiltered, cloudy, and yellow – it tastes very mild at the beginning, has light aromas of fine hops, and is fresh and pleasant.

**DARMSTÄDTER PILSNER**

PILSNER 4.8% ABV

A clear and elegant beer. A large amount of fine hops make this a typical pilsner: fresh and dry with a good bitter aroma.

**DARMSTÄDTER 1847 ZWICKELBIER**

LAGER 4.8% ABV

Unfiltered and cloudy with subtle aromas of fine malt and a smooth, yeasty taste.

**DIEBELS ALT**

ALTBIER 4.9% ABV

Roasted malt aromas harmonize with a sweet caramel taste; the finish is slightly bitter from hops.

**DIEBELS PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

The full-body, light bitterness, and malt aromas are typical of a pilsner, as is the dark golden colour.

**DINKELACKER PRIVAT**

LAGER 5.1% ABV

A fine, smooth, and clear golden lager with a mild aroma of hops and a light note of malt.

**DINKELACKER CD-PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

Noble dry pilsner with strong aromas of hops and light malts; very harmonious and pleasant.



**DISTELHÄUSER**

Grünfelder Str. 3, 97941  
Tauberbischofsheim, Germany  
[www.distelhaeuser.de](http://www.distelhaeuser.de)

The Bauer family has owned this brewery since 1876. It is situated on the famous "Romantic Street" in Tauberbischofsheim, which is closely associated with the German Romantic period. The long-standing success of the brewery is due to its attention to quality over the course of its history.

**DITHMARSCHER**

Oesterstr. 18, 25709 Marne Holstein,  
Germany  
[www.dithmarscher.de](http://www.dithmarscher.de)

This brewery, on the east coast of Schleswig-Holstein, has been operating for more than 230 years. It started as a small home brewery; today it is bigger, but the beers are still handmade.

**BREWING SECRET** The sparkle comes from using the charmant method of pressurized fermentation, and the addition of dry, fresh carbonic acid.

**DÖBLER**

Kornmarkt 6, 91438 Bad Windsheim,  
Germany  
[www.brauhaus-doebler.de](http://www.brauhaus-doebler.de)

Döbler celebrated its 140th anniversary in 2007. Production was traditional until 1950, after which the brewery switched to creating young-styled beers using technologically advanced equipment.

**BREWING SECRET** The barley has come from sustainable sources since 1986.

**EICHHORN**

Dörfleinstr. 43, 96103 Hallstadt,  
Germany  
[www.brauerei-eichhorn.de](http://www.brauerei-eichhorn.de)

Eichhorn was originally called the Schwarzer Adler (Black Eagle) brewery. The family do nothing other than hand craft their beers, but always using the latest equipment.

**BREWING SECRET** The beers are given extra time to mature, and their adherence to the Bavarian Purity Law won't be changing in the near future.

**DISTELHÄUSER LANDBIER**

EXPORT 5.1% ABV

Malty aroma and a slightly caramel taste; it has a mild sweetness and is rounded at the finish. Sometimes described as a "ladies' beer".

**DISTELHÄUSER PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

Topped by a snow-white foam, this beer has a harmonious bitterness and a great aroma of hops.

**DITHMARSCHER DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 4.9% ABV

This beer has a full-bodied charmant character and a spicy taste with notes of roastiness. A typical colour: dark mahogany.

**DITHMARSCHER PILS**

PILSNER 4.8% ABV

A mild and spicy beer, golden-yellow in colour, slightly sparkling.

**LAND MÄRZEN**

MÄRZEN 5.4% ABV

A very light märzen; dark yellow, with a pleasant taste, not too sweet, but full-bodied with a nice yeast finish.

**REICHSTADTBIER**

KELLERBIER 5% ABV

Full-bodied, unfiltered, and cloudy, with a taste of yeast. It is available on draught.

**KELLERBIER NATURTRÜB**

LAGER 5% ABV

Yellow and naturally cloudy, the kellerbier does not have much carbon acidity, so it has a slight, but well-balanced, hop bitterness.

**EICHHORN PILS**

PILSNER 5% ABV

Clear golden, dry pilsner, with a fine bitterness of hops accompanying light aromas of malt.

**EINBECKER**

Papenstr. 4, 37574 Einbeck, Germany  
[www.einbecker.com](http://www.einbecker.com)

The story goes that, in 1521, Martin Luther said that Einbecker's beer was his favourite. In 1612, Bavarian dukes engaged a master brewer from Einbeck, whose beer eventually became known as bock, in a corruption of the name Einbeck.

**UR-BOCK HELL**

Bock 6.5% ABV

The pale malt and fine hops give this classic bock a hearty taste.

**EINBECKER SPEZIAL**

EXPORT 5.2% ABV

Has the typical golden-yellow colour of an export beer. Has a fine, slightly sweet flavour.

**ERDINGER**

Lange Zeile 1+3, 85435 Erding, Germany  
[www.erdinger.de](http://www.erdinger.de)

This is the biggest and most famous specialist wheat beer brewery in the world. The first mention of a brewery at Erding was in 1886, but it was not until 1949 that the name Erdinger Weissbräu was used.

**BREWING SECRET** Fresh spring water and hops from the Hallertau region are used in brewing.

**ERDINGER PIKANTUS**

DARK WEIZENBOCK 7.3% ABV

Normally a wheat bock is sweet, but not so Erdinger's. Watch out for the ABV on this one.

**ERDINGER SCHNEEWEISSE**

WINTER BEER 5.6% ABV

Darker and heavier bodied than the normal weizen. It is available between October and February.

**ERL**

Straubinger Str. 10, 94333 Geiselhöring, Germany  
[www.erl-braeu.de](http://www.erl-braeu.de)

The owners, Ludwig IV and his brother Günter, are the 11th generation of the Erl family at the helm of this brewery. Everything about the family and their beers is steeped in tradition.

**BREWING SECRET** The family farm supplies the finest raw materials for the beers made here.

**ERL BOCK**

Bock 7.2% ABV

A clear, elegant bock with a fine bitter taste and harmonious finish.

**ERL DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5.3% ABV

One of Erl's oldest beer styles, chestnut in colour, and with a rather strong taste. A nice, light bitterness of hops in the finish.

**FÄSSLA**

Obere Königstr. 19-21, 96052 Bamberg, Germany  
[www.faessler.de](http://www.faessler.de)

In 1649, just a year after the end of the Thirty Years' War, master brewer Hans Lauer founded this brewery in Bamberg. In modern times, 1986 was a turning point, when the Kalb family took over control. Fässla's speciality beers are well known in the region.

**BREWING SECRET** Bambergator is the strongest beer brewed in Bamberg.

**LAGERBIER**

LAGER 5.5% ABV

Strong yellow in colour; fine, compact foam; sparkling. Full-bodied and slightly malty with a light bitter taste.

**BAMBERGATOR**

DOPPELBOCK 8.5% ABV

A dark brown, full-bodied, and very strong doppelbock, bursting with harmonious hop bitters.

## ALL ABOUT ...

# MALT

Beer is an agricultural product that begins its life in a field of golden, swaying grain – usually barley. After the harvest the grains are taken to a malt house, or maltings, where the commencement of the magical journey that ends in the glass takes place. In brewing lore, malt, or malted barley, was known as the “soul” of beer – a raw material that has an alchemical power to provide colour and aroma, as well as the rich and distinctive array of flavours. There can be no beer without malt: it provides the sugars essential for yeast to feed on during fermentation, the by-products of which are carbon dioxide and alcohol.

**COLOUR** Though it doesn't tell the whole story, the colour of a beer gives an indication of the malts that have been used. Black malt is used in the very darkest beers, such as stouts; amber ales will often contain Brown malt or Crystal malt; pilsner-style beers often use Caramalt for lightness and a sweet note.



**BARLEY** The barley grown for brewing is either two- or six-row barley. Two-row is common in Europe, while American brewers have traditionally used six-row; this is partly due to cost, but also because it works well with rice or corn, common adjuncts in beers produced by the larger brewers.



**SELECTING THE GRAIN** There are several strains of barley. In the UK, as well as with some selective American brewers, Maris Otter is the chosen one, while others include Golden Promise and Optic. Just as beer divides into styles, barley has its variations too. In Britain and Belgium, winter-sown barley is used, because of its robust flavour, while German and Czech brewers prefer lighter and sweeter tasting spring-sown barley.



**GERMINATION** The first step of the malting process is to kick-start germination in the grains. This helps produce enzymes that break down the starch into the essential soluble malt sugars. This process involves steeping the grains in water and then laying them out to dry. The grains are turned over several times each day to ensure that the emerging rootlets don't link up with each other. The skill of the maltster is to know when to stop the germination – after that it's off to the kiln for drying.



**KILNING** Shorter kilning times produce lightly cured malts that give a golden sparkle to ale and lager. Pale malt usually forms the majority of the grain in the mash tun – this is because it has the highest levels of starch and the enzymes that convert starch into fermentable sugars. A longer rest in the kiln means darker malts and a deeper colour, body, and flavour.



**STORAGE** A visit to a brewery's malt store will unlock the mysteries of this magical grain: expect sacks of Pale malt, Chocolate malt (so-called because it tastes like chocolate), Black malt, Rye malt, Lager malt, Brown malt, and Caramalt. You may also find roasted barley, which is unmalted and a vital constituent of Irish dry stout, such as Guinness or Murphy's. Stewing malt in a way similar to making toffee produces Crystal malt, which adds body and a rich spiciness to beer.

**FAUST**

Hauptstr. 219, 63897 Miltenberg,  
Germany  
[www.faust.de](http://www.faust.de)

A typical regional family-run company. The brewery is about 350 years old and changed hands many times in the first 200 years of its history. The Fausts took over in 1895, and still own it today. There are many different styles of beer produced, some of which have won prizes.

BREWERY

**FELSENBRÄU  
THALMANNSFELD**

91790 Thalmannsfeld, Germany  
[www.felsenbraeu-thalmannsfeld.de](http://www.felsenbraeu-thalmannsfeld.de)

These handcrafted beers come from one of the loveliest parts of Bavaria, between the Altmühltal and Franconia. The third generation of the family guides the brewery and uses traditional recipes.

**BREWING SECRET** The energy for production comes from solar power.

**FIEGE**

Moritz Fiege, Scharnhorststr. 21-25,  
44787 Bochum, Germany  
[www.moritzfiege.de](http://www.moritzfiege.de)

“We are a classic regional brewery” says Hugo Fiege, the boss of the company. He sees his brewery as an ambassador for the Ruhr region. It is an institution offering typical local beers – inhabitants of the Ruhr love their beer. There is little chance of a big global player acquiring Fiege...

**FLENSBURGER**

Munketoft 12, 24937 Flensburg,  
Germany  
[www.flensburger.de](http://www.flensburger.de)

Five citizens of Flensburg founded this brewery in 1888. During the 1970s, the brewery's reputation was enhanced when a comedian kept referring to a “Flasch Flens” in his act. The term came to be used for a bottle of Flensburger, which at the time was the only German beer to use clip-top bottles.

**SCHWARZVIERTLER**

DUNKEL 5.2% ABV

Dark, roasty, and slightly smoky. There is also caramel and a little bitter-chocolate on the tongue. It is full-bodied and has a dry finish.

**FAUST KRÄUSEN**

KELLERBIER 5.5% ABV

A mild, full-bodied beer with a light note of honey; it is very fresh.

**MÄRZEN**

EXPORT 5.4% ABV

A typical märzen: dark-yellow and with a strong taste and aromas of barley-malt. Light scent of hops in the finish.

**FELSENTRUNK**

LAGER 4.9% ABV

A light, sweet taste; it sparkles a little; very fresh and with a nice bitter aroma in the finish.

**MORITZ FIEGE PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

A classic pilsner with bitter aromas of good hops, a light malty taste, and a fine dry structure.

**SCHWARZBIER**

SCHWARZBIER 4.9% ABV

Elegant and with a malty sweetness, this coffee-coloured beer has light bitter aromas of fine hops.

**FLENSBURGER PILS**

PILSNER 4.8% ABV

A typical golden pilsner – malty, refreshing, and with slightly bitter aromas of hops in the finish.

**KELLERBIER**

KELLERBIER 4.8% ABV

Amber and cloudy, like all kellerbiere, the Flensburger version is full-bodied and tastes naturally fresh, slightly sweet, and has a dry finish.

BEER



### FREIBERGER

Am Fürstenwald, 09599 Freiberg,  
Germany  
[www.freiberger-bier.de](http://www.freiberger-bier.de)

This brewery was the first in Sachsen to produce a pilsner. Other exclusive beers followed: Freiberger Silberquell (1903) and a wheat beer (1909). The Eichbaum brewery in Mannheim has acquired Freiberger and is focusing on making it one of the most modern beer producers in Germany.

### FRIEDENFELS

Schlossbrauerei Friedenfels, Gemmingenstr.  
33, 95688 Friedenfels, Germany  
[www.schlossbrauerei-friedenfels.de](http://www.schlossbrauerei-friedenfels.de)

The brewery is situated in the southern part of the largest forest in Europe, between Oberpfälzer Wald and Fichtelgebirge. Friedenfels is the leading brewery of the region.

**BREWING SECRET** The pure springs of the national park have helped Friedenfels to produce excellent beers for more than 100 years.

### FÜCHSCHEN

Ratinger Str. 28, 40213 Düsseldorf,  
Germany  
[www.fuechschen.de](http://www.fuechschen.de)

Altbier has been a favoured brew at Füchschen since 1848. The fourth generation of the family is in charge. There have been some changes since 1995, including the installation of new brewing equipment.

**BREWING SECRET** The Düsseldorf carnival in February is a good opportunity to sample the altbier.

### FÜRSTLICHEN ELLINGEN

Schloss-Strasse 19, 91792 Ellingen,  
Germany  
[www.fuerst-carl.de](http://www.fuerst-carl.de)

Owner Carl Friedrich Fürst von Wrede is a direct descendant of Napoleon's field marshal Carl Philipp, Prince of Wrede. The brewery opposite his castle in Ellingen was founded in 1690, but the brewing history of Ellingen is certainly older. The beer has been called Fürst Carl for about 200 years.

### JUBILÄUMS-FESTBIER

MÄRZEN 5.8% ABV

With aromas of malt and a very fine taste of hops, this amber-coloured beer is pleasant and full-bodied.

### SCHWARZES BERGBIER

SCHWARZBIER 4.7% ABV

Deep black, with fresh, malty aromas. Full-bodied and precisely balanced between malts and hops.

### FRIEDENFELSER PILS LEICHT

LIGHT BEER 2.8% ABV

This reduced-alcohol beer is golden and on the dry side, with aromas of fine hops in the finish.

### FRIEDENFELSER WEIZEN LEICHT

LIGHT WHEAT BEER 2.7% ABV

This light beer is fermented in the bottle. Its taste is a mixture of bitter hops and sweet barley and wheat – typical of the style.

### FÜCHSCHEN ALT

ALTBIER 4.5% ABV

Dark mahogany in colour, this typical Düsseldorfer is malty with a very intense aroma of hops. Slightly carbonated, and fresh.

### SILBERFÜCHSEN

WHEAT BEER 5.4% ABV

A northern-style wheat beer, less sweet than its Bavarian counterpart. Smooth, fruity, and sparkling.

### FÜRST CARL JOSEFI BOCK

BOCK 7% ABV

A creamy, malty, and full-bodied beer, with a velvet and silky texture.

### FÜRST CARL URHELL

LAGER 4.6% ABV

The clear yellow colour is typical for a lager; the taste is pleasant and not too dry, with very little sweetness.



**FÜRST WALLERSTEIN**

Berg 78, 86757 Wallerstein, Germany  
[www.fuerst-wallerstein.de](http://www.fuerst-wallerstein.de)

The success of this brewery spans 400 years under the same family, who have always employed skillful brewers. In 2008 Alexander Jesina was appointed; he started his brewing career in the famous monastery of Andechs.

**BREWING SECRET** It's a family tradition that consistency is more important than short-term success.

BREWERY



**FÜRSTENBERG**

Postplatz 1-4, 78166 Donaueschingen, Germany  
[www.fuerstenberg.de](http://www.fuerstenberg.de)

Count Heinrich I von Fürstenberg was granted the right to brew beer in 1283, but it was not until 300 years later that a proper brewery was built. Fürstenberg was a major brewery by the beginning of the 20th century.

**BREWING SECRET** The beers are made with water from the Black Forest and yeast from Donaueschingen.



**GANTER**

Schwarzwaldstr. 43, 79117 Freiburg, Germany  
[www.ganter.com](http://www.ganter.com)

Ganter was founded more than 140 years ago and is still family-owned. The brewery buildings were damaged in World War II and had to be rebuilt. The 1950s and '60s were successful, but beer-drinking in the region has since declined. After some years of struggling, however, Ganter is finding a new lease of life in broader markets.



**GILDE**

Hildesheimer Str. 132, Hanover, Germany  
[www.gildebrau.de](http://www.gildebrau.de)

It was about 500 years ago that Cord Broyhan presented his beer to the people of Hanover. *Broyhan* – a pale style of wheat beer – was popular for centuries in the city. Gilde, Hanover's longest-surviving brewery, now owned by InBev, was founded in 1870.

**BREWING SECRET** A modern version of *broyhan* is exported to the USA.

**ZWICKEL**

LAGER 4.7% ABV

The Wallerstein Zwickel is a cloudy golden speciality beer with a really natural quality to it.

**WEISSBIERPILS**

PILSNER/WHEAT BEER BLEND 5.1% ABV

Sparkling and golden with some cloudiness; yeasty in flavour, with some citrus notes and a dry finish.

**FÜRSTENBERG GOLD**

LAGER 4.9% ABV

Smooth, with few aromas of hops. This clear golden beer is a bit sweeter than the usual lager.

**FÜRSTENBERG HEFE DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5.4% ABV

Chestnut in colour, and sparkling; harmonious with a malty aroma and light caramel sweetness, yet strong in the mouth.

**WODAN**

DOPPELBOCK 7.5% ABV

Roasty aromas; malty-sweet at the start, but the finish is mild and slightly bitter.

**GANTER ECHT HEFEWEIZEN**

DUNKEL

DARK WHEAT BEER 5.4% ABV

Dark malt, a fine yeast, and a full body are the important characteristics of this beer.

**RATSKELLER PREMIUM PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

A dry, golden-yellow pilsner; full-bodied, typical bitterness of hops, and a nice finish.

**LINDENER SPECIAL**

EXPORT 5.1% ABV

The most successful export beer of Niedersachsen has a golden colour and tastes pleasant with smooth yeast-flower flavours in the mouth.

BEER

**GLAAB**

Frankfurter Str. 9, 63500 Seligenstadt, Germany  
[www.glaabsbraeu.de](http://www.glaabsbraeu.de)

For more than 250 years this brewery has been owned by the Glaab family. It was founded in 1744 and became known for its wide variety of beers and for Vitamalz, the biggest German brand of pure malt drinks. The company is the only private brewery in the Offenbach region, to the south of Frankfurt.

**1744**

KELLERBIER 5.3% ABV

This cloudy, amber-coloured beer is Glaab's youngest product. The taste of fine malt is typical.

**DUNKLES**

DUNKEL 5.3% ABV

Clear amber-coloured beer in which the light bitterness of hops is prominent. A great dunkel with a nice malty finish.

**GOLD OCHSEN**

Veitsbrunnenweg 3-8, 89073 Ulm, Germany  
[www.gold-ochsen.de](http://www.gold-ochsen.de)

It was in 1597 when the brewery-restaurant Zum Goldenen Ochsen was opened in the ancient city of Ulm. The brewery has been in the hands of one family since 1868.

**BREWING SECRET** The current, fifth generation, of owners are moving with the times and employing eco-friendly processes.

**GOLD OCHSEN ORIGINAL**

LAGER 5.1% ABV

Light bitterness with the aromas of fine hops. A very rounded and smooth taste, with some sweetness in the finish.

**GOLD OCHSEN RADLER**

SHANDY 2.5% ABV

The mixture (50 per cent beer, 50 per cent lemonade) is sparkling and full-bodied, fruity and fresh.

**GÖLLER**

Wildgarten 12, 97475 Zeil am Main, Germany  
[www.brauerei-goeller.de](http://www.brauerei-goeller.de)

Joseph Göller acquired this brewery and restaurant in 1908. Both have grown steadily over the years. In 1998 the renovated restaurant was leased by the Zeiler family.

**BREWING SECRET** Göller strives to make high-quality beers using modern, environmentally-friendly techniques.

**GÖLLER RAUCHBIER**

SPECIAL BEER 5.2% ABV

This amber-coloured regional speciality has light aromas of fine hops and a smoky, roasted malt taste.

**GÖLLER LAGER**

LAGER 4.9% ABV

A clear, golden lager with a light, malty taste and fine aromas of hops. The recipe is an ancient one.

**GOSLAR**

An der Abzucht 1a, 38640 Goslar, Germany  
[www.brauhaus-goslar.de](http://www.brauhaus-goslar.de)

Goslar, by the Gose river, has been famous for its beer since 995. Gose beer was popular for centuries, but fell out of favour in the early 20th century. However, Goslar launched "The Gose" again in 2004.

**BREWING SECRET** Gose contains coriander and salt, and therefore does not follow the Purity Law.

**GOSE HELLE**

WHEAT BEER 4.9% ABV

Naturally cloudy and golden, this beer is pleasant with light bitterness from the hops, and malt aromas.

**DUNKLE GOSE**

DUNKEL 4.9% ABV

Light reddish-brown colour; smoky with malt aromas. The brewers add a third special malt.





**The Hofbräuhaus** in Munich is arguably Germany's best-known beer hall, offering lots of beer, traditional food, and occasional live music.



## BEER STYLES

# GERMAN BEER

Even though pilsner-style beers dominate the German market, the country has a good range of breweries that continue to produce distinctive, traditional types of beer. Altbier (see p132) and kölsch (see p123) are perhaps the most influential with brewers and beer enthusiasts elsewhere in the world, but the smoky rauchbier, sweet black schwarzbier, and subtle gose testify that there is much more to explore in the world of German beer.

In northern Germany, in the former industrial city of Dortmund, Dortmunder export is a style of lager drier and slightly stronger than the average pils or helles. This golden beer was popular with factory workers but, sadly, it is now becoming less easy to find.

Other hard-to-find variations on the lager theme include kellerbier, steinbier, spezial, roggen (rue beer), and zoigl, which is a communally brewed beer found in northeastern Bavaria. One of the rarest German beer styles is gose, a wheat beer flavoured with a little salt and coriander. It can only be found in Leipzig and the nearby town of Goslar, from whence the name of the beer originated.

**SMOKY BEERS** In Franconia, a neighbour of Bavaria, the beautiful and ancient town of Bamberg is the centre for rauchbier, or smoke beer. Here, malt is kilned over beechwood fires to give the beer its smoky character. Despite their smokiness, these beers are very appealing, dry, and moreish, and go well with robust dishes and smoked foods.

**DARK BEERS** German dark beers come in two varieties – schwarzbier (“black beer”) and dunkel (meaning “dark”). The former was a dying beer style until given a new lease of life in the old East German province of Thuringia. Expect a pitch-black and luscious beer, with mocha coffee, vanilla, and burnt toffee notes.

**BAVARIAN DUNKELS** Bavarian dunkels are deep reddish-brown in colour. One of the best examples of this style is Weltenburger Kloster's Barock Dunkel – a firm, well-bodied beer, with chocolate and cocoa on the palate and nose.



**GOTTMANNSGRÜNER**

Von-Koch-Str.2, 95180 Berg, Germany  
[www.gottmannsgruener.de](http://www.gottmannsgruener.de)

Gottmannsgrüner was granted the right to brew in 1535. Caroline Freifrau von Waldenfels is the current head – the daughter of Ernst-Albrecht who retired in 2005. The brewery was awarded the silver medal at the European Beer Awards in 2006 for its schwarzbier.

**GOTTMANNSGRÜNER SCHWARZE**

SCHWARZBIER 4.8% ABV

A really black, full-bodied beer with malt aromas and a slightly sweet taste.

**MOBILATOR**

DOPELBOCK 7.8% ABV

A clear doppelbock with a rounded malty character: fine, dry, and pleasantly flavoured. It's available throughout the year.

**GREIF**

Serlbacher Str. 10, 91301 Forchheim, Germany  
[www.brauerei-greif.de](http://www.brauerei-greif.de)

Kapuzinerwirt, a famous restaurant in Forchheim, was founded in 1848, a year of revolution in Germany. This incarnation of the company lasted for more than 100 years. During the 1990s there was investment in new production equipment, and today the brewery is one of the most technologically advanced in the region.

**DUNKLE WEISSE**

WHEAT BEER 5.4% ABV

A dark amber, full-flavoured wheat beer with some sweetness and light malt in the finish.

**ANNAFESTBIER**

EXPORT 5.5% ABV

Amber in colour and sporting a fine, smooth foam. Sweet, full-bodied, and with delicate aromas of dried fruits and banana.

**GRÜNBACH**

Kellerberg 2, 85461 Bockhorn, Germany  
[www.schlossbrauerei-gruenbach.de](http://www.schlossbrauerei-gruenbach.de)

Grünbach has had a host of owners, including the famous Paulaner and Erdinger breweries. Alexander Noll is currently at the helm.

**BREWING SECRET** Grünbach's Benno Scharl wheat beer carries the name of an 18th-century Bavarian master brewer who wrote an influential textbook on brewing techniques.

**ALTWEIZEN GOLD**

WHEAT BEER 5.3% ABV

Clear golden and finely balanced between yeast and carbonic acid, with a lightly sparkling, dry freshness.

**BENNO SCHARL**

WHEAT BEER 5.3% ABV

Yellow, and clouded with yeast, Benno Scharl tastes mild and sweet, pleasant and well balanced.

**HAAKE-BECK**

Am Deich 18/19, 28365 Bremen, Germany  
[www.haake-beck.de](http://www.haake-beck.de)

Founded in 1826, the Haake-Beck brewery is one of the most famous in northern Germany. Milestones in the company's history include the creation of Haake-Beck Kräusen Pils and the first Maibock in 1950. It is part of the InBev stable today.

**BREWING SECRET** Haake-Beck's sister is the famous Beck's label, which is exported by InBev around the world.

**HAAKE-BECK 12**

EXPORT 5% ABV

This is a new Haake-Beck. A harmonious, golden beer, with a level of sweetness that is often liked by women drinkers.

**EDEL HELL**

LAGER 4.7% ABV

A mild alternative to the pilsner: not so dry, a little bit sweet, and golden like a typical lager.

**HACKER-PSCHORR**

Hochstr. 75, 81541 München, Germany  
[www.hacker-pschorr.de](http://www.hacker-pschorr.de)

Hacker-Pschorr is one of the most traditional breweries in Munich, and its restaurant is a tourist attraction, especially during the Oktoberfest. Beer production was mentioned for the first time here in 1417.

**BREWING SECRET** The Purity Law and principles of long lagering are followed; there are no preservatives or additives.

**ANNO 1417**

**KELLERBIER** 5.5% ABV  
 Naturally cloudy, unfiltered, with a dull golden colour. Low carbonic acid makes it very smooth.

**SUPERIOR**

**MÜNCHNER SPECIAL** 6% ABV  
 The clear, amber-coloured Superior is based on an old recipe and has a malty, aromatic taste, without too many hops. Highly drinkable.

**HÄRKE**

Am Werderpark 5, 31224 Peine, Germany  
[www.haerke-brauerei.de](http://www.haerke-brauerei.de)

Härke has been a family-owned brewery since 1890, but the first beer was brewed here much earlier, in 1666. The Härkes constructed a new building for the brewery in 1927, and it has been enlarged and renovated in subsequent decades.

**BREWING SECRET** Organic produce is used in some beers.

**1890**

**PILSNER** 4.9% ABV  
 A real lager, but with a pilsner touch. Mild, dry, and influenced by fine aromatic hops and sweet malts.

**HÄRKE PILS**

**PILSNER** 4.9% ABV  
 Nice bitter taste of organic hops and malt. A real pilsner with a dry taste and pleasant finish.

**HASSERÖDER**

Auerhahnring 1, 38855 Wernigerode, Germany  
[www.hasseroder.de](http://www.hasseroder.de)

Hasseröder is a name known around the world for sports sponsorship. Production started in 1882 and was an immediate success. It was the best-selling beer in East Germany – and the pilsner lovers in the west did not wait long after Reunification to try it.

**BREWING SECRET** Water from the Harz mountains imparts a smoothness.

**HASSERÖDER PREMIUM EXPORT**

**EXPORT** 5.5% ABV  
 Smooth, with some sweetness and a harmonious bitter aroma of hops with malty notes; golden colour.

**HASSERÖDER PREMIUM PILS**

**PILSNER** 4.9% ABV  
 Full-bodied pilsner taste; well balanced bitter aromas of fine hops, and malty flavours.

**HEIDELBERG  
KULTURBRAUEREI**

Leyergasse 6, 69117 Heidelberg, Germany  
[www.heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de](http://www.heidelberger-kulturbrauerei.de)

The practice of beer-making was first established here in 1235, but the region was an economic backwater, and the brewery had to struggle through the centuries. Since 1999, however, it has had a rebirth as the Kulturbrauerei in the city of Heidelberg.

**KELLERBIER**

**KELLERBIER** 5.6% ABV  
 This beer is amber coloured, naturally cloudy, nicely bitter, full-bodied, and with a fine roasty aroma – like a märzen.

**KRÄUSEN**

**HELLES** 5.2% ABV  
 The Kräusen from Heidelberg is unfiltered, slightly cloudy, and golden. It is mild, and similar to a pilsner.

**HERBORNER**

Alte Marburger Str. 2-8, 35745 Herborn, Germany  
www.herborner-bier.de

In 1871 Adolf Schramm came to Herborn to assist his widowed sister at a small brewery. He later built a new one, and the brewery remained in the family until 1945. Traditional brewing methods continue to be used.

**BREWING SECRET** The first steam brewery in Herborn, its transition to modern production has been skillfully handled.

**CLASSIX**

DUNKEL 4.5% ABV

This dark amber lager has a mild bitterness of fine hops. Roasted malt dominates the taste, especially in the finish.

**EXPORT**

EXPORT 4.9% ABV

Malty aromas on the nose, full-bodied, light sweet malty taste, and fine hop bitters.

**HERFORDER**

Gebr.-Uekermann-Str. 1, 32120 Hiddenhausen, Germany  
www.herforder.de

The brewery was founded in 1878 as Gebrüder Uekermann, Brauerei zum Felsenkeller. Since then there have been many innovations in production, bottling, and styles of beer. The latest chapter began in 2007, following integration within the Warsteiner Group, but Herforder is still a family-run company.

**FELSENKELLER**

DARK LAGER 5.2% ABV

A traditional dark beer with a well-balanced, malty aroma and fine bitters of hops.

**HERFORDER SCHWARZBIER**

SCHWARZBIER 4.9% ABV

Coffee-coloured dark beer with a highly aromatic malt, smooth aroma of fine hops, and some sweetness.

**HERRNGIERSDORF**

Schlossallee 5, 84097 Herrngiersdorf, Germany  
www.schlossbrauerei-herrngiersdorf.de

Herrngiersdorf is situated between Regensburg and Landhut, in the middle of Niederbayern. With more than 875 years of history behind it, this is the oldest private brewery in the world. It has been owned by the Pausinger family since 1899. Since 1995 the sixth generation of the family has been managing it.

**SÜNDEBOCK**

BOCK 7.3% ABV

A typical dark doppelbock with a light taste of caramel; very full-bodied and sweet in the finish.

**PUBLINER**

DUNKEL 4.9% ABV

This beer is very dark and has a strong taste, with very roasty malt aromas and light bitters of hops. (The Irish would love it...)

**HOFBRÄU MÜNCHEN**

Hofbräuallee 1, 81829 München, Germany  
www.hofbraeuhaus.com

The Hofbräuhaus in Munich is a very famous restaurant, frequented by visitors from around the world. It was founded in 1607 by Maximilian I, Duke of Bavaria. The linked brewery is situated in Riem, outside of the city.

**BREWING SECRET** The water used to brew Hofbräu is drawn from a depth of 150 m (490 ft).

**HOFBRÄU ORIGINAL**

MÜNCHNER HELLES 5.1% ABV

This clear golden beer is refreshing and dry, with a harmonious balance of malt and hops.

**HOFBRÄU DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5.5% ABV

This is the oldest type of Bavarian beer, dark amber in colour, and full of fine flavour and enticing malt aromas.

**HÜTT**

Hütt-Brauerei Bettenhäuser, Knallhütte, 34225 Baunatal, Germany  
[www.huett.de](http://www.huett.de)

Beer has been brewed at this site since 1752, and the family-owned company is now in its ninth generation. The brewery has always been linked with the Knallhütte restaurant here.

**BREWING SECRET** Hütt brews its beers to suit local tastes, but they also appeal to a much wider market.

**HUTTHURMER**

Marktplatz 5, 94116 Huthurm, Germany  
[www.hutthurmer.de](http://www.hutthurmer.de)

The beers from the Bavarian Forest are well known far beyond regional borders. The local Raiffeisenbank has been the owner since 1914.

**BREWING SECRET** Keeping the traditional arts of brewing going consistently since 1577 is the secret of this Bavarian brewery's success.

**JANDELSBRUNNER**

Hauptstr. 17, 94118 Jandelsbrunn, Germany  
[www.jandelsbrunner.de](http://www.jandelsbrunner.de)

The Langs have owned this brewery since 1810. In the 20th century there was renewal of equipment such as new filling machines, and the construction of new production plants and maturing cellars.

**BREWING SECRET** In 2004 photovoltaic equipment was added, to harness the power of the sun for brewing.

**JETTENBACH**

Am Schlossberg 1, 84555 Jettenbach am Inn, Germany  
[www.brauerei-jettenbach.de](http://www.brauerei-jettenbach.de)

The history of brewing in Bavaria has been closely associated with the story of the dukes of Toerring for more than 700 years. The Toerrings fought for the right to found breweries to produce beer for themselves and the local pubs and restaurants. The master brewers of the family have also become famous in their own right.

**SCHWARZES GOLD**

DUNKEL 4.9% ABV

Smooth brown colour, dry, and very fresh; sweet-tasting and with aromas of malt and fine hops.

**LUXUS PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

Bitter aromas of fine hops, very elegant, malty taste, and a clear golden colour: a high-quality pilsner.

**TRADITION-EXPORT**

EXPORT 5.4% ABV

The gold export beer is full-bodied and not too sweet. A light aroma of hops is significant in the finish.

**TRADITION DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5.3% ABV

Dark malt gives this beer its typical colour and aroma. The light hoppiness makes a pleasant drink.

**DOPPELBOCK**

DOPPELBOCK 8% ABV

The colour of this doppelbock is mahogany, the taste malty, flowery, and slightly sweet, with a nice bitter note when finishing.

**UR-WEIZEN**

WHEAT BEER 5.3% ABV

Amber-coloured and cloudy from the yeast, this malty beer tastes flowery with a mild, sweet finish.

**GRAF IGNAZ PREMIUM**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

A real pilsner – clear, golden, and lightly sparkling; strongly flavoured with fine, balanced bitters of hops.

**GRAF IGNAZ LAGER**

LAGER 4.9% ABV

This golden beer is dry and has nice aromas of fine malt. There is some sweetness on the tongue.



### JEVER

Elisabethufer 18, 26441 Jever, Germany  
www.jever.de

Jever is one of the top breweries in Germany. Established 160 years ago, the company started producing its export beer in the 1950s. The pilsner as we know it took off during the "pils-wave" of the 1960s. Radeberger bought Jever in 2005.

**BREWING SECRET** Jever is famous for making one of the driest pilsners in existence.

#### JEVER FUN

Low ALCOHOL 0.25% ABV  
Almost alcohol-free, but with a similar taste to the pilsner. Hop-bitters and a pilsner taste pervade this golden beer.

#### JEVER PILSENER

PILSENER 4.8% ABV  
The master brewers use a lot of hops at Jever, and their bitterness makes this pilsner very dry.



### KAUZEN

Uffenheimer Str. 17, 97199 Ochsenfurt, Germany  
www.kauzen.de

The most remarkable time in the history of Kauzen was its survival between 1919 and 1945, and the time after World War II, when it had problems getting hold of equipment, malts, and hops to produce beer. Today, Kauzen is one of the most modern breweries in Bavaria with a good position in the market.

#### KÄUZLE

LAGER 4.8% ABV  
A modern, clear golden beer with sweet, malty aromas, and a light bitter taste of fine hops at the end.

#### KAUZEN ORIGINAL 1809

LAGER 5.2% ABV  
With its golden yellow colour, this beer is a typical lager; it tastes less dry than usual – indeed, a bit sweet.



### KESSELRING

Leithenbukweg 13, 97342 Marktstefl, Germany  
www.kesselring-bier.de

This brewery was founded in the 19th century and became successful after 1914, when Adolf Kesselring took over the management. By the early 1960s, Kesselring was producing 3 million litres (650,000 gallons) of beer and half a million litres (110,000 gallons) of soft drinks each year; the quantities have doubled since then.

#### URFRÄNKISCHES LANDBIER

LAGER 5.3% ABV  
A fresh beer with a clear golden colour. The taste is a rounded combination of hops and malt.

#### KESSELRING SCHLEMMER

SCHWARZE  
WHEAT BEER 5.3% ABV  
Very sparkling and fresh; a light aroma of hops in the finish.



### KIRNER

Kallenfeller Str. 2-4, 55606 Kirn, Germany  
www.kirner.de

The Andres family became part of the beer world in the mid-17th century, a time when every restaurant in Kirn was brewing its own beer. By the end of the century, however, the Andreses were supplying other restaurants, and this was the beginning of a success story that continues to this day.

#### KIRNER KYR

PILSENER LIGHT 2.8% ABV  
This clear golden-yellow beer has less alcohol than most, but it tastes like a real pilsner. Elegant, dry, with a light touch of fine hops.

#### KIRNER PUR

PILSENER 4.8% ABV  
Cloudy and yellow, this pilsner is natural, unfiltered, and full-bodied, with a light taste of yeast.



## BEER STYLES

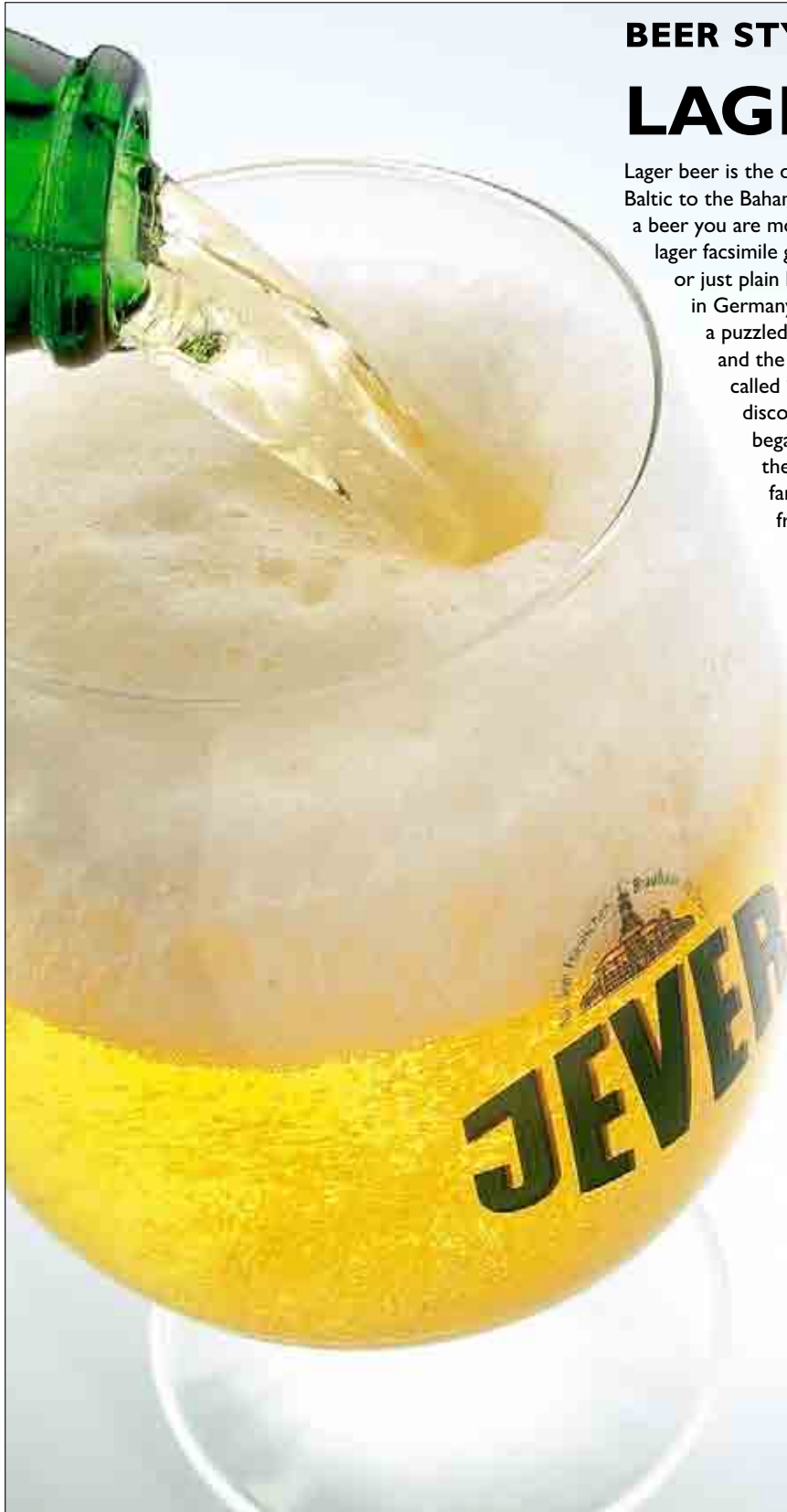
# LAGER

Lager beer is the drink that conquered the world. From the Baltic to the Bahamas, from Australia to Iceland, if you ask for a beer you are most likely to be handed a German or Czech lager facsimile going under the name of pils, pilsner, pilsener, or just plain lager. However, if you went into a bierkeller in Germany and asked for a lager, you'd be met with a puzzled look. Lager in German means "to store" and the long conditioning time of German beers is called "lagering" – a process that was accidentally discovered by medieval Bavarian brewers after they began storing their beers in deep cold caves over the winter. The first golden lager – the type so familiar to us today – only emerged in 1842 from the town of Plzen (see pp236–7).

**LAGER STYLES** In Germany and Central Europe, lagered beers come in a variety of styles: märzen, bock, dunkel (dark lagers), festbier or Oktoberbier, pilsner, helles, Budweis, schwarzbier, and Dortmunds. A true pilsner is a wonderful beer: crisp and fresh, with a rounded palate of soft, biscuity malt and a delicately hoppy, subtly bitter finish, though the north German Jever Pils has an uncommonly ferocious, bitter finish.

**FERMENTATION** The fermentation process for lager differs from that of ale in that the yeast works in a much cooler temperature. It has always been called bottom-fermentation. However, as the yeast works its way throughout the whole of the fermenting liquid, it would be more correct to call it cold-fermentation.

**LAGERING** Once the first fermentation is completed, lager beers are put into conditioning vessels, or lagering tanks, for several weeks – nearly 3 months in the case of Budvar's Bohemian lager. This "long sleep" gives the lager a smooth, soft character.



**KITZMANN**

Südliche Stadtmauerstr. 25, 91054 Erlangen, Germany  
www.kitzmann.de

The Kitzmann brewery in Erlangen near Nuremberg began brewing beer in 1733, but it took another 100 years for the business to really take off. Subsequent generations have ensured the loyalty of drinkers by adhering to the old traditions of this great brewing city through the years.

**KITZMANN KELLERBIER**

KELLERBIER 4.9% ABV

This is a really old-fashioned beer: unfiltered, cloudy, with fine aromas of hops and a malty finish.

**KITZMANN URBOCK**

BOCK 7.1% ABV

A rounded, fine bock, which is rather heavy in taste, but well balanced between hops and malt, and with a smooth foam.

**KNEITINGER**

Kreuzgasse 7, 93047 Regensburg, Germany  
www.kneitingen.de

Kneitingen is one of the best-known traditional restaurants in the city of Regensburg. Master brewer Johann Kneitingen acquired the brewery and farmland in 1865 to assure the best raw materials for brewing.

**BREWING SECRET** Johann Kneitingen developed the strong bock beer that the brewery still produces.

**KNEITINGER BOCK**

BOCK 6.8% ABV

Black-brown in colour, full-bodied, with a creamy foam, and tasting of malt – this is a perfect bock.

**KNEITINGER DUNKEL EXPORT**

EXPORT 5.5% ABV

This dark, ancient beer is malty with light hops and a creamy foam – visitors from all over the world love this typical beer of Regensburg.

**KÖNIG LUDWIG**

Augsburger Str. 41, 82256 Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany  
www.kaltenberg.de

The history of the Bavarian royal family, the Wittelsbachers, is closely connected with the art of beer-making. Today, HRH Luitpold Prince of Bavaria continues the family business successfully with his brands König Ludwig and Kaltenberg. The latter brand name refers to the brewery at Kaltenberg Castle.

**KÖNIG LUDWIG DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5.1% ABV

Amber, with a smooth taste of dark malt and fine hops, this is the most popular dunkel in Germany.

**KÖNIG LUDWIG WEISSBIER**

WHEAT BEER 5.5% ABV

One of the most popular wheat beers in Bavaria; cloudy yellow, with fine hops in the finish. A very traditional, non-filtered speciality.

**KÖNIGSBACHER**

An der Königsbach 8, 56075 Koblenz, Germany  
www.koenigsbacher.de

Beer has been made here since 1689. From 1970 it was linked to other breweries such as Richmond's-Brau in Cologne and Hamacher in Aachen, and it is now in the Carlsberg group.

**BREWING SECRET** Königsbacher was the first brewery in Germany to use automatic filling machines for casks, starting in 1974.

**KÖNIGSBACHER PILSENER**

PILSENER 4.8% ABV

Gold, sparkling, and aromatic. The fine hops contribute to a very thick, creamy foam and a great finish.

**1689**

TRADITIONAL LAGER 5.2% ABV

This noble, amber-coloured traditional beer tastes rather strong and robust; it is dry, medium-bodied, and pleasant.



**KROMBACHER**

Hagener Str. 261, 57223 Kreuztal-Krombach, Germany  
www.krombacher.de

The brewery was first mentioned in records in 1803, but it was not until 1908 that the Krombacher brand was truly established. Business flagged between the wars, then began to rise again in the 1990s. Since 2005, Krombacher has become the leading premium brand in Germany, making 500 million litres (100 million gallons) of beer each year.

**KROMBACHER PILS**

PILSNER 4.8% ABV  
The taste is elegant, fresh and dry, with light bitters of hops in the finish. Golden in colour.

**KROMBACHER WEIZEN**

WHEAT BEER 5.3% ABV  
Very new: an unfiltered, naturally cloudy, yellow beer. Sparkling, with a smooth taste, a little bit sweet, fruity, and full-bodied.

**KRONE TETT NANG**

Bärenplatz 7, 88069 Tett nang, Germany  
www.krone-tett nang.de

Krone Tett nang is a small craft brewery that has been owned by the Tauscher family for seven generations. It is a member of "Brewers with Body and Soul" – a group of ten small companies who aim to produce beer "in another, but traditional, way...".

**BREWING SECRET** The first organic beer of the Bodensee region was made here in 1993.

**KELLER-PILS**

PILSNER 4.7% ABV  
The famous first organic beer of the region. Unfiltered and cloudy, it has the typical pilsner bitterness of hops and some sweetness of malt.

**KRONENBIER**

LAGER 4.9% ABV  
Richly flavoured traditional beer with the finest possible malt aroma, and a light finish of fine hops.

**KUCHLBAUER**

Römerstr. 5-9, 93326 Abensberg, Germany  
www.kuchlbauer.de

Bestowed the right to brew beer in 1300, this is one of the oldest official breweries in the world. The Kuchlbauers were from Regensburg, but in 1751 they acquired a property in Abensberg, where they have been brewing ever since.

**BREWING SECRET** Their success stems from focusing on brewing wheat beers.

**KUCHLBAUER WEISSE**

WHEAT BEER 5.4% ABV  
One of the most famous and typical wheat beers – slightly cloudy, sparkling, and sweet.

**ALTE LIEBE DUNKLE WEISSE**

WHEAT BEER 5.4% ABV  
Dark mahogany and very aromatic with malts. Rather sweet; not much bitterness, but fine hops are present on the tongue.

**KULMBACHER**

Lichtenfelser Str. 9, 95326 Kulmbach, Germany  
www.kulmbacher.de

The name of Kulmbach, a city in northern Bavaria, is known to beer-lovers throughout the world. Its fame began with the offerings of beer master Wolfgang Reichel in 1846. Since his time, many other brands have joined the company, and production is now about 300 million litres (70 million gallons) of beer each year.

**MÖNCHSHOF SCHWARZBIER**

SCHWARZBIER 4.9% ABV  
Dark roasted malts and fine hops. The deep, dark colour and fine aroma are typical of schwarzbiers.

**KAPUZINER WEISSBIER**

WHEAT BEER 5.4% ABV  
Naturally cloudy, sparkling and with a sweet and fruity taste; this unfiltered beer is typical of the wheat beer style.

BREWERY

BEER



### LANDSKRON

An der Landskronbrauerei 116, 02826 Görlitz, Germany  
www.landskron.de

Founded in 1869, the Landskron brewery in eastern Germany was always one of the most important in the region. Owned by the state under the GDR, it was only after the Reunification in 1990 that the beers were brewed according to the rules of the Purity Law in Germany.

#### LANDSKRON EIN SCHLESIER

EXPORT 5.2% ABV

A traditional dark-golden beer, naturally strong, brewed with a light malty taste and a fine finish of hops.

#### LANDSKRON LAUSITZER KINDL

PILSNER 4.8% ABV

Clear golden-yellow, this beer has a very fresh and dry taste – a result of using fine hops – and a light, malty finish.



### LANDWEHR-BRÄU

Reichelshofen 31, 91628 Steinsfeld, Germany  
www.landwehr-braeu.de

The Landwehr brewery is a modern, yet traditionally minded, company. Beer has been produced at this site since 1755, and from 1913 it has been owned by the Wörner family.

**BREWING SECRET** Brewing and filling technologies are as advanced as possible, important factors in the guarantee of quality.

#### DUNKLER BOCK

BOCK 6.6% ABV

Reminiscent of hazelnuts, this beer is a typical bock with its aromas of malts, and fine bitter taste of hops.

#### DUNKEL

MÄRZEN 5% ABV

Coffee-like – nearly black in colour – this dunkel has a roasted malt aroma and a light bitterness of hops in the finish.



### LANG-BRÄU

Bayreuther Str. 18-19, 95632 Wunsiedel, Germany  
www.lang-braeu.de

Schönbrunn, near Wunsiedel, is home to this small brewery, which produces 13 different styles of beer. Production levels are relatively low, yet this company is world famous because of the wide distribution of its Benedikt XVI ("The Pope's beer", 7.5% ABV). Interestingly, they also brew an "Erotic beer" (5.5% ABV).

#### SCHÖNBRUNNER PILS

PILSNER 5% ABV

A clear golden pilsner with harmonious flavours. The finish is spectacular with fine hops.

#### SCHÖNBRUNNER SPECIAL

EXPORT 5.5% ABV

Clear gold and full-bodied, with a malty finish and notes of fine hops.



### LEIBINGER

Friedhofstr. 20-36, 88212 Ravensburg, Germany  
www.leibinger.de

This brewery was founded in 1894 in Ravensburg by Max Leibinger. Max Leibinger II took over in 1959 and began the modernization of the brewery. Michael Leibinger is now at the helm.

**BREWING SECRET** 100 per cent of the ingredients in Leibinger beers are sourced locally.

#### MAX

SPECIAL 5.2% ABV

This mix of malts from wheat, barley, and fine hops has a subtle taste. A very successful beer.

#### EDELPILS

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

The taste is markedly of hops, which is typical for a pilsner. It is sparkling, with delicate hop-flower notes and dryness in the mouth.

## BEER TRAIL

# BAMBERG

Can there be a better place in the world to drink beer?

This beautiful, baroque island city, on the banks of the River Regnitz and the Main-Donau Canal is in the Upper Franconia region of Bavaria. It is built on medieval foundations and is home to 70,000 people and 11 breweries. The city is a base for many US army personnel and their families – and they have helped, no doubt, to take the fame of this beer paradise around the world.

Many of Bamberg's beers have a smoky secret. To malt a cereal, the grain has to begin to germinate, converting complicated sugars into simpler ones, which then can be broken down even further in the mash tun. But the process has to be stopped before it goes too far and the grain's goodness is lost to the brewer. Heat is normally used to arrest germination, but, in Franconia, maltsters developed a smoky technique of stopping the grain's growth. The germinating grain is heated over beechwood fires, which imparts marvellous wood fire, peaty aromas and flavours to the finished beers.



### KLOSTERBRAU

Beer has been brewed at Klosterbrau since 1533. Down a cobbled street, time seems to slip away in this fairytale of a brewery tap. The range includes a schwarzbier, braunbier, weizen, pils, and a bock. *Oberer Muhlbruck 3, Bamberg (www.klosterbraueu.de)*



### 2 OLD TOWN HALL

The river is never far away in Bamberg. The stroll to Brauerei Spezial's passes the spectacular medieval stone-and-timbered Old Town Hall, which seems precariously balanced on the footings of an ancient bridge. Take a moment to admire it before heading on to the Brauerei Spezial's.

### 3 THE BRAUEREI SPEZIAL'S

The Brauerei Spezial's is very much a locals' bar, decorated with laughter and conversations. Its Spezial Rauchbier has subtle, soft toffee flavours and even a hint of burnt straw. Spezial uses smoked malt in at least four of its other beers. By the bar is a serving hatch, where locals come to fill containers with beer for drinking at home. *Oberer Königstrasse 10, Bamberg (www.brauerei-spezial.de)*



### JOURNEY STATS

30 mins, plus drinking time

2 miles (3 km)





#### 14 BRAUEREI FÄSSLA

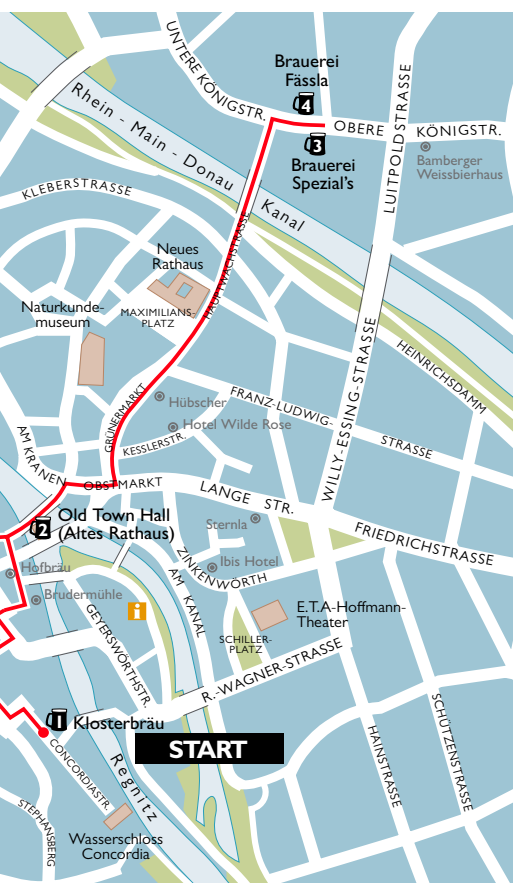
Directly opposite Brauerei Spezial's is Brauerei Fässla. Brewing started here in 1649. The brewery tap has a comfortable, wood-panelled, country-style room, and above it is a small hotel. The brewery's logo – a dwarf rolling a barrel of beer – decorates the glasses and dark furniture. Fässla's easy-drinking Lagerbier melds malty flavours with a fresh, soft bitterness. *Obere Königsstrasse 19–21, Bamberg (www.faesslera.de)*



#### 15 SCHLENKERLA

Vibrant and friendly, Schlenkerla is Bamberg's best-known bar and restaurant. The warmth of its world-famous rauchbier, with its smoked whisky and cheese overtones, is as warm as the welcome. Tables are often shared, and the atmosphere is highly convivial. Beer is the social lubricant and the perfect accompaniment to robust Bavarian dishes such as onions stuffed with beefy meatballs. *Dominikanerstrasse 6, Bamberg (www.smokebeer.com)*

0 yards 200  
0 metres 200



#### 16 AMBRÄUSIANUM

Opposite Schlenkerla is the Ambräusianum. Here, the brewing vessels can be seen, which makes it seem more like a modern brewpub than one of Bamberg's traditional establishments, and it is a relative newcomer, being open only since 2004. Weekend breakfasts comprise a glass of wheat beer with three locally made Bavarian veal sausages and a pretzel. *Dominikanerstrasse 10, Bamberg (www.ambraeusianum.de)*



#### 17 WEINSTUBE PIZZINI

The exterior of the Weinstube Pizzini is somewhat unprepossessing, and do not be deterred by its name – it is neither a wine bar nor a pizza restaurant. Inside this small, brown decorated and time-worn bar, there is warm-hearted welcome and the opportunity to try Fässla and Spezial beers, as well as a dunkel from Andechser. *Ober Sandstrasse 17, Bamberg*



Rauchbier - Gaststätte Wachelofen - Kellerbier

The bars of Bamberg are known for their rauchbier (smoked beer), which uses beechwood-smoked malt.

Ofenfrische Bierhaxen + Schäufer'la

durchgehende Küche

Bier-Haxen  
Schäufer'la  
Schwein + Linsensuppe  
München  
Spargel  
Weißer Bismarck  
etc.

Koch  
Schneider  
Brauerei  
München







BREWERY

**LEIKEIM**

Langheimer Str. 14, 96264 Altenkunstadt, Germany  
www.leikeim.de

About 120 years old, the brewery is still owned by the Leikeim family, now in the fourth generation. Today, after several renovations, the company is the second-largest in Germany selling beer in clip-top bottles. Dieter Leikeim, who runs the operation, has largely been responsible for turning Leikeim into a premium brewery.

**LICHER**

In den Hardtberggärten, 35423 Lich, Germany  
www.licher.de

Tradition is an important concept at this brewery, which has been going since 1854. There is a philosophy of quality at Licher that is obvious when you drink their beers.

**BREWING SECRET** The basics for making good beer – malt, hops, and water – are all from sustainable sources.

**LINDENBRÄU**

Stuttgarter Str. 43, 76337 Waldbronn, Germany  
www.lindenbraeu-waldbronn.de

Lindenbräu can look back to a history spanning three centuries. In 2000 it had a major renovation, which involved stripping the old buildings back to a shell, then creating a very modern interior. The old barn was turned into a covered beer garden.

**LOHRER**

Ludwigstr. 3, 97816 Lohr am Main, Germany  
www.lohrer-bier.de

The brewery was founded in the late 19th century to produce beer specifically for a restaurant. Lohrer reintroduced clip-top bottles in the early 1980s. It is now a subsidiary of the Würzburger Hofbräu.

**BREWING SECRET** Lohrer has a history of the judicious introduction of new beers, like its wheat beer in 1982.

BEER

**LEIKEIM PREMIUM**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV  
Dry, and with more fine aromas of hops than most other pilsners. The finish has only light aromas of malt.

**LEIKEIM RADLER**

BEER BLEND 2.5% ABV  
Very clear, yellow beer with a distinct lemon taste and only a few traces of bitterness. Sparkling and very fresh.

**LICHER WEIZEN**

WHEAT BEER 5.4% ABV  
A favourite of the brewery: fine yeast and hops give the beer a special note, while the sweetness gives it a full-bodied taste.

**LICHER DOPPELBOCK**

DOPPELBOCK 7.6% ABV  
Heartiness is the main characteristic of this dark beer. Some sweetness in the finish makes it very pleasant.

**LINDENBRÄU PILS**

PILSNER 5% ABV  
A real pilsner: clear golden and with a strong but smooth taste, and a bitter aroma of fine hops.

**LINDENBRÄU ORIGINAL**

LAGER 5% ABV  
An amber-coloured beer with a very aromatic, malty taste, and a slightly stronger bitterness than usual. The sweetness is like a märzen.

**KEILER WEISSBIER**

WHEAT BEER 4.9% ABV  
Naturally cloudy, dark amber-coloured, and unfiltered, the Keiler is balanced between wheat and barley malts. Slightly sweet, with a fine aroma of hops in the finish.

**LOHRER BÖCKLE**

BOCK 7% ABV  
The strongest Lohrer beer: rather heavy but pleasant and full-bodied.



### LÖWENBRÄU

Nymphenburger Str. 7, 80335 München, Germany  
www.loewenbraeu.de

Löwenbräu is one of the most famous brands in the world. The company is more than 500 years old. In 1948, only three years after the end of World War II, Löwenbräu began exporting again: first to Switzerland, then further afield. In 1997 there was a marriage between Löwenbräu and Spatenbräu; today both are part of the global player InBev.

#### LÖWENBRÄU TRIUMPHATOR

DOPPELBOCK 7.6% ABV  
Dark brown in colour, the Triumphator has a strong flavour of malt, but only a subtle aroma of hops. Sweet.

#### LÖWENBRÄU URTP

EXPORT 5.4% ABV  
A balanced flavour with fine aromas of malt; full-bodied, pleasant, and fresh, with mild hops in the finish.



### LÜBZER

Eisenbeisstr. 1, 19386 Lütz, Germany  
www.luebzer.de

Beer has been produced in Lütz for 130 years. Today the brewery is a part of Carlsberg A/S Denmark, and the company has a capacity of 100 million litres (20 million gallons) of beer annually. In eastern Germany, Lübzer Pils is one of the biggest brands and popular, even with beer aficionados.

#### LÜBZER URKRAFT

LAGER 6% ABV  
This amber-coloured beer has a bit more alcohol than usual, a full-bodied taste, and plenty of aroma.

#### LÜBZER LEMON

PILSNER AND LEMON 2.5% ABV  
Fresh lemons, limeade, and only 2.5% ABV give this clear yellow mixture a really refreshing taste.



### MAISEL

Hindenburgstr. 9, 95445 Bayreuth, Germany  
www.maisel.com

Hans and Eberhardt Maisel founded the brewery in the city of Richard Wagner in 1887. The family decided to concentrate the production on wheat beer in 1955, and Maisel became a trendsetter for this style.

**BREWING SECRET** Their success is the result of a high level of ability in the hand-crafting of beers.

#### MAISEL'S WEISSE

WHEAT BEER 5.2% ABV  
The colour is typical for Maisel: a gleaming red. Fermentation in the bottle gives the beer fruity notes and mild nuttiness in the finish.

#### MAISEL'S DAMPFBIER

SPECIAL BEER 4.9% ABV  
A very old-fashioned beer: the mix of different malts gives it a really special, fine character.



### MAXLRAIN

Schlossbrauerei Maxlrain, Aiblinger Str. 1, 83104 Tuntenhausen/Maxrain, Germany  
www.maxlrain.de

Emperor Karl the Great was the founder of the castle of Maxlrain in the year 804. The current owner of the castle and its attached brewery – Leo, Count of Hohenthal von Bergen – is proud of his tradition and the high quality of his ingredients.

#### JUBILATOR

DOPPELBOCK 7% ABV  
A dark-coloured beer with a strong but satisfying taste, rounded and smooth with fine roasty malts in the finish.

#### AIBLINGER SCHWARZE

DARK EXPORT 5% ABV  
Mahogany, with a fine, malty aroma and smooth taste. Full-bodied and not too sweet.

**MEININGER**

Am Bielstein 3, 98617 Meiningen, Germany  
[www.meininger-privatbrauerei.de](http://www.meininger-privatbrauerei.de)

Founded in 1841, this brewery has had a chequered history. When the GDR was established, Meininger was nationalized, like most other companies in East Germany, and it faced difficult trading conditions in the aftermath of Reunification. Today, Meininger produces 8 million litres (1.8 million gallons) of beer each year, for a local and a wider market.

**MEININGER GOLD-URHELL**

LAGER 4.7% ABV

Fresh and lightly sparkling; a clear golden beer. It has a light aroma of fine hops.

**MEININGER HELLER BOCK**

Bock 6.3% ABV

This amber-yellow bock is available throughout the year. Its taste is pleasant, and there is a delicious aroma of hops.

**METTLACHER ABTEIBRÄU**

Bahnhofstr. 32, 66693 Mettlach, Germany  
[www.abtei-brauerei.de](http://www.abtei-brauerei.de)

Mettlacher specializes in natural, unfiltered beer. Guests can watch the brewing process from the attached restaurant. The brewers promote the beer styles of the region and run courses on beer production.

**BREWING SECRET** High-quality basic products, modern techniques, and the energy of the brewers ensure success.

**ABTEI-BOCK**

Bock 6.2% ABV

Strong-roasted bock with obvious roasty aromas and an even more intense flavour of fine hops.

**ABTEI-JOSEF-SUD**

WHEAT BEER 5.1% ABV

The dark amber-coloured wheat beer is sparkling and has typical aromas from the mash of wheat and barley malts.

**MICHELBRÄU**

Fahrstr. 83-85, 64832 Babenhausen, Germany  
[www.michelsbraeu.de](http://www.michelsbraeu.de)

The brewery is situated in the heart of the small city of Babenhausen. It was founded in 1815 and has been managed by the Schuberts since 1925. The production is handcrafted, and the master brewer uses the best malts and hops available.

**BREWING SECRET** The water comes from a spring in the vicinity of the brewery.

**MICHELBRÄU HEXE**

EXPORT 5.2% ABV

This special beer has a malty aroma and fine bitters of hops. It is amber-yellow and a delight to drink.

**MICHELBRÄU PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

The golden pilsner is fresh with a fine and gleaming foam. It has a balanced aroma of hops, and tastes lightly bitter, dry, and elegant.

**NESSELWANG**

Postbrauerei Nesselwang, Hauptstr. 25, 87484 Nesselwang, Germany  
[www.post-brauerei-nesselwang.de](http://www.post-brauerei-nesselwang.de)

In the second half of the 17th century there were five breweries in Nesselwang. For 200 years this one was called the Adler brewery; its incarnation as Nesselwang began in 1883, and it has enjoyed continuous success since World War II.

**DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 4.9% ABV

A dark-brown speciality that tastes of roasted malts. It is slightly sweet and finishes with a whisper of hop bitterness.

**POSTILLON**

WHEAT BEER 4.9% ABV

A typical amber wheat beer: sparkling, with a fresh taste of light hops and malts, and a sweet finish.

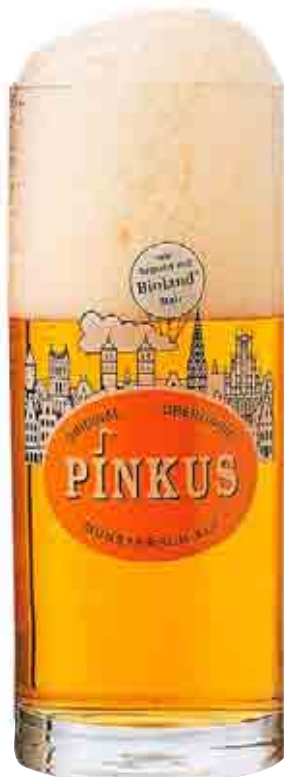


### NEUMARKTER LAMMSBRÄU

Ehrnsberger e.K. Amberger Str. 1,  
92318 Neumarkt, Germany  
[www.lammsbraeu.de](http://www.lammsbraeu.de)

Family-owned since 1800, the company turned to organic beer production in 1987 and now has about 14 types.

**BREWING SECRET** Neumarkter Lammsbräu works with about 100 organic farmers to ensure the quality of its ingredients.



### PINKUS MÜLLER

Kreuzstr. 4-10, 48143 Münster, Germany  
[www.pinkus-mueller.de](http://www.pinkus-mueller.de)

The story of the Müller family began in 1816 in Münster. The company expanded over the years. Today, Pinkus Müller is the last of about 150 traditional breweries in Münster, and an attraction in the town. Its restaurant serves regional specialties.

**BREWING SECRET** The raw materials for its unfiltered beers are all organic.



### REICHENBRAND

Zwickauer Str. 478, 09117 Chemnitz,  
Germany  
[www.brauerei-bergt.de](http://www.brauerei-bergt.de)

Reichenbrand is located in the city of Chemnitz. The brewery first opened in 1874, but went bankrupt 21 years later. Joachim Bergt then took over and guided the company through difficult times. The GDR nationalized it; after Reunification, the family took it back. It has been renovated and is now enjoying more prosperous times.



### REUTBERG

Klosterbrauerei Reutberg, Am Reutberg  
2, 83679 Sachsenkamm, Germany  
[www.klosterbrauerei-reutberg.de](http://www.klosterbrauerei-reutberg.de)

The monastery at Reutberg started brewing its own beer in the 19th century. In 1901 the Franziskaner monks stopped brewing, but the local people protested. Production started again in 1906, with new machines and cellars. In 1987 a proposed merger with Holzkirchen failed, and Reutberg continues to brew its own beer independently.

### URSTOFF

LAGER 4.7% ABV

Brewed with fewer hops than a pilsner, so it tastes less bitter; it is pleasant and has a nice finish.

### DINKELBIER

SPECIAL BEER 5.1% ABV

Dinkel is similar to wheat beer but is a much older style. It has balanced basic ingredients and the sparkle of a wheat beer, and tastes strong.

### ORIGINAL ALT

ALTBIER 5.1% ABV

The wine-like character comes from an extra-long period of maturation. Dark golden, with light bitter aromas in the finish.

### PINKUS PILS

PILSNER 5.2% ABV

A colour like straw; it tastes dry and has a medium aroma of hops in the finish.

### HELLES

LAGER 4.2% ABV

This light, golden beer is full-bodied with a rounded bitter aroma from the hops.

### PREMIUM

EXPORT 5.5% ABV

Typically dark yellow, this beer is as full-bodied as its sibling, but more aromatic from hops, and it has a fine, dry, and bitter finish.

### EXPORT DUNKEL

DUNKEL 5.2% ABV

Dark malt gives the beer its typical dark amber colour. The smell is malty, and the texture full-bodied with a harmonious finish.

### JOSEFI BOCK

BOCK 6.9% ABV

This strong, amber beer has a mild taste with a pleasant, malty aroma: a well-balanced beer.



**The Fröh brewery tap**, close to Cologne's cathedral, is the perfect place to drink a glass of kölsch.

## BEER STYLES

# KÖLSCH

Although the appearance of a glass of golden kölsch might suggest the lager method of bottom- or cold-fermentation, the unique beer of Cologne (Köln) is a member of the ale family. It might have the hue of a pilsner, and spend a month in cold maturation (or lagering), but it is a beer made with top- or warm-fermenting yeast. This marks it out as a survivor from the time when Germany was home to all sorts of unusual beers, many of which would qualify as ales. It is also one of those rare beers with its own appellation: since 1985, no brewery outside the city of Cologne or a handful of nearby villages can call its beer a kölsch. It's for this reason that American craft brewers, many of whom are keen supporters of the beers of Cologne, have to call their brews "kölsch-style".

Naturally, the citizens of Cologne are extremely proud of their beer. Sample kölsch at its best in the atmospheric brewery taps of Früh (close to the cathedral) and Dom on the Alteburger Strasse.

**LIGHT AND SUBTLE** This is not a big bruiser of a beer: expect delicate fruit and malt flavours on the palate, with hints of berry fruit, followed by a subtle sweetness and a quick, clean finish. It's a refreshing style of beer, easily drinkable, and normally around 5% ABV. It makes a wonderful aperitif or social drink, and is also ideal for serving at the dining table with light salads or delicate white fish.

**KÖBES OF KÖLN** Just like its close rival alt, from the neighbouring Rhineland city of Dusseldorf, kölsch is delivered by wandering bands of blue-apron-wearing waiters called köbes. The beer arrives in small, cylindrical glasses called stange; they are carried on round trays, with each glass sitting in its own hole.



**RIEGELE**

Frölichstr. 26, 86150 Augsburg, Germany  
[www.riegele.de](http://www.riegele.de)

The history of brewing here goes back to 1386. Sebastian Riegele bought the small company in 1884, and developed it so well that in 1911 a new brewery was built outside central Augsburg. Today Riegele is still family-owned and operates several restaurants as well as the brewery.

**BREWING SECRET** Riegele has its own malt-producing company.

**RÖHRL**

Heerstr. 13, 94315 Straubing, Germany  
[www.roehrlbraeu.de](http://www.roehrlbraeu.de)

Straubing in Niederbayern is home to the brewery that Josef Röhl founded in 1881. From the beginning, it was family-owned. After difficulties at the end of World War II, the family managed to re-establish it as a very successful company.

**BREWING SECRET** The introduction of their wheat beer in 1976 brought them widespread recognition.

**ROSENBRAUEREI PÖSSNECK**

Dr.-Wilhelm-Külz-Str.41, 07381 Pössneck, Germany  
[www.rosenbrauerei.de](http://www.rosenbrauerei.de)

Brewing has been taking place in Pössneck since the 16th century. The company was nationalized in 1951 and had fallen into a state of disrepair by the time of Reunification. By 1994, however, the Rosenbrauerei was back on course for success.

**ROSTOCKER**

Doberaner Str. 27, 18057 Rostock, Germany  
[www.rostocker.de](http://www.rostocker.de)

In 1878 the engineers Mahn and Ohlerich acquired the Julius Meyer'sche Bierbrauerei. There followed a highly successful era until the outbreak of World War II. Beck & Co now own the brewery.

**BREWING SECRET** Since 1991 the brewery has grown year-on-year, and not only due to the Beck connection.

**COMMERZIENRAT RIEGELE PRIVAT EXPORT 5.2% ABV**

Golden and gleaming, with aromas of malt and hop-flowers; the taste is smooth and mild, with a lovely bitterness of hops.

**SEBASTIAN RIEGELE'S WEISSE**

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV  
 Unfiltered, cloudy, and yellow.  
 A yeast-flower taste with fruitiness and fine bitters of hops.

**STRAUBINGER WEISSE**

WHEAT BEER 5.3% ABV  
 Full-bodied, fresh, sparkling, and very fruity on the palate, with a mild aroma of hops.

**RÖHRL'S GÄUBODEN LANDBIER**

LAGER 4.8% ABV  
 The name comes from the famous beer festival in Straubing. It has a light barley and hops taste with a nice, very slightly bitter finish.

**ROSEN KELLERBIER**

SPECIAL BEER 4.8% ABV  
 This traditional beer has a cloudy yellow colour; it is full-bodied and aromatic with a light malty aroma.

**SCHWARZE ROSE**

SCHWARZBIER 4.9% ABV  
 Sparkling and almost black, with a nice roasted malt aroma and some bitterness in the finish.

**ROSTOCKER BOCK DUNKEL**

Bock 6.9% ABV  
 More bitter than other bocks. Full-bodied with malt aromas and a rich caramel taste.

**ROSTOCKER EXPORT**

EXPORT 5.5% ABV  
 Golden coloured, the beer has a fine aroma of hops and a slightly flowery bitterness.



### SAALFELD

Bürgerliches Brauhaus Saalfeld,  
Pössnecker Str. 55, 07318 Saalfeld,  
Germany  
[www.brauhaus-saalfeld.de](http://www.brauhaus-saalfeld.de)

The tradition of brewing beer is more than 100 years old in Saalfeld. In the 1950s the brewery was partially renovated, but many machines were still old fashioned. New owners have since invested €7 million to modernize the equipment.

#### UR-SAALFELDER GROTTENPILS PILSNER 4.8% ABV

A traditional clear golden pilsner, full-bodied, and with a noble bitterness from hops.

#### UR-SAALFELDER PILS PILSNER 4.8% ABV

This classic pilsner has a fine, dry taste with a light sparkle at the beginning and a harmonious bitter aroma at the finish.



### SCHAUMBURGER

St. Annen 11, 31655 Stadthagen,  
Germany  
[www.schaumburger-brauerei.de](http://www.schaumburger-brauerei.de)

The brewery was founded in 1873 in Stadthagen. Production stopped during World War II, but the beer was on sale again from 1948.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery uses water from the Bornan spring, which has similar qualities to water from Pilsen in the Czech Republic – where the original pilsner was made.

#### SCHAUMBURGER PRIVAT-BOCK BOCK 6.5% ABV

Typical bock with a light malt aroma, strong flavour, and a nice finish from fine hops.

#### SCHAUMBURGER LÜTTJE LAGE LIGHT BEER 3% ABV

A special light beer that in northern Germany is drunk together with corn schnapps. It is low in alcohol and delightfully light.



### SCHEYERN

Klosterbrauerei Sheuern, Schyrenplatz 1,  
85298 Scheuern, Germany  
[www.klosterbrauerei-scheyern.de](http://www.klosterbrauerei-scheyern.de)

The monks of Scheuern started brewing beer in 1119. Later, the brewery was leased to a producer in Augsburg, but the monastery (one of the oldest in Bavaria) has recently started up beer production again. The brewery is in the middle of the famous Hallertau region – the biggest area of hop cultivation in the world.

#### KLOSTER GOLD HELL LAGER 5.4% ABV

Golden in colour, and with a mild flavour of hops.

#### HOPFAZUPFABIER

MÄRZEN 5.6% ABV  
*Hopfazupfa* is Bavarian for “the man who harvests hops”, and it was for such men that this golden-coloured beer was originally produced. Fine-flavoured with light aromas of hops.



### SCHILLING

Hirschbrauerei Schilling KG, Agilshardt Str. 37,  
72587 Römerstein, Germany  
[www.boehringler-biere.de](http://www.boehringler-biere.de)

From 1826 to the present day, the history of this brewery has been turbulent, with many alterations over the years. It was acquired in 1874 by Johannes Jakob Schilling along with a restaurant called Hirsch, and a farm.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery exerts a strong influence over the organic production of its raw ingredients.

#### BÖHRINGER KELLERPILS PILSNER 4.8% ABV

Unfiltered, yellow, and cloudy. Pleasant with a light, bitter aroma of hops, not too heavy but elegant.

#### BÖHRINGER BOCKBIER

BOCK 6.1% ABV  
A very full-bodied bock, with a sweet taste and a light bitterness from the hops.



**SCHLAPPESEPPEL**

Schlossgasse 24, 63739 Aschaffenburg, Germany  
www.schlappeseppel.de

When King Gustav Adolf of Sweden conquered the city of Aschaffenburg (south of Frankfurt) in the year 1631, there was not a drop of beer at the castle. The only person available to brew beer was a lame soldier called Shlappe Seppel ("flabby Joseph"). The Schlappeseppel was born.

**SCHLENKERLA**

Dominikaner Str. 6, 96049 Bamberg, Germany  
www.schlenkerla.de

This legendary brewery was known by 1405. Today it is still a relatively small company, run by a family in its sixth generation. The so-called "smoked beer" is a speciality of Bamberg.

**BREWING SECRET** The distinctive smoky aroma of Schlenkerla's beers comes from beechwood smoke that pervades the malt as it dries above the oven.

**SCHLODERER**

Rathausstr. 4, 92224 Amberg, Germany  
www.schlodererbraeu.de

The Schلودerer Bräu is a typical brewery-restaurant situated in the ancient city of Amberg. While dining, guests can watch the brewing of beer in action. There are standard brands and also seasonal ones such as wedding beer or "the beer of the witches". To accompany the beers is an array of regional dishes and special menus.

**SCHMUCKER**

Hauptstr. 89, 64756 Mossautal, Germany  
www.schmucker-bier.de

Founded in 1780, this brewery is still a private company. The beer is considered as regional, but dealers transport it around the country, and there are even exports to Italy, Spain, France, South Korea, and the USA. The brewery has 90 employees.

**BREWING SECRET** The hardness of the local spring water is a key factor in the character of Schmucker beers.

**SCHLAPPESEPPEL EXPORT**

EXPORT 5.5% ABV

A classic, golden export beer with a light aroma of hops and some sweetness on the palate.

**SCHLAPPESEPPEL PILSENER**

PILSENER 5% ABV

A golden and not-too-light pilsner: the taste is strong but smooth, with a fine aroma of hops and malt.

**AECHT SCHLENKERLA RAUCHBIER**

MÄRZEN 5.1% ABV

A very dark, dry beer. It has smoky and roasted malt aromas and a finish of light hops. A pure pleasure.

**RAUCHBIER URBOCK**

BOCK 6.5% ABV

A traditional dark bock with Schlenkerla's trademark smoky and roasty aromas; dry, malty taste and a good sweetness in the finish.

**SCHLODI KULT**

LAGER 5.2% ABV

Naturally cloudy and yellow, the Kult tastes dry and fine-flavoured, it slightly sparkling, and very fresh.

**SCHLODERER DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 4.9% ABV

Dark amber in colour, naturally cloudy, and slightly smoky with malt aromas and some sweetness.

**SCHMUCKER MEISTER PILS**

PILSENER 4.8% ABV

Clear yellow and gleaming, this typical full-bodied pilsner has a strong aroma of hops; it is smooth with a strong bitterness.

**SCHMUCKER HEFEWEIZEN**

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV

Deep yellow and cloudy, full-bodied; a smooth taste accompanied by a smell of fruits and yeast.



### SCHNEIDER

Private Weissbierbrauerei Schneider,  
Emil-Ott-Str. 1-5, 93309 Kelheim,  
Germany  
[www.schneider-weisse.de](http://www.schneider-weisse.de)

The Schneider brewery has been a family-owned company since it was founded. From its original location in Munich, Schneider moved to Kelheim after World War II. The former brewery in central Munich has since become a world-famous restaurant.

### SCHUSSENRIEDER

Wilhelm-Schussen-Str. 12, 88427 Bad  
Schussenried, Germany  
[www.schussenrieder.de](http://www.schussenrieder.de)

The first brewers in the region were monks at a monastery in the 12th century. The modern story started in 1906, when master brewer Josef Ott acquired the brewery. The Ott family are still the owners.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery is a traditional one and only uses barley and hops from the region.

### SCHWARZBACH

Schleisinger Str. 27, 98673 Schwarzbach,  
Germany  
[www.schlossbrauerei-schwarzbach.de](http://www.schlossbrauerei-schwarzbach.de)

The owner of the Schwarzbach restaurant was the first to brew beer on this site – during the occupation of the Würzburg bishop's troops in 1400. During wars and revolutions the brewery was destroyed and rebuilt. It was nationalized by the GDR in 1949. The story has begun afresh since the Reunification of Germany in 1990.

### SCHWEIGER

Ebersberger Str. 25, 85570 Markt  
Schwaben, Germany  
[www.schweiger-bier.de](http://www.schweiger-bier.de)

Ludwig Schweiger was by trade a miller but in the 1930s he somehow founded a brewery, which is now managed by his descendants. Their best-known beer today is the Schmankerl-Weisse.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery has used its own malt since 1963, and also sold its malt to other brewers.

#### SCHNEIDER WEISSE ORIGINAL

WHEAT BEER 5.4% ABV

People call it “liquid amber”, and they are right: the amber-mahogany colour is beautiful. Fresh, full-bodied, and with a light bitter finish.

#### AVENTINUS

STRONG WHEAT BEER 8.2% ABV

Almost black, legendary beer, with chocolate and dried-fruit aromas; full-bodied, very thick, and fresh.

#### ORIGINAL NO.1

LAGER 4.7% ABV

A natural, unfiltered, cloudy yellow beer full of malt aromas and a light finish of fine hops.

#### KRONEN-PERLE

LAGER 4.7% ABV

The clear golden colour is typical of this kind of beer; the pleasant taste is as well. It is a mild beer, considered to be a summer drink.

#### SONNEN WEISSE

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV

Sparkling-fresh with a typical taste of yeast, sweetness, and fine hops. The appearance is golden-yellow and slightly cloudy.

#### RAUBRITTER DUNKEL

DUNKEL 5% ABV

Dark and malty, this beer is full-bodied, smooth, and the favourite of more than just the knights...

#### HELLES EXPORT

EXPORT 5.1% ABV

A classic beer with a light dry taste. It is pleasant, with a nice bitterness of hops in the finish.

#### ORIGINAL SCHMANKERL-WEISSE

#### DUNKEL

WHEAT BEER 5.1% ABV

Naturally dark and cloudy, this beer is light and sparkling on the palate.

## THE STORY OF ...



# Weltenburger Kloster

Asamstrase 32,  
93309 Kelheim, Germany

In a courtyard, where giant chestnut trees shade visitors from the sun, the church of the Weltenburg Monastery and the Kloster brewery stand side-by-side. Set on a bend in the Danube, this must be one of the most dramatic and magnificent brewery locations in the world. The beautifully decorated baroque Benedictine abbey is hewn from the 150-million-year-old Jurassic limestone that forms towering cliffs on both sides of the river. Brewery and river usually co-exist harmoniously, but lines and dates on an exterior wall bear witness to the power of the river in full flood. The most recent inundation, in 2005, nearly closed the brewery.

Weltenburg Monastery was founded in the 7th century by two monks, Eustasic and Agilus, followers of St Columbanus, one of the patron saints of brewing. Manuscripts in the monastery's library show that beer has been brewed here for over 1,000 years, with production only being halted from 1803 to 1846. This makes it the oldest abbey brewery in the world. But, although the ancient site is redolent with tradition, this is a forward-looking, hi-tech, automated brewery.

The Kloster's brewmaster is Anton Miller. In his early twenties, he is looking forward to a long career at the brewery. His predecessor brewed here for 49 years.



### ▲ ANCIENT AND MODERN

This monastic brewery may be the world's oldest working brewery, but behind its elegant baroque facade is a sparklingly modern brewery with state-of-the-art equipment.



▲ **ANTON MILLER** While Weltenburg's young brewmaster, Anton Miller, is mindful of the monastery's long brewing tradition, he nevertheless embraces a technologically advanced approach to beer production at Weltenburg. As he says himself, "we might be the oldest brewery in the world, but we use the newest techniques."

▲ **THE BEER RANGE** The brewery produces seven beers. Its Weissbier Hell, Urtyp Hell, Barock Hell, and Pils are top-fermented at 8°C (46°F) for seven days. Weissbier Dunkel, Barock Dunkel, and Asam Bock are bottom-fermented at 22°C (72°F) for four days.



► **LAGERING** The Weltenburger Kloster lager store is located beneath 40 m (130 ft) of limestone rock. Here, the Dunkel is stored at 0°C (32°F), and sometimes lower, for at least three months. This slowly releases the Barock Dunkel's aromatic, malty flavours and well-balanced richness. The beer was presented with the Gold Medal in the Dark Lagers category at the World Beer Cup 2008 in San Diego, USA.



◀ **QUALITY INGREDIENTS** Miller prides himself on the brewery's close links with local Bavarian farmers. Each June he visits the barley fields to choose the grain, which will then be malted in Bamberg. The sweet and spicy Perle Hallertau hops, used in pellet form at the brewery, come from three farms near Munich.



▲ **THE BEER GARDEN** Visitors should not miss the opportunity of sampling the beer, which is pumped directly to its own bar. The beer garden is open throughout the year and is renowned not only for its beer, but also for its extensive range of traditional Bavarian dishes, including suckling pig, boiled beef, and Klosterwurst, a spicy homemade sausage. The brewery is open to the public at weekends.



**STERNQUELL**

Dobenuer Str. 83, 08523 Plauen, Germany  
www.sternquell.de

The Aktienbrauverein in Plauen was nationalized after World War II and given a new name – Sternquell. After Reunification, the brewery quickly enjoyed success and is now in the top three of the East German territories.

**BREWING SECRET** A pre-Reunification program of investment was the basis for its future success.

**STRALSUNDER**

Greifswalder Chaussee 84-85, 18439 Stralsund, Germany  
www.stralsunder.de

The art of brewing has been closely connected with the city of Stralsund for centuries. This brewery was founded in 1827. After nationalization it faced increasing difficulties but, since 1997 it has been enjoying success again.

**BREWING SECRET** When the brewery relaunched in 1997 it reintroduced a well-loved traditional beer from its past.

**STRECK**

Ludwig-Jahn-Str. 11 9745 Ostheim, Germany  
www.streckbier.de

In 1718 Peter Streck started brewing beer, mainly for his own family. Soon, though, other people clamoured to buy his brews. In 1884 the brewery began to acquire technical equipment. By 2000 the 10th generation was in control of the company. The Streckes are already planning how to celebrate their 300th anniversary in 2018.

**THURN & TAXIS**

Fürstliche Brauerei Thurn & Taxis Vertriebsgesellschaft, Am Kreuzhof 5, 93055 Regensburg, Germany  
www.thurnundtaxisbiere.de

The story of the princes of Thurn and Taxis is closely connected with both the development of the German postal service and the brewing of beer.

**BREWING SECRET** The family was the first in Germany to promote pilsner, to brew rye beer, and to offer wheat beer on draught.

**STERNQUELL DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5.3% ABV  
A dark amber beer with a light aroma of hops and a pleasant, malty taste; smooth and full-bodied.

**STERNQUELL PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV  
The obvious taste of fine hops, creamy foam, and clear golden colour make this a true pilsner. Very aromatic and mildly sparkling.

**STRALSUNDER LAGER**

LAGER 4.7% ABV  
Fine malts give a full body. The beer is smooth and mild, with some sweetness in the finish.

**STRALSUNDER PILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV  
A typical pilsner – clear golden, full-bodied, pleasant, with the dry aromas of fine hops, and some bitterness.

**OSTHEIMER DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 4.5% ABV  
Dark amber from special malts, this beer has a malty aroma and is full-bodied and pleasant.

**WEIZENBOCK**

BOCK 7.1% ABV  
A naturally cloudy, amber-coloured beer, sparkling and fresh, with some sweetness and light bitters of hops.

**ST. WOLFGANG DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 4.8% ABV  
Dark-coloured from fine dark malts, this typical, full-bodied dunkel has a roasted aroma and tastes malty.

**THURN & TAXIS EXPORT**

EXPORT 5.3% ABV  
A flavour of mild hops and malts makes this full-bodied, golden beer a favourite.

BREWERY

BEER



### TRAUNSTEIN

Hofbräuhaus Traunstein, Hofgasse 6-11, 83278 Traunstein, Germany  
www.hb-ts.de

From its date of founding in 1612, the brewery had centuries of difficulties, including near-destruction by firestorms. Its luck changed in 1975, when Hofbräuhaus Traunstein was decorated with eight gold medals for its regional beers. Today the company has about 60 employees.

#### FÜRSTEN TRUNK

EXPORT 5.5% ABV

From start to finish, the aroma of hops plays an important role in the structure of this speciality beer.

#### 1612ER ZWICKELBIER

TRADITIONAL EXPORT 5.3% ABV

Unfiltered and straight from the cellar; cloudy, golden, fresh-tasting, and not too sparkling.



### TROTZENBURG

Ostsee Brauhaus AG "Trotzenburg", Strandstr. 41, 18225 Kühlungsborn, Germany  
www.brauhaus-trotzenburg.de

In 1839 a certain Herr Moll opened a tavern in an old forester's house, which developed into a brewery-restaurant. The name became Trotzenburg in 1913. By the end of the 1980s it had grown dilapidated, and was closed down. It has since reopened, and is part of the Ostsee Brauhaus AG.

#### TROTZENBURGER SPEZIAL

LAGER 4.9% ABV

Copper-coloured, full-bodied, and dry enough to exude the aroma of fine hops without being too dry.

#### TROTZENBURGER ORIGINAL

LAGER 4.9% ABV

Amber-coloured, with a light bitterness and a malty finish. Very pleasant because of its fine yeast.



### TUCHER

Schwabacher Str. 106, 90763 Fürth, Germany  
www.tucher.de

The Tucher story began in Nuremberg in 1672, with the production of wheat beer. After the brewery was modernized in 1855, two-thirds of the beers were exported. Today Tucher is a part of the Radeberger Group.

**BREWING SECRET** This brewery is the most traditional in northern Bavaria.

#### DUNKLES HEFE WEIZEN

WHEAT BEER 5.2% ABV

Dark colour and a strong taste with clear malt aromas; a very smooth beer with a little sparkle at the beginning.

#### HELLES HEFEWEIZEN

Wheat Beer 5.2% ABV

Cloudy yellow, with a refreshing taste of yeast and some sweetness. A sparkling pleasure.



### UERIGE

Bergerstr. 1, 40123 Düsseldorf, Germany  
www.uerige.de

The brewery, attached to a famous restaurant in Düsseldorf, is situated in the heart of this historic town, near to the river Rhine. Since 1862 it has produced the city's famous beer – altbier. Michael Jackson, the famous beer and whisky critic, once awarded Uerige's beer four stars – a rare high judgement from the specialist.

#### UERIGE ALT

ALTBIER 4.7% ABV

This nearly black beer has lots of bitter aromas. It is full-bodied with a nice roasty aroma and sweet finish.

#### UERIGE STICKE

BOCK 6% ABV

Tastes heavy but is nevertheless elegant. The black colour signifies a large amount of malts and hops, and the taste bears this out.



**Blue-shirted beer waiters**, with blue aprons, known as köbes provide drinkers with a steady supply of altbier in the bars of Düsseldorf.

## BEER STYLES

# ALTBIER

“Alt” is the German word for old, and it’s an apt term for the altbiers of the Rhineland – not because they are aged (they’re drunk fresh) but because the “old” top-fermented style dates back to a period before lagered beers swept all before them. Düsseldorf is the home of altbier, although examples are also found in Hanover, Munster, Holland, and the USA. A Düsseldorfer alt is clear copper-bronze in colour, with a bright white head. It’s a biscuity, gritty beer, closer to British bitter than to lager, but with its rough edges smoothed out by a period of cold maturation.

Diebels and Frankenheim are the big sellers, but a visit to the old town (Altstadt) of the beer’s native city reveals a quartet of small brewpubs considered by connoisseurs to be the beating heart of this venerable beer style: Schumacher, Schlüssel, Füchschen, and Uerige. Within these hallowed halls, waiters called köbes, in blue shirts and aprons, weave their way through the crowds, looking for empty glasses to be replenished. With tray in hand, topping up the thirsty (until asked to stop!), and posing for pictures, they take great pride in their profession and deserve their exalted place in the hierarchy of the pub.

### SCHUMACHER AND

**SCHLÜSSEL** Just as with British bitter, there are subtle differences and nuances that distinguish one alt from another. Schumacher Altbier (4.6% ABV) is light amber in colour, with a fruity, nutty palate. Schlüssel Altbier (5% ABV) is delicately fragrant on the nose, biscuity, and has a lingering dry finish.

### FÜCHSCHEN AND UERIGE

Füchschen Altbier (4.5% ABV) has a biscuity nose with hints of resinous hops in the background. Uerige Altbier (4.5% ABV) is richly malty on the nose, underpinned by the subtle resin of hops; it is fragrant and fruity, with a dry and bitter finish.







**UNERTL**

Lerchenberger Str. 6, 83527 Haag, Germany  
www.unertl.de

This wheat-beer specialist was established at the beginning of the 20th century. Production levels have remained almost constant over the years. However, the increasing popularity of this style, coupled with special bottlings, have given Unertl a rarity value.

**UR-KROSTITZER**

Brauereistr. 12, 04509 Krostitz  
www.ur-krostitzer.de, Germany

A portrait of the 17th-century Swedish King Gustav II Adolf graces the Ur-Krostitzer labels. The story goes that, in 1631, during the Thirty Years' War, the king came to Krostitz, parched by a hot, dry wind. He was given a glass of the town's festival beer to quench his thirst, and declared it excellent. The brand is now part of the Radeberger Group.

**WALDSCHLÖSSCHEN**

Am Brauhaus 8b, 01099 Dresden, Germany  
www.waldschloesschen.de

In 1836 a group of important Dresden citizens met to discuss the foundation of a brewery to produce "beer of Bavarian style". Two years later the plan became reality at a location named Waldschlösschen.

**WEIDENEDER**

Marktplatz 43, 84367 Tann, Germany  
www.weidener.com

Brewing has been a tradition in Tann since the 14th century. The name Weideneder first appeared in the 15th century. The company currently produces 11 different beers and 16 non-alcoholic beverages.

**BREWING SECRET** The village produces its own malt, and a spring owned by the brewer's family has been supplying the company's water for 100 years.

**UNERTL WEISSBIER BOCK**

WHEAT BEER BOCK 6.7% ABV  
A dark colour for a white bock, but with a strong and pleasant taste. The alcohol is packed within fine malts and hops.

**UNERTL WEISSBIER**

WHEAT BEER 4.8% ABV  
The flagship wheat beer of this brewery is aromatic with yeast and banana notes.

**FEINHERBES PILSENER**

PILSNER 5% ABV  
A brilliant pilsner with a lightly sparkling attitude, a dry aroma of hops, and a very elegant taste.

**SCHWARZES**

SCHWARZBIER 4.9% ABV  
Ur-Krostitzer's Schwarzes is the most famous black beer in the country. It has a fine malty taste and a nice, light hoppy finish.

**ZWICKELBIER**

LAGER 5.5% ABV  
A golden, cloudy appearance, as the beer is unfiltered. It is full-bodied and pleasant, with an enticing aroma of hops.

**WALDSCHLÖSSCHEN DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5.5% ABV  
Malty taste. Light, bitter aromas from fine hops at the finish round off a very harmonious beer.

**PRIVAT HELL**

LAGER 5.1% ABV  
A clear golden classic helles beer, full-bodied and mild, with a light aroma of hops and malt.

**HELL EXPORT**

EXPORT 5.2% ABV  
The favourite of the brewery: golden yellow with a smooth, harmonious taste, and a noble bitterness from fine hops.

BREWERY

BEER



### WEIHENSTEPHAN

Alte Akademie 2, 85354 Freising, Germany  
[www.brauerei-weihenstephan.de](http://www.brauerei-weihenstephan.de)

This brewery is not only the oldest in existence (dating from 725), it is also the most technologically advanced. Weihenstephan is the world's foremost centre for brewing technology, and hundreds of master brewers around the world have trained here. Not surprisingly, the beer offerings are of the highest order.

#### ORIGINAL

LAGER 5.1% ABV

The mild and pleasant taste is a result of a longer-than-usual period of storage and maturation.

#### HEFEWEISSBIER DUNKEL

WHEAT BEER 5.3% ABV

This beer is very well balanced. Its dark colour is typical of the style, as is the soft, malty, and full-bodied taste.



### WEILHEIM

Schillerstr. 3, 78604 Rietheim-Weilheim, Germany  
[www.lammbrauerei-weilheim.de](http://www.lammbrauerei-weilheim.de)

Beer has been produced on this site for 360 years – it is one of the oldest and smallest breweries in the area, and has been family-owned since 1882. The brewery has been partly renovated, with new cellars.

**BREWING SECRET** The Storz family describe their product as a naturally matured beer.

#### WEILHEIMER BOCKBIER

BOCK 9% ABV

Gleaming black with a roasty malt aroma and sweet taste.

#### SCHWARZES WÄLDLE

SCHWARZBIER 5.8% ABV

Amber-coloured from its malt, this beer tastes mild, yet fun on the palate.



### WELTENBURG

Klosterbauerei Weltenburg, Heitzerstr. 2, 93049 Regensburg, Germany  
[www.weltenburger.de](http://www.weltenburger.de)

The Benedictine abbey of Weltenburg houses the oldest abbey brewery in the world, founded in 1050. The location is delightful, close to the scenic Donau-Durchbruch gorge. The abbey's restaurant is famous.

**BREWING SECRET** Despite its history, the beer is made with the most advanced equipment, but is long-matured.

#### ASAM BOCK

BOCK 6.9% ABV

A dark mahogany doppelbock. Very pleasant, it tastes slightly sweet with nice malty aromas in the finish.

#### ANNO 1050

EXPORT 5.5% ABV

The abbey's anniversary beer has a distinctive mix of malt aromas balanced with hops.



### WERNER

Hauptstr. 13-15, 97490 Poppenhausen, Germany  
[www.wernerbraeu.de](http://www.wernerbraeu.de)

In 1840 the Werner family acquired this brewery in Poppenhausen. It was one of the first breweries in Bavaria to produce a pilsner beer. By 1991 it was selling 16 million litres (3.5 million gallons) each year and had about 100 employees. In 1999 it was bought by Würzburger Hofbräu.

#### WERNER PILS

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

The clear golden colour is typical of pilsner; the taste is elegant, with a fine, dry aroma of hops and malt.

#### WERNER HEFEWEISSE HELL

WHEAT BEER 5.1% ABV

Carbonated, fresh taste; unfiltered and naturally cloudy with a sweet, malty aroma in the finish.

**WESTHEIM**

Kasseler Str. 7, 34431 Marsberg-Westheim, Germany  
www.brauerei-westheim.de

The first Count of Stolberg bought Westheim in 1840. It was enlarged in 1876 by Count Herman, the great-grandfather of the owner today. The company also owns Westheim farm, but has leased it out since 1994.

**BREWING SECRET** The water for brewing comes from Westheim's own spring.

**WISMAR**

Kleine Hohe Str. 15, 23966 Wismar, Germany  
www.brauhaus-wismar.de

In the early 15th century there were about 180 breweries registered in Wismar, and the town was well known all over Europe. The Brauhaus Wismar was opened in 1452. Today it is the last brewery remaining in the city and, since 1995, it has brewed beer in the style of the medieval Hanseatic League breweries of northern Europe.

**WOLTERS**

Hofbrauhaus Wolters, Wolfenbütteler Strasse 39, 38102 Braunschweig, Germany  
www.hofbrauhaus-wolters.de

The brewery was founded in 1627 in Braunschweig. Wolters' beers are well known in the region and much further afield. In 2005, InBev, the owner at the time, tried to put the brewery into liquidation, but a group of former CEOs acquired it instead.

**ZÖTLER**

Grüntenstr. 2, 87549 Rettenberg, Germany  
www.zoetler.de

The oldest family-owned brewery in Germany (founded 1447). After a long period under the Müller family, the name Zötler first appeared in 1919; the descendants of the joint families are still in charge.

**BREWING SECRET** Zötler's Vollmond Bier is brewed only on nights with a full moon.

**GRAF STOLBERG DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 4.8% ABV

Has fine malt aromas from dark, roasted malt. Light bitters of hops are very typical of this amber beer.

**WILDSCHÜTZ KLOSTERMANN**

LAGER 4.8% ABV

Unfiltered and natural cloudy, with a fine taste of malt, this beer is smooth with some bitter aromas.

**WISMARER MUMME**

LAGER 4.8% ABV

An old-fashioned, golden beer with lovely aromas of malt, light hops on the tongue, and a long, sweet finish.

**ROTER ERIC**

SPECIAL BEER 4.8% ABV

The light red colour comes from the malt; the beer is smooth and aromatic, with a sweet finish.

**PRINZEN SUD**

LAGER 4.9% ABV

Fresh and lightly sparkling, this beer has light bitter aromas of hops and a fine yeast in the finish.

**MÄRZEN**

EXPORT 5.4% ABV

Full-bodied märzen with a fine, mild aroma of hops. It is very pleasant and has an attractive clear golden-amber colour.

**ST. STEPHANS BOCK**

DOPPELBOCK 7.1% ABV

A strong and noble beer; the roasted barley-malt exudes wonderful aromas.

**VOLLMOND BIER**

LAGER 5.1% ABV

This beer has a smooth malt aroma and tastes strong, with a light bitterness in the finish.

# MORE BEERS OF GERMANY

In Germany the tradition of regional brewing is still very strong, and communities are justly proud of their local beers. Many such beers are available only on draught and are seldom seen outside of their home towns.

<p><b>BRUCKMÜLLER</b> Vilsstr. 4, 92224 Amberg, Germany www.bruckmueller.de</p> <p>Beer has been produced by this company for more than 500 years. The story began with the Franziskaner monks in the year 1490, under the name Prewhaus der Parfusser. The Bruckmüller family has continued the tradition since 1803 and is now in its seventh generation. Soft drinks are produced, too.</p>	<p><b>HERRENHAUSEN</b> Herrenhäuser Strasse 83-99, Hanover, Germany www.herrenhaeuser.de</p> <p>Herrenhäuser Premium Pilsener is sold in pubs and restaurants throughout the region – guests order a “Herry”. This is a traditional but forward-thinking company that has been guided through the last 140 years by five generations of one family.</p> <p>BREWING SECRET “Herry” uses lots of malt and hops, and mineral water.</p>	<p><b>MAMMUT</b> Juri-Gagarin-Str. 33, 06526 Sangerhausen, Germany www.mammut-brauerei.de</p> <p>Founded in 1877, the brewery was nationalized by the GDR in its 71st year. It was modernized in 1958. More brands have been produced since the reunification in 1990. Today, Mammut is very successful in the region.</p> <p>BREWING SECRET Partnership with a local malt producer in 1952 has ensured supplies of the highest quality.</p>	<p><b>MAXIMILIANS</b> Didierstr. 25, 56112 Lahnstein, Germany www.maximilians-brauwiesen.de</p> <p>A relative baby on the German brewing scene, Maximilians is a restaurant and brewery in Lahnstein that opened in 1995. It is housed in a charming, fairytale pink castle overlooking the Rhine.</p> <p>BREWING SECRET The beer is brewed with top-quality natural ingredients, according to old recipes.</p>
<p><b>KNAPPENTRUNK</b> DUNKEL 5.3% ABV</p> <p>Malty, but not too sweet, with a clear aroma of hops, which is unusual for a dunkel. Full-bodied.</p> <hr/> <p><b>KELLERBIER</b> LAGER 5.3% ABV</p> <p>Unfiltered and naturally cloudy. The taste is strong and full-bodied, with aromas of fine malts and a lightly bitter hop finish.</p>	<p><b>PREMIUM PILSENER</b> PILSNER 4.9% ABV</p> <p>Golden, dry, malty, and with the rather strong, bitter pilsner aroma of fine hops.</p> <hr/> <p><b>WEIZENBIER</b> WHEAT BEER 5.2% ABV</p> <p>Unfiltered, yellow, and naturally cloudy. There is a bit of sparkle, and the taste is harmonious, pleasantly sweet, and fresh.</p>	<p><b>MAMMUT GIANT GOLD</b> LAGER 4.8% ABV</p> <p>A fairly new brand, less dry than a normal pilsner, but with a full aroma.</p> <hr/> <p><b>MAMMUT BLACK</b> SCHWARZBIER 4.9% ABV</p> <p>A traditional style, black-brown in colour. Flavourful and fresh, with a light malty finish.</p>	<p><b>WIESENWEIZEN</b> WHEAT BEER 5.1% ABV</p> <p>A huge dose of wheat-malt gives this beer a smooth and mild taste. It is sparkling and refreshing, with light aromas of hops in the finish.</p> <hr/> <p><b>BRAUWIESEN SPEZIEL</b> LAGER 5.4% ABV</p> <p>Caramel-sweet, with typical aromas of malt and bitters of hops. Golden-yellow colour.</p>
<p><b>NAILAER WOHN</b> Hofer Str. 21, 95119 Naila, Germany www.wohn-bier.de</p> <p>Harking back to a brewing licence from 1464, the Privat-Brauerei Bürgerbräu Naila Andreas Wohn was so-named in 1928. Modern technical equipment is used, but there are also hand-crafting techniques to keep more than 20 employees busy.</p> <p>BREWING SECRET The dunkel was inspired by former master brewer Hans Wohn.</p>	<p><b>REUDNITZER</b> Mühlstr. 13, 04317 Leipzig, Germany www.reudnitzer.de</p> <p>Founded in 1862, Reudnitzer was badly damaged during World War II. The GDR nationalized the company in 1945 and formed a union with other Saxonian breweries. After the Reunification of Germany, Reudnitzer became part of a conglomerate – 2003 was the most successful year in its history.</p>	<p><b>SCHUMACHER</b> Brauerei Ferdinand Schumacher, Oststr. 123, 40210 Düsseldorf, Germany www.brauerei-schumacher.de</p> <p>Altbier is the classic beer in Düsseldorf, and the Schumacher brewery, founded in 1838, is one of the most famous producers, serving it in its adjoining restaurant.</p> <p>BREWING SECRET In the 1980s the brewery was completely renovated with the newest technology.</p>	<p><b>WELDEBRÄU</b> Brauereistr. 1, 68723 Plankstadt, Germany www.welde.de</p> <p>The brewery dates from 1746, but it was not until 1846, when master brewer Heinrich Seitz took over, that the story started to be one of success. The brewery was reconstructed in 1934, and enlarged in the 1980s. Today, Welde is a modern company with a portfolio of interesting beers.</p>
<p><b>WOHN ALT NAILAER DUNKEL</b> DUNKEL 4.8% ABV</p> <p>A dark-brown, light-bodied beer dominated by fine aromas of hops and malt from start to finish.</p> <hr/> <p><b>WOHN BRAUMEISTER ORIGINAL</b> LAGER 5% ABV</p> <p>Clear yellow and pleasant, with a fresh taste dominated by fine basics, especially hops in the finish.</p>	<p><b>PREMIUM PILSENER</b> PILSNER 5% ABV</p> <p>A thin-bodied pilsner with a strong note of hops, enticing aroma, and a fresh flavour.</p> <hr/> <p><b>REUDNITZER HELLER URBOCK</b> BOCK 6.9% ABV</p> <p>A dark-golden bock with a hearty taste. It has some sweetness and fine hops in the finish.</p>	<p><b>SCHUMACHER ALT</b> ALTBIER 4.6% ABV</p> <p>A dark beer with a smooth and sweet, roasted malt taste, and a finish accompanied by fine aromas of hops.</p> <hr/> <p><b>SCHUMACHER LATZEN</b> ALTBIER 5.5% ABV</p> <p>A bit stronger than the normal altbier; it is aromatic with malt, but sweet as well.</p>	<p><b>HEFEWEIZEN</b> WHEAT BEER 4.9% ABV</p> <p>The beer has both dryness and sweetness. A fine yeast ensures a balance in the taste.</p> <hr/> <p><b>SHWARZE WONNE</b> SCHWARZBIER 4.8% ABV</p> <p>This coffee-coloured speciality is very full-bodied and rounded, with a nice sparkle on the palate.</p>



*Export*  
**PAULANER**  
Weißbier



**Paulaner**, like so many German breweries, was founded by an order of monks. The company now has franchises around the world.

# BRITISH ISLES

In world beer terms, the reputation of the British Isles rests on ales that are packed with flavour yet only moderately strong. The beer culture is still centred on the pub, though there is a growing trend towards drinking bottled beer at home. Draught beer from cask is seen as a cut above bottled beer in terms of quality and flavour, but most pub chains favour Continental-style lagers in preference to British ales. The good news for beer lovers is that craft brewing is on the up, both in terms of the numbers of micros now actively producing, and the kinds of beers being sought out and drunk. Pullout boxes appear where a city has more than one brewery.





**GUINNESS**  
 Hilden  
 Galway Hooker  
 Guinness

**IRELAND**

**Manchester**  
 Holt  
 Hydes  
 Lees



**Burton upon Trent**  
 Burton Bridge  
 Marston's  
 Worthington's  
 White Shield



**London**  
 Fuller's  
 Meantime



**York**  
 Rudgate  
 York



**ENGLAND**

**WALES**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**  
 Jennings  
 Coniston  
 Okell's

**IRELAND**  
 Galway Hooker  
 Guinness

**ENGLAND**  
 Durham Brewery  
 Camerons  
 North Yorkshire  
 Hawkshhead  
 Black Sheep/Theakston  
 Hambleton  
 Cropton  
 Rooster's  
 John Smith/  
 Samuel Smith  
 Daleside  
 Copper Dragon  
 Timothy Taylor  
 Moorhouse's  
 Thwaites  
 Tetley  
 Ossett  
 Acorn  
 Little Valley  
 Cains  
 Robnson's  
 Wentworth  
 Kelham Island  
 Beartown  
 Thornbridge  
 Springhead  
 Bateman  
 Slater's  
 Melbourn Brothers  
 Banks's  
 Highgate  
 Everards  
 Oakham  
 Icen  
 Buffy's  
 St Peter's  
 Adnams  
 Woodforde's  
 Elgood's  
 Bathams  
 Holden's  
 City Of Cambridge  
 Nethergate  
 Hook Norton  
 Wells & Young's  
 Donnington  
 Freeminer  
 Brakspear/Wychwood  
 Tring  
 McMullen  
 Crouch Vale  
 Wickwar  
 Arkell's  
 Old Luxters  
 Shepherd Neame  
 Goacher's  
 Wadworth  
 Hog's Back  
 Hampshire  
 RCH  
 Butcombe  
 Hop Back  
 Ringwood  
 Exmoor/Cotleigh  
 Hall & Woodhouse  
 Palmer's  
 O'Hanlon's  
 Sharp's  
 St Austell  
 Felinfoel  
 Hurns  
 Cwmbran  
 Brains





### ACORN

Wombwell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, England S73 8HA  
[www.acornbrewery.net](http://www.acornbrewery.net)

One of the newer microbreweries in England, Acorn was set up in 2003 and doubled capacity in its first four years. It now produces 40 barrels (6,500 litres) every week.

**BREWING SECRET** The yeast strain from the 1850s Barnsley Brewery has been reintroduced, coinciding with the company gathering significant awards.

### BARNSELY BITTER

BITTER 3.8% ABV

Ripe chestnut in colour, with a rounded, rich flavour that lingers in the bitter finish.

### BARNSELY GOLD

STRONG BITTER 4.3% ABV

Beautifully golden, with citrus fruit hop aromas orchestrating the ensemble through to its dry finish.



### ADNAM'S

Southwold, Suffolk, England IP18 6JW  
[www.adnams.co.uk](http://www.adnams.co.uk)

Its "Beers from the Coast" have been brewed in the classic English seaside town of Southwold since 1872. In recent years, technological innovation has driven refurbishment, while an emphasis on traditional methods has been studiously maintained. An eco-friendly distribution centre – complete with living grass roof – summarizes the dynamic approach.

### ADNAM'S BROADSIDE

STRONG BITTER 4.7% ABV

Rich, fruitcake aromas dominate initially, giving way to an elegant hop and malt association.

### ADNAM'S BITTER

BITTER 3.7% ABV

Aromatic hop and biscuit malt fragrances introduce a lingering, dry, and refreshingly bitter flavour.



### ARKELL'S

Swindon, Wiltshire, England SN2 7RU  
[www.arkells.com](http://www.arkells.com)

John Arkell returned from Ontario, Canada – where he had founded the village of Arkell – to grow barley and to brew beer. The brewery has been owned by family members since its establishment in 1843. The building is Grade II-listed (indicating its historical and cultural importance), and the whole site has been designated an Urban Conservation Area.

### KINGSDOWN SPECIAL ALE

BEST BITTER 5% ABV

Ripe fruit nose and typical Arkell's hoppiness form a malt and bitter-sweet experience.

### ARKELL'S 3B

BITTER 4% ABV

Sweetly-scented malt perceptible beneath a distinct hoppy aroma. Delicate, well-balanced nutty flavour.



### ATLAS

Kinlochleven, Argyll, Scotland PH50 4SG  
[www.atlasbrewery.com](http://www.atlasbrewery.com)

Developed in a former aluminium smelter near Glencoe in the Scottish Highlands, Atlas Brewery completed its conversion with its first brew in 2002. Along with Orkney Brewery, Atlas is now part of Sinclair Breweries Ltd.

**BREWING SECRET** Direct gas flames heat the copper, a method believed to create sharper beer colour and a cleaner flavour "attack".

### THREE SISTERS SCOTTISH ALE

SPECIAL BITTER 4.2% ABV

Complex, dark, yet refreshing, with dried and fresh fruit balancing toasted barley and liquorice.

### LATITUDE CASK PILSNER

PILSNER 3.6% ABV

Straw coloured, dominated by crisp citrus hop characteristics. Polled within the world's top 50 beers.



### BANKS'S

Wolverhampton, West Midlands,  
England WV1 4NY  
[www.banksbeer.co.uk](http://www.banksbeer.co.uk)

The brewery, built in 1875, occupies a traditional, handsome site in the centre of Wolverhampton and has been part of the Marston's Beer Company (formerly Wolverhampton & Dudley) since 2007. More than 50 million pints (24 million litres) are brewed every year. Innovative marketing initiatives include a campaign to protect local dialects from extinction.

#### BANKS'S ORIGINAL

BITTER 3.5% ABV  
Well-balanced session bitter, full-bodied and malty, with traces of fruit in the flavour.

#### BANKS'S BITTER

BITTER 3.8% ABV  
Full-flavoured, with winey, fruit overtones and a malt and hop influence on the palate.



### BATEMAN

Wainfleet, Lincolnshire,  
England PE24 4JE  
[www.bateman.co.uk](http://www.bateman.co.uk)

One of the country's oldest and most picturesque family breweries – with a windmill towering high above – it has a well-deserved reputation for “good honest ales”. A family split almost destroyed the business in the 1980s, but it survived, blossomed, and has developed a new brewhouse and engaging visitor centre.

#### BATEMANS XXXB

STRONG BITTER 4.8% ABV  
Classic russet-tan ale, with a well constructed blend of malt, hops, and fruitiness.

#### XB BITTER

BITTER 3.7% ABV  
Finely balanced, with an apple-influenced hop aroma that lingers alongside the malty flavour.



### BATH ALES

Warmley, Bristol, England BS30 8XN  
[www.bathales.com](http://www.bathales.com)

The founders' brewing backgrounds and insistence on traditional methods operating alongside cutting-edge technology has resulted in Bath Ale's reputation for distinctive, characterful, and flavoursome ales. The success of the business has led to the brewery twice outgrowing its premises since it was established in 1995. A bottling plant and shop continue the growth.

#### BATH ALES GEM

BEST BITTER 4.1% ABV  
Rich and full-textured, with a malt, fruit, and bitter-sweet hop quality throughout.

#### SPECIAL PALE ALE (SPA)

PALE ALE 3.7% ABV  
A prominent hop aroma and bitter malty touch complement its light-bodied character.

## BEST-KNOWN BEERS IN THE BRITISH ISLES

In the multi-layered global business that is vast-volume brewing, the Molson Coors Brewing Company owns several British Isles' brands.

Among the well-known brands now owned by Molson Coors are: Worthington, Caffrey's, and Carling, which produces the British Isles' biggest-selling lager. In the high-volume market, huge emphasis and budgets are concentrated on sports sponsorship and promoting chilled beers, served through advanced “extra cold” and “extra fast” bar technology. The global giant Carlsberg is a big player too, and has production plants in Northampton – for its own lagers, such as Carlsberg Export – and Leeds, where it brews the Tetley range of beers. Tetley has been fully owned by Carlsberg since 1998. Britain's largest brewer, Scottish & Newcastle – which produces brands such as Newcastle Brown Ale, John Smith's (the British Isles' biggest-selling bitter), and international brands such as Fosters and Kronenbourg – finally lost its independence in 2008, when it was bought out in a Carlsberg/Heineken joint venture. Closure of its Reading plant by 2010 had already been announced, leaving three UK sites: Newcastle Federation; John Smith's in Tadcaster, and Royal in Manchester; it also retains a small stake in Edinburgh-based Caledonian.

CARLING (LAGER 4.1% ABV) *left*

NEWCASTLE BROWN  
(BROWN ALE 4.7% ABV) *centre*

JOHN SMITH'S (BITTER 3.8% ABV) *right*



**BATHAMS**

Brierley Hill, West Midlands,  
England DY5 2TN  
[www.bathams.com](http://www.bathams.com)

The brewery's frontage – actually the Vine Inn – is emblazoned with a quotation from Shakespeare's *Two Gentlemen of Verona*: "Blessing of you: You brew good ale". Five generations of the Batham family have been involved since the brewery was established in 1877, each nurturing its reputation for classic Black Country mild ales.

**BEAMISH**

Cork, Co Cork, Ireland  
[www.beamish.ie](http://www.beamish.ie)

Originating in 1792 near the medieval city gates and close to the prison where the severed heads of executed criminals used to be put on display, Beamish is believed to be Ireland's oldest porter brewery. The brewery has passed through several international hands over the years, and the incumbent, Scottish & Newcastle, is itself now in foreign ownership.

**BEARTOWN**

Congleton, Cheshire, England CW12 3RH  
[www.beartownbrewery.co.uk](http://www.beartownbrewery.co.uk)

Bear baiting was a popular pastime in Elizabethan Congleton, where the senior public offices were Mayor, Aletaster, and Bear Warden. A traditional song suggests the town even sold a rare bible in order to pay for a more aggressive combatant. The town's brewery today was founded in 1994 and supports charities such as Asian bear rescue centres.

**BELHAVEN**

Dunbar, East Lothian,  
Scotland EH42 1RS  
[www.belhaven.co.uk](http://www.belhaven.co.uk)

Records show that 14th-century Benedictine monks brewed in the coastal town, and water is still drawn from the wells they sunk. Austrian Emperor Francis I favoured Belhaven beers, referring to them in 1827 as "the burgundy of Scotland". The brewery lost its independence in 2005, when taken over by Greene King.

**BATHAMS BEST BITTER**

BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV

Straw-coloured ale, with an initial sweetness, soon overtaken by a complex, dry, hoppy flavour.

**BATHAMS MILD ALE**

MILD 3.5% ABV

A fruity, dark brown mild; sweet and well-balanced, with a hoppy fruit finish.

**BEAMISH IRISH STOUT**

STOUT 4.1% ABV

Delicate hop character, chocolate notes, and relative paleness possibly places it closer to a porter.

**BEAMISH RED ALE**

IRISH RED ALE 4.2% ABV

Distinctly red-hued, malt-accented, and rounded, with soft sweet fruit flavours on the palate.

**KODIAK GOLD**

BITTER 4% ABV

A straw-coloured quencher, with a citrus fruit nose, some biscuit malt on the palate, and a sharp bitterness.

**BLACK BEAR**

MILD 5% ABV

A strong mild ale, dark ruby in colour, with a subtle roast malt profile rising to a sweet finish.

**ST. ANDREWS ALE**

STRONG BITTER 4.9% ABV

Alternating in flavour between roasted malt, caramel and tart fruit, while spicy hop aromas persist.

**BELHAVEN 80 SHILLING ALE**

SCOTTISH HEAVY 4.2% ABV

Classical Scottish "heavy" with huge malt profile then some hop and fruit flavours emerging.



### BIG LAMP

Newburn, Newcastle upon Tyne, England NE15 8NL  
[www.biglampbrewers.co.uk](http://www.biglampbrewers.co.uk)

Northeast England's oldest microbrewery was established in 1982. It relocated in 1997 to a listed Victorian water-pumping station near the Tyne Riverside Country Park. There, a popular on-site pub and restaurant, The Keelman, along with accommodation in Keelman Lodge, have won it prestigious tourism awards.

### BLACK ISLE

Munlochy, Ross-shire, Scotland IV8 8NZ  
[www.blackislebrewery.com](http://www.blackislebrewery.com)

The mission of this small independent operation, which lies in the heart of the Scottish Highlands, is to produce a range of top-quality organic beers, packaged in recycled materials. No artificial fertilizers or herbicides are applied to the hops and barley it uses.

**BREWING SECRET** The beers are bottle-conditioned, and so undergo a second fermentation in the bottle.

### BLACK SHEEP

Masham, North Yorkshire, England HG4 4EN  
[www.blacksheepbrewery.com](http://www.blacksheepbrewery.com)

The Theakston family has brewed in Masham, North Yorkshire, for six generations, but a loss of independence led to Paul Theakston stepping aside. Far from leaving brewing though, he then established Black Sheep in a former maltings sitting high above the River Ure. Since 1992, and through one of the most challenging periods of

British brewing history, Black Sheep has enjoyed continuous growth, physically and in reputation, resulting in a £5m doubling of capacity in 2006 and the installation of an extra brewhouse, new fermenting vessels, conditioning tanks, and a cask racking plant. A magnificent visitor centre and bistro are important attractions too.

**BREWING SECRET** Generous amounts of Goldings hops are essential to the Black Sheep character.

### PRINCE BISHOP ALE

**STRONG BITTER 4.8% ABV**  
 An easy-drinking, golden bitter with a full fruity hop aroma and a spicy bitterness.

### SUMMERHILL STOUT

**STOUT 4.4% ABV**  
 A savoury, dark stout with a roasted malt nature and malty, long-lasting piquancy.

### YELLOWHAMMER IPA

**INDIA PALE ALE 4% ABV**  
 A pale golden-coloured hoppy bitter with a sharp grapefruit aroma and refreshing yeasty finish.

### ORGANIC BLONDE

**PREMIUM LAGER 4.5% ABV**  
 A premium, continental-style lager beer with a light biscuit palate, and fresh grassy aroma.

### BLACK SHEEP ALE

**BITTER 4.4% ABV**  
 Full-flavoured, with a rich, fruity aroma, bitter-sweet malty taste, and long, dry finish.

### BEST BITTER

**BEST BITTER 3.8% ABV**  
 This best-seller is well hopped, light golden in colour, with a distinctive dry, refreshing tang.

### RIGGWELTER

**PREMIUM BITTER 5.9% ABV**  
 A strong, complex, fruity bitter, with dashes of pear drops and hints of liquorice.

### EMMERDALE ALE

**BITTER 5% ABV**  
 Fruity Goldings hops and Maris Otter barley progress to a long, dry, and bitter finish.

**BRAINS**

Crawshay Street, Cardiff,  
Glamorgan, Wales CF10 1SP  
[www.sabrain.com](http://www.sabrain.com)

A major force in regional brewing, Brains is tremendously proud of its Welsh heritage. Ales are produced in a traditional fashion at the company's landmark Cardiff Brewery, to which it was relocated in 2000 from the nearby Old Brewery, where the famous "pint of Brains" had been produced for more than 100 years.

**BRAKSPEAR**

Witney, Oxfordshire,  
England OX28 4DP  
[www.brakspear.co.uk](http://www.brakspear.co.uk)

The long-established Brakspear Brewery closed its Henley operation in 2002, but the production of its beers was taken on by Wychwood Brewery.

**BREWING SECRET** Wychwood uses Brakspear's original equipment to brew these beers, including the unique "double drop" wooden fermenting vessels, and its complex yeast strain.

**BROUGHTON**

Broughton, Biggar, Peeblesshire,  
Scotland ML12 6HQ  
[www.broughtonales.co.uk](http://www.broughtonales.co.uk)

A small, independent brewery situated in the Scottish Borders, Broughton draws heavily on local history and legend for its full range of styles. Production includes 18 cask ales, 11 different bottled beers for the domestic and export markets, two own-label beers for selected supermarkets, and one keg beer.

**BUFFY'S**

Tivetshall St Mary, Norwich,  
Norfolk, England NR15 2DO  
[www.buffys.co.uk](http://www.buffys.co.uk)

A 15th-century residence, a home-brewing insurance executive, and a beer-loving piano tuner combined to establish this dynamic enterprise in 1993, when Roger and Julie Abrahams first brewed in outbuildings at Mardle Hall. Various upgradings and expansion have followed, together with local and national awards for their beer.

**BRAINS SA GOLD**

BEST BITTER 4.2% ABV

Its spirit aroma blends gentle malt and spiced hop with malt-rich and fruit flavours.

**BRAINS BITTER**

BITTER 3.7% ABV

Rich amber colour, with subtle malt and crisp hop aromas. Well balanced, with some bitterness.

**BRAKSPEAR BITTER**

BITTER 3.4% ABV

An initial malt and well-hopped bitterness develops into a bitter-sweet and fruity finish.

**BRAKSPEAR SPECIAL**

STRONG BITTER 4.3% ABV

Full-bodied, with a hint of sweetness and dry hop bitterness before finishing citrus-fruity.

**GREENMANTLE ALE**

BITTER 3.9% ABV

Dark copper coloured, with a rich fruit and bitter-sweet encounter, and hop-bitter finale.

**BLACK DOUGLAS**

PREMIUM BITTER 5.2% ABV

Dark ruby-red with a rich, full-bodied maltiness and overtones of preserved fruit.

**NORWICH TERRIER**

BITTER 3.6% ABV

A pale, refreshing ale, with a sturdy body and solid bite – just like the dog after which it is named!

**BUFFY'S BITTER**

BITTER 3.9% ABV

Best-seller, with a distinct hoppy nose and traces of roast malt on the palate.



### BURTON BRIDGE

Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire,  
England DE14 1SY  
[www.burtonbridgebrewery.co.uk](http://www.burtonbridgebrewery.co.uk)

In 1984, a brewery engineer and a technical manager put one and one together to make two – pub and brewhouse. Equipment was sourced from other breweries and a local farmyard, as well as parts that were found languishing in an old garage. As for the pub seating, that was salvaged from a Methodist church.

#### GOLDEN DELICIOUS

BITTER 3.8% ABV

Originally a summer special, this delicately-hopped bitter is evenly tempered, dry, and lingering.

#### XL BITTER

BEST BITTER 4% ABV

Malty-nosed, enveloped in fruity hops, with a hint of chocolate caramel and an astringent finish.



### BUTCOMBE

Wrington, Somerset,  
England BS40 5PA  
[www.butcombe.com](http://www.butcombe.com)

The philosophy here is simple: "Beer is a natural product, let's keep it that way." This much-expanded brewery – established in farm buildings in 1978 – now produces almost seven million pints annually from its four brands, none of which contains added sugars, colourings, or preservatives. The brewery also operates 15 pubs.

#### BUTCOMBE BLOND

BITTER 4.3% ABV

Light and fruity, with a medium bitter finish. Slovenian and Saaz hops create a floral sweetness.

#### BUTCOMBE BITTER

BITTER 4% ABV

Noticeably bitter, with a citrus hop, slight sulphurous nose; light fruit notes and dry finish.



### CAINS

Stanhope Street, Liverpool,  
England L8 5XJ  
[www.cains.co.uk](http://www.cains.co.uk)

The red-brick Victorian building may date to 1850, but under the innovative stewardship of the Dusanj brothers – the first Asian family to run a British brewery – this is no time-capsule operation. Cains is one of the fastest-growing British breweries, with a £30m turnover, 150 employees, and more than 120 million pints brewed annually.

#### CAINS WHEAT BEER

WHEAT BEER 4% ABV

Organically-produced, with aromas of banana and vanilla, unripe fruit flavours, and a touch of spiced hop.

#### CAINS FINEST BITTER

BITTER 4% ABV

A full-bodied yet refreshing bitter, with rich malt flavours and earthy, farm-like aromas.



### CAIRNGORM

Aviemore, Highlands, Scotland PH22 1ST  
[www.cairngormbrewery.com](http://www.cairngormbrewery.com)

Scotland's most dramatic scenery forms the backdrop to the brewery, which was established in 2001 within the Cairngorms National Park. Its portfolio of 18 beers has attracted numerous industry awards.

**BREWING SECRET** Cairngorm makes innovative use of local ingredients, such as the emblematic thistle, which is added for bitterness.

#### TRADE WINDS

WHEAT BEER 4.3% ABV

Multi-award winning golden wheat beer, with intense hop and elderflower aromas and fruity palate.

#### BLACK GOLD

STOUT 4.4% ABV

Silky-bodied, award-winning stout, with subtle bitterness, roast barley assurance, and late sweetness.

## ALL ABOUT ...

# HOPS

If malt is traditionally known as the soul of beer, charged with the duty of providing colour, sweetness, and, last but not least, sugars on which yeast will feast to produce alcohol and CO<sub>2</sub>, then hops provide the razzamatazz – the rich, spicy, floral notes that give so much character and pizzazz to beer. Think of a glass of British bitter, with its tangy, fruity, counterpoint to the sweetness of the malt – that's the work of the hops. Even with a glass of delicately hopped golden ale, hops are providing a gentle, breezy hint of summer blossom, while the hop's forthright character is right to the front of a pungent and well-hopped IPA. As well as yielding aroma and bitterness, hops also have preservative qualities, helping to keep beer fresh for longer.

In the British Isles, hopped beer was initially seen as fit only for foreigners such as Flemish merchants. Ironically, it was the latter group who brought their favourite hopped beer over the Channel in the 1400s. It found favour with the locals and, by the late 16th century, it was in the ascendency.



**BEFORE HOPS** Prior to hops becoming the common currency of brewing, people drank ale – a strong brew of fermented malted barley flavoured with spices and herbs. The Williams Brothers' Alba Scots Pine Ale is a rare example today of an ale brewed without hops, but with pine needles instead.



**CULTIVATION** Seen in their natural state, hops grow in what looks like a vineyard, with the plants draping themselves downwards from 6-m (18-ft) high lines, the bright green hop cones hanging like fruit.



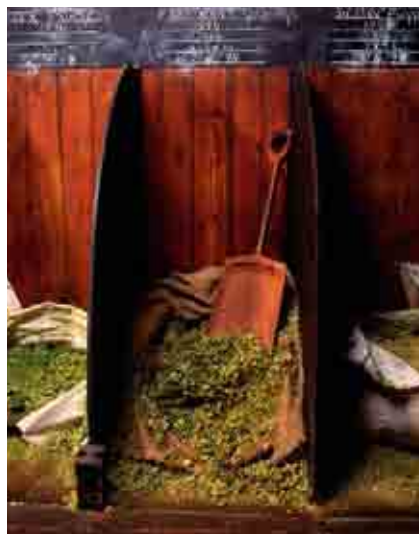
**FORM** Fresh hops are pale green in colour. For use in the brewery, hops come in various guises, including dried cones and small pellets. Occasionally, hop oil is used to infuse the brew.



## DRYING

In England, hops are traditionally grown in Kent, Herefordshire, and Worcestershire, and September's harvest finds the hop yards heavy with the scent of picked hops on their way to the dryer. Drying used to be carried out in oast houses, and those still standing bear witness to the industry of the past. Hops would have been dried in a kiln known as an oast; typically this would have been housed in a building with a conical roof for drawing out the humid air.

**VARIETIES** If names such as Pinot Noir and Syrah have lovers of the grape cooing with pleasure, then those in the world of beer lick their lips in anticipation at the mention of hop varieties such as Goldings, Fuggles, Cascade, First Gold, and Saaz. The hop is truly a noble creature.



**CZECH HOPS** The Žatec region in Bohemia and the Yakima Valley in Washington in the USA are home to notable hop fields. The Yakima Valley used to be dominated by Cluster hops, but today many varieties are grown, including the Saaz or Žatec hops. The

Czech town of Žatec gives its name to a region that produces highly prized aromatic hops, the flowery bouquet of which can be found in many great pilsners.

**TIMING** Bittering hops are added to the wort at the start of the boil, while the more delicate aromatic hops are thrown into the kettle during the middle and end of the boil. The skill of the brewer is to add the right hops at the right time.







BREWERY

**CALEDONIAN**

42 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, Scotland EH11 1PH  
www.caledonian-brewery.co.uk

The Caledonian attitude to brewing beer is similar to that of drinking it – the longer you've been doing it, the more quality you demand. It is the sole survivor of some 40 breweries that once resided in Edinburgh.

**BREWING SECRET** Caledonian is one of the last breweries to use traditional direct-fired coppers to boil the wort.

**CAMERONS**

Hartlepool, County Durham, England TS24 7QS  
www.cameronsbrewery.co.uk

Camerons has been brewing under various ownerships since 1865. Its brewing hall is remarkable, with magnificent Italian marble walls and fine wrought-iron detailing, while the water is drawn from its own well.

**BREWING SECRET** A microbrewery for cask ale experimentation and short runs also operates at the site.

**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

Chittering, Cambridge, England CB5 9PH  
www.cambridge-brewery.co.uk

An environmentally conscious brewery, City of Cambridge was set up in 1997 and relocated three years later due to the popularity of its beers. An innovative system copes with brewery waste by filtering out pollutants through a series of reed beds, marsh plants, and ponds. Awards for beer quality and conservation have followed.

**CONISTON**

Coniston, Cumbria, England LA21 8HL  
www.conistonbrewery.com

The brewery was set up in 1995 behind a 400-year-old coaching inn, residents of which have included artist JMW Turner, poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and Donald Campbell. Campbell's ill-fated attempt on the world water speed record on Coniston Water in 1967 is commemorated by the brewery's flagship beer, Bluebird.

BEER

**CALEDONIAN 80 SHILLING**

SCOTTISH HEAVY 4.2% ABV  
Russett-brown and typically malted, with an underlay of raspberry and suggestion of chocolate.

**DEUCHARS IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 3.8% ABV  
A strident hop aroma, with citrus notes and a degree of maltiness that never wavers.

**STRONGARM**

STRONG BITTER 4.7% ABV  
Well-rounded ruby red ale, with a malt and hop balance, developing a fruity flavour.

**NIMMO'S XXXX**

BITTER 4.4% ABV  
A light golden beer, with a well-weighted malt and hop character and lingering aftertaste.

**HOBSON'S CHOICE**

BITTER 4.1% ABV  
A light golden ale; distinctly hoppy on the nose, and in the refreshingly bitter finish.

**BOATHOUSE BITTER**

BITTER 3.8% ABV  
A rich, chocolatey nose is underpinned by citrus hoppiness and a malt and fruit flavour.

**BLUEBIRD BITTER**

BITTER 3.6% ABV  
Its single varietal hop (Challenger) creates an inviting aroma and influences a light, clean palate.

**OLD MAN ALE**

BEST BITTER 4.2% ABV  
Exuberant in its aroma of fruit, coatings of roasted chocolate malt and tart hoppiness.



### COPPER DRAGON

Skipton, North Yorkshire,  
England BD23 2QR  
[www.copperdragon.uk.com](http://www.copperdragon.uk.com)

Two years studying the UK brewing industry preceded the formation of Copper Dragon at the former Skipton Brewery in 2002. A new German-style, steam-powered brewhouse was soon needed, and continued growth has demanded another expansion in 2008, with the commissioning of a 60-barrel (9,800 litres) operation.

#### GOLDEN PIPPIN

BITTER 3.9% ABV

Light, refreshing, and blonde, with citrus fruit flavours appealing to ale and lager drinkers alike.

#### BEST BITTER

BEST BITTER 3.8% ABV

An amber-coloured, well-balanced, malty and hoppy session ale, brewed for the northern palate.



### COTLEIGH

Wiveliscombe, Somerset,  
England TA4 2RE  
[www.cotleighbrewery.co.uk](http://www.cotleighbrewery.co.uk)

Life for Cotleigh began in 1979 in a farmhouse stable block, and the business has changed hands twice since. Each owner has built upon its previous successes and expanded the operation to meet demand.

**BREWING SECRET** The New Harvest Ale is brewed with Herefordshire hops just a day after picking.

#### TAWNY OWL

BEST BITTER 3.8% ABV

Well-balanced, light copper coloured, with a subtle hop palate and sweet malt flavour.

#### BARN OWL PREMIUM ALE

BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV

Dark copper, with hints of toffee and nut that swoop to a smooth, malty, bittersweet finish.



### CROPTON

Cropton, North Yorkshire,  
England YO18 8HH  
[www.croptonbrewery.com](http://www.croptonbrewery.com)

Brewing started in 1984, and a purpose-built plant was installed 10 years later, before being greatly expanded in 2006 in order to produce 100 barrels (16,000 litres) a week. Virtually all beers are available bottle-conditioned, all are additive-free, approved by the Vegetarian Society, and are suitable for vegans to boot.

#### TWO PINTS BITTER

BITTER 4% ABV

A crafty balance of hop flavours, caramel sweetness, and malty aftertaste creates a classic bitter.

#### MONKMAN'S SLAUGHTER

PREMIUM BITTER 6% ABV

Full-bodied, with distinct malty, chocolate, caramel, and autumn fruit flavours; subtle hoppy bitterness.



### CROUCH VALE

South Woodham Ferrers, Essex,  
England CM3 5ZA  
[www.crouch-vale.co.uk](http://www.crouch-vale.co.uk)

Crouch Vale is one of the great microbrewing success stories of recent years. The small, independent company has twice won the ultimate cask beer accolade: the Campaign For Real Ale Supreme Champion Beer of Britain (2005 and 2006) for its Brewers Gold. Needless to say, the brewery has expanded into a new site since.

#### BREWERS GOLD

BITTER 4% ABV

Pale, refreshing, and perfumy hoppy, with aromas of sweet, tropical fruits and a bitter finish.

#### ESSEX BOYS BITTER

BITTER 3.5% ABV

Pale brown, with noticeable malt and citrus hops on the nose and a dry finish.

**CWMBRAN**

Upper Cwmbrian, Torfaen,  
Wales NP44 5AS  
[www.cwmbrianbrewery.co.uk](http://www.cwmbrianbrewery.co.uk)

A mountain spring in Gwent's Eastern Valley supplies the brewery, where the original concept was to first establish a single beer – a local ale for local people – before going on to produce a range of beers in the long term. A solid customer base has built up, and bottled beers are now stocked by selected supermarkets.

**CROW VALLEY BITTER**

BITTER 4.2% ABV

Gentle hop and malt aromas are followed by nicely countered malt, hop, and fruit infusions.

**DRAYMAN'S CHOICE**

MILD 3.8% ABV

Latent fruit and hop influences are present throughout the malty bittersweetness of this mild ale.

**DALESIDE**

Harrogate, North Yorkshire,  
England HG1 4PT  
[www.dalesidebrewery.co.uk](http://www.dalesidebrewery.co.uk)

The Victorian spa town of Harrogate is renowned for its restorative waters, so it is no surprise to discover an impressive range of beers brewed there. Heritage-rich recipes have been revived, with a philosophy that demands the highest quality of raw ingredients are allied to the latest methods of production.

**DALESIDE BLONDE**

BITTER 3.9% ABV

Distinctively hoppy, with sherbet and citrus flavours culminating in a bitter, but short, finish.

**OLD LEG OVER**

BITTER 4.1% ABV

An admirable balance of nut and fruit on the palate, and a suggestion of herbs in the aroma.

**DARWIN**

Sunderland, Tyne & Wear,  
England SR1 2QE  
[www.darwinbrewery.com](http://www.darwinbrewery.com)

The Darwin set-up is unique in that its commercial operation is complemented by a test brew plant based at the University of Sunderland. There, students on the Brewlab brewing sciences course are able to trial some 40 new beers each year. The best of them are then produced at the award-winning site.

**DARWIN'S EVOLUTION**

BITTER 4% ABV

Light, clean, and satisfying, with a dry, hoppy character and layers of malt throughout.

**GHOST ALE**

BITTER 4.1% ABV

Golden and richly hopped, with citrus aromas dominating, followed by a well-balanced fruit piquancy.

**DONNINGTON**

Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire,  
England GL54 1EP

Thomas Arkell bought an idyllic 13th-century watermill in 1827, and brewing began on the premises in 1865. The mill passed through direct descendants of Thomas to the redoubtable Claude Arkell, who died in 2007. His cousins took up the challenge to continue and develop the brewery, which still uses the waterwheel for some of its power.

**DOUBLE DONN**

BEST BITTER 4.4% ABV

Dark well-balanced bitter with a fruit and malt dalliance and dry, malt-hinted finish.

**DONNINGTON XXX**

BITTER 3.6% ABV

Subtle in profile, but some hop, chocolate, and liquorice appear before a noticeably malty finish.



### DOUBLE MAXIM

Hughton-le-Spring,  
Sunderland, England  
[www.dmbc.org.uk](http://www.dmbc.org.uk)

After several years contracting out the company's eponymous beer, a new brewery was opened in 2007 to cope with demand. Bottling facilities are planned for the near future.

**BREWING SECRET** Double Maxim uses an original Vaux Brewery recipe, which head brewer Jim Murray used when he worked at Vaux in 1968.

### DOUBLE MAXIM

**BROWN ALE 4.7% ABV**  
Caramel in the aroma; continues through bittersweet flavours, then expands into toffee notes.

### SAMSON

**BEST BITTER 4.6% ABV**  
A dependable northeast English bitter, with a whiff of hop and a malt-infused body.



### DURHAM

Unit 5a, Bowburn North Industrial Estate, Bowburn, County Durham, England DH6 5PF  
[www.durham-brewery.co.uk](http://www.durham-brewery.co.uk)

A home-brewing hobby evolved into business in 1994, when two former music teachers faced redundancy. Award after award has followed, principally through attention to detail and the production of beers that wring expressive flavours and aromas out of every ingredient. Beer names celebrate Durham's ecclesiastical culture.

### EVENSONG

**STRONG BITTER 5% ABV**  
A 1937 recipe. The deep ruby colour unveils luscious toffee notes and a generous hop bitterness.

### MAGUS

**BITTER 3.8% ABV**  
A pale session best-seller, with aromatically complex continental lager qualities and citrus undertones.



### ELGOOD'S

Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England PE13 1LN  
[www.elgoods-brewery.co.uk](http://www.elgoods-brewery.co.uk)

The Georgian facade of this 1795 brewery may speak of its history, but significant technical advances lie behind, and Elgood's is now one of the UK's most progressive producers. The fifth generation of the Elgood family does, however, incorporate traditional values and time-honoured methods into its forward-looking approach.

### BLACK DOG

**MILD 3.6% ABV**  
Well-balanced mild, with a roasted malt integrity, reinforced by a single hop variety.

### GREYHOUND STRONG BITTER

**STRONG BITTER 5.2% ABV**  
Raisin characteristics coerced from dark sugars and roasted malt contrast aromatic leafy English hops.



### EVERARDS

Castle Acres, Narborough, Leicestershire, England LE19 1BY  
[www.everards.co.uk](http://www.everards.co.uk)

After brewing his first pint in 1849, William Everard stated his intention, and one that the fifth-generation family is proud to uphold: "No effort shall be found wanting in the production and supply of genuine ale of first-rate quality". Integrity remains king today. **BREWING SECRET** Fuggles and Goldings are the key hops here.

### TIGER

**BITTER 4.2% ABV**  
Some spicy hop and caramel on the nose. Classically bittersweet palate, with a rounded toffeeiness.

### ORIGINAL

**STRONG BITTER 5.2% ABV**  
Copper-hued, full-bodied, and a toasted caramel aroma beckoning port wine and fruit flavours.

**EXMOOR**

Wiveliscombe, Somerset,  
England TA4 2NY  
[www.exmoorales.co.uk](http://www.exmoorales.co.uk)

Exmoor was among the first wave of microbreweries in the early 1980s. Its fundamentals have never altered from a reliance on skills, investment in innovation, and adherence to the principles of small-batch brewing. Being Somerset's largest brewery positions it as a regional producer, and the potential of its backbone brands is still to be fully capitalized upon.

**FELINFOEL**

Lanelli, Carmarthenshire,  
Wales SA14 8LB  
[www.felinfoel-brewery.com](http://www.felinfoel-brewery.com)

Sitting astride the River Liedi and leaning heavily on the industrial traditions of south Wales – and its workers' thirsts – Felinfoel Brewery has been in existence since 1878. It is famed for producing Britain's first canned beer in 1935. Extensive modernization came in the 1970s, but Felinfoel is still family-owned.

**FREEMINER**

Cinderford, Gloucestershire,  
England GL14 3JA  
[www.freeminer.com](http://www.freeminer.com)

Anyone born in the Forest of Dean who has worked in a coal mine for a year and a day may open his own mine. Few such mines remain, but Freeminer celebrates this heritage with its ales. BREWING SECRET Freeminer ales are made from traditional malt varieties and whole Worcestershire hops in open-topped fermenters.

**FULLER'S**

Chiswick Lane South, London,  
England W4 2QB  
[www.fullers.co.uk](http://www.fullers.co.uk)

London's last remaining traditional family brewer, Fuller's has been based at the historic Griffin Brewery near the River Thames in Chiswick since 1845. Brewing on the site, however, goes back 350 years. Despite its global prominence, Fuller's retains a small company spirit and formidably energetic outlook. Its beers, among

**EXMOOR GOLD**

BITTER 4.5% ABV  
Powerful earthy hop, lemon,  
and juicy malt aromas; fruity,  
butterscotch sweetness, and  
memorable finish.

**EXMOOR ALE**

BITTER 3.8% ABV  
Medium-bodied, with some malt  
and hop in the aroma and bitter  
hop aftertaste.

**DOUBLE DRAGON**

BITTER 4.2% ABV  
Invitingly rich in colour, malty and  
subtly hopped, with an evenly  
balanced, full-drinking nature.

**CAMBRIAN BITTER**

BITTER 3.9% ABV  
Labelled "a good honest Welsh  
bitter", the bitter is full-flavoured,  
with balanced malt and hop aromas.

**SPECULATION**

STRONG BITTER 4.8% ABV  
An initial chocolate sweetness is  
replaced by a hoppy rush and rich  
malt flavour layer.

**FREEMINER BITTER**

STRONG BITTER 4.8% ABV  
Distinctly bitter and abundantly  
hoppy, balanced by a malt character  
that denotes "no-nonsense" beer.

**LONDON PRIDE**

BITTER 4.1% ABV  
A fruity sweet malt nose and a  
floral spiced hop presence with  
marmalade undercurrents.

**ESB**

EXTRA STRONG BITTER 5.5% ABV  
Complex aromas, with the house-  
style orange fruit complementing  
tangy hops and roasted malt.



the country's most consistent, have received countless awards, notably the Campaign For Real Ale Champion Beer of Britain, which it has won five times. Although firmly at the forefront of British ale production, Fuller's remains resolutely true to traditional brewing techniques. The company bought Hampshire brewer George Gale in 2005, and its beers are now brewed at Chiswick.

#### VINTAGE ALE

BARLEY WINE 8.5% ABV (VARIABLE)  
Annually produced using different malt and hop varieties. Each vintage is different, all are intriguing.

#### CHISWICK BITTER

BITTER 3.5% ABV  
A fresh citrus hop nature with a touch of malt sweetness on the palate. Pleasingly dry finish.



#### FYNE ALES

Cairndow, Argyll, Scotland PA268BJ  
[www.fyneales.com](http://www.fyneales.com)

Given that this brewery was set up in a redundant milking parlour as recently as 2001, it seems all the more remarkable that Fyne Ales has already begun winning national brewing awards.

**BREWING SECRET** Soft water from a burn tumbling into Loch Fyne in the Scottish Highlands is integral to the character and success of Fyne Ales.

#### MAVERICK

BEST BITTER 4.2% ABV  
Mahogany coloured and fully robust, with warm roasted malt flavours and fruity hop aromas.

#### HIGHLANDER

SCOTTISH HEAVY 4.8% ABV  
A strong traditional Scottish-style ale, with intense malt properties and a citrus hop aroma.



#### GALWAY HOOKER

Roscommon Town, Galway, Ireland  
[www.galwayhooker.ie](http://www.galwayhooker.ie)

Launched in 2006, Galway Hooker is brewed by two proud "hopoholics" who believe in the joy and variety of experimentation. An online beer-naming competition came up with the Galway Hooker name, which refers to a traditional West Irish sailing boat. The philosophy is that beer is like any quality foodstuff – the fresher and less processed, the better.

#### GALWAY HOOKER IRISH PALE ALE

PALE ALE 4.4% ABV  
Balanced tangy bitterness and understated biscuit flavours complement a floral aroma and citrus dry finish.



#### GOACHER'S

Maidstone, Kent,  
England ME15 6TA  
[www.goachers.com](http://www.goachers.com)

The plant was purpose-built in 1983 and revived the art of brewing in Maidstone after an 11-year hiatus. It is constructed along classic lines, with full-mash brewing and open fermenters in stainless-steel vessels.

**BREWING SECRET** Whole Kentish hops and 100 per cent malted barley produce ales with a distinct character.

#### GOACHER'S BEST DARK ALE

BEST BITTER 4.1% ABV  
The original Goacher's derives its complex, full-bodied nature from a bittersweet malty infusion.

#### GOACHER'S FINE LIGHT ALE

BITTER 3.7% ABV  
A consistent and rewarding floral hop tang and moderate malt palate from aroma to aftertaste.



### GREENE KING

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, England IP33 1QT  
www.greeneking.co.uk

After more than 200 years, Greene King has developed into a formidable and dynamic force in the highly competitive British brewing industry. All beers are brewed at Bury St Edmunds, where ale has featured since the 11th century. Benjamin Greene opened his brewery in 1799 and it merged with the rival King

Brewery in 1887. The company has in recent years acquired several of its competitors – namely, Morland, Ruddles, Ridley's, and Hardy & Hanson – and closed them amid some controversy. Belhaven of Dunbar was another recent acquisition, it being bought up in 2005.

**BREWING SECRET** Greene King's flagship Abbot Ale spends "two sabbaths" under fermentation, as master brewers' ideal practices demand.

### GUINNESS

St James's Gate, Dublin 8, Ireland  
www.guinness.com

When you can make a virtue out of the time it takes to pour a pint – 119.5 seconds to be precise – you know you have no ordinary beer in your hands. Guinness defines stout, Ireland, and Irishness, but it is also inextricably linked with innovation in physics, chemistry, packaging, and advertising. The St James's Gate Brewery – occupying a 25-hectare

(25,000-square metre) prime slice of Dublin – is often likened to a citadel, but it is very much a living, working space and, 250 years after young Arthur Guinness's first mash, it is brewed in 50 countries worldwide and enjoyed in 150.

**BREWING SECRET** The amount of hops used is instrumental to the dry quality of Guinness Stout; *Brettanomyces* yeast also contributes to its dry style.

### ABBOT ALE

STRONG BITTER 5% ABV

A biscuit malt and spicy hop aroma, with a tangy and bittersweet fruit and malt palate.

### IPA

INDIA PALE ALE 3.6% ABV

Distinctly copper-coloured, with a clean, fresh hop savouriness and subtle, sweetish malty nose.

### OLD SPECKLED HEN

PREMIUM BITTER 5.2% ABV

Rich and intense, with a savoury, spicy malt flavour, allied with a fruity sweetness.

### RUDDLES' COUNTY

BEST BITTER 4.3% ABV

A premium ale that displays a fruity sweetness and a definite hoppy, dry finish.

### GUINNESS ORIGINAL

STOUT 4.2% ABV

The packaged version's coffee and cream aroma highlights fruit, chocolate, and some late hoppiness.

### DRAUGHT GUINNESS

STOUT 4.1% ABV

Some hop aroma apparent, then fruit, cream, and dark toffee flavours develop with liquorice tinges.

### FOREIGN EXTRA STOUT

SPECIAL STOUT 7.5% ABV

Leafy hop aroma, with burnt toast, rich malt, bitter coffee, and liquorice flavours ripening effortlessly.

### GUINNESS RED

IRISH RED ALE 4.1% ABV

Rather than the familiar black and white, lighter roasted barley gives it a rich red colour.



### HADRIAN & BORDER

Newcastle upon Tyne,  
England NE6 1AS  
[www.hadrian-border-brewery.co.uk](http://www.hadrian-border-brewery.co.uk)

Born out of a “marriage” between Border Brewery of Berwick upon Tweed and Hadrian of Newcastle upon Tyne, the company continues to grow, year on year, throughout a distribution area that reaches from Edinburgh to North Yorkshire. Its award-winning ales are brewed in a 20-barrel (3,200-litre) plant.

#### CENTURION BEST BITTER

BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV

Light in colour, with a distinct hop palate and smooth, clean lacings of understated fruitiness.

#### FARNE ISLAND

BITTER 4% ABV

An amber-coloured, well-rounded bitter, with a heightened sense of malt and a hoppy finale.



### HALL & WOODHOUSE

Blandford St Mary, Dorset,  
England DT11 9LS  
[www.hall-woodhouse.co.uk](http://www.hall-woodhouse.co.uk)

An independent family firm, Hall & Woodhouse is owned and run by fifth-generation Woodhouses, who remain loyal to the brewery's dictum: “Dorset ales with real character”. Its visitor centre is a major tourist attraction, and a new, environmentally friendly brewery is planned to sit at the heart of the local community.

#### BADGER FIRST GOLD

BITTER 4% ABV

An exceptional golden ale, using a single hop, First Gold, for character and a distinctive flavour.

#### TANGLEFOOT

STRONG BITTER 5% ABV

Light golden, with a noticeable floral dry hop aroma that contrasts with biscuit and fruit notes.



### HAMBLETON

Holme-on-Swale, North Yorkshire,  
England YO7 4JE  
[www.hambletonales.co.uk](http://www.hambletonales.co.uk)

A million-pound investment has resulted in a completely new brewery for Hambleton, with state-of-the-art bottling facilities. Innovation has been at the heart of the operation since 1991, as evident in the label designs and bespoke brewing equipment. Several awards, including one for a gluten-free range, have been well deserved.

#### STALLION

BITTER 4.2% ABV

For some, a true Yorkshire bitter, with its malty character, nuttiness, and enhanced hopping rate.

#### NIGHTMARE

PORTER 5% ABV

An extra-stout porter that uses a combination of four malts for a massively complex flavour.



### HAMPSHIRE

Romsey, Hampshire, England SO51 0NR  
[www.hampshirebrewery.com](http://www.hampshirebrewery.com)

After five years of steady growth, Hampshire's small team relocated to larger premises in 1999, sourcing and converting vessels from other breweries. Demand continues due to a reputation earned for the quality of Hampshire beers.

**BREWING SECRET** The wide array of beers use a medley of different malts and hops to produce a wealth of flavours.

#### PRIDE OF ROMSEY

STRONG BITTER 5% ABV

Fragrant hops offer citrus – grapefruit and lemon – bitterness, complementing an elegant maltiness.

#### LIONHEART

LIONHEART 4.5% ABV

Golden, with a fresh fruit and malt fragrance, which introduces a subtle, hoppy, and refreshing sophistication.



## THE STORY OF ...



# Guinness

St James's Gate,  
Dublin 8, Ireland

Ask for a pint of the “black stuff” wherever you are in the world and the likelihood is you will be served a glass of Guinness.

With a body seemingly as dark as the blackest night and topped with a snow white flourish of foam, it is one of the world's most recognizable beers. Guinness is a dry stout, its flavour unerringly roasty, with a hint of smokiness. Its dark hue and distinctive creamy flavour come from the use of an abundance of barley, which is roasted in a giant drum within the St James's Gate Brewery, filling the air around with luscious, burnt coffee aromas.

The Guinness story began more than 240 years ago, when Arthur Guinness built a brewery in Dublin, the keystone of which was decorated with a relief of Ceres, the Roman goddess of grain. By 1900 the brewery's fame and its beer had travelled far and wide, and Guinness had become the biggest brewer in the world, producing more than one million barrels a year.

Today, with a number of variations, Guinness is brewed in more than 40 countries. Drinkers in Britain and Ireland commonly see it sold on draught. However, in many other parts of the world, including Nigeria and Indonesia, it is sold in bottles in a variety of different strengths from 4.1% to 8% ABV.

▼ **THE STOREHOUSE** The old fermenting room has been transformed into one of Ireland's most successful tourist attractions, with more visitors than the Blarney Stone. Inside the building – which was the first steel-framed multi-storey building in the British Isles, and was modelled on a Chicago skyscraper – can be found the story of Guinness.



▲ **ROASTED BARLEY** Like most beers, Guinness is made from barley, hops, and yeast. But it is the addition of flaked barley and dark roasted barley that gives Guinness its unique colour and smooth bitterness. Roasted barley forms part of the mash bill, though additional quantities are added to the wort during the boil (left).



▲ **POURING GUINNESS** To pour the perfect creamy Guinness takes time and perhaps a little patience. It requires a double, slow pour that can take nearly two minutes. It is not unknown for pubs in Ireland to have a line of partially filled glasses on the bar at opening time waiting for customers to arrive, when the final pour is made.

▼ **CONDITIONING TANKS** The beer is matured in vast tanks. This conditioning allows for important deep, fruity flavours to develop before the beer is put into kegs, bottles, or cans.



**GUINNESS IS GOOD FOR YOU ►**

Guinness is famed for the quality of its advertising campaigns which, over the years, have used such memorable lines as “good things come to those who wait” and “my goodness my Guinness”.

The Storehouse visitor centre includes a unique display of the famous “Guinness is good for you” advertisements created by John Gilroy from 1930 to 1960.

◀ **THE CREAMY HEAD** The famous Guinness creamy white head is created from the surging of bubbles from nitrogen and carbon dioxide gas as the beer is poured. It is actually the nitrogen that causes the tight white creamy head.



**HARVEY'S**

Lewes, East Sussex, England BN7 2AH  
[www.harveys.org.uk](http://www.harveys.org.uk)

The seventh generation of John Harvey's descendants are still involved in this prime example of Victorian Gothic-style brewery grandeur. The tower and brewhouse dominate the skyline, and the fermenting rooms and cellars remain structurally unaltered, although they now house a modern plant with equipment that has increased production enormously.

**BLUE LABEL**

PALE ALE 3.6% ABV  
 Deliciously full-bodied though fairly low in alcohol, with a whiff of leafy hop and sweet malt counterbalance.

**ARMADA ALE**

BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV  
 Amber coloured, with a well-balanced combination of fruit and hops on the palate.

**HARVIESTOUN**

Alva, Clackmannanshire, England FK12 5DQ  
[www.harviestoun-brewery.co.uk](http://www.harviestoun-brewery.co.uk)

The brewers of Harviestoun say they can't pretend it's a job – it's their work, but also their play and their passion. Curiosity towards flavours and aromas wrung from natural ingredients was the brewery's mission in 1985, when the business was originally set up, and a move to a purpose-built plant with fresh investment has resulted in national accolades.

**BITTER & TWISTED**

BITTER 3.8% ABV  
 Ripe grapefruit and lemon-influenced hop aromas are anchored by a distinct maltiness.

**SCHIEHALLION**

PREMIUM LAGER 4.8% ABV  
 Cask lager, brewed with Bavarian hops for a delightful nose. A rigid maltiness prevails throughout.

**HAWKSHEAD**

Staveley, Cumbria, England LA8 9LR  
[www.hawksheadbrewery.co.uk](http://www.hawksheadbrewery.co.uk)

The focus at Hawkshead is on traditional beer styles that have been given a modern twist. A new 20-barrel (3,200-litre) brewhouse was fitted out in 2006 – an integral feature is a farm gate for leaning on contemplatively. The brewery's public beer hall, where award-winning ales are served, is a magnificent showcase for the beers and their provenance.

**HAWKSHEAD RED**

RED ALE 4.2% ABV  
 A bittersweet red ale, malty and spicy on the palate, with juicy, woody aromas.

**HAWKSHEAD GOLD**

BEST BITTER 4.4% ABV  
 Hoppy and uncompromisingly bitter, with complex fruit flavours from its English and American hop blend.

**HIGHGATE**

Walsall, West Midlands, England WSI 3AP  
[www.highgatebrewery.com](http://www.highgatebrewery.com)

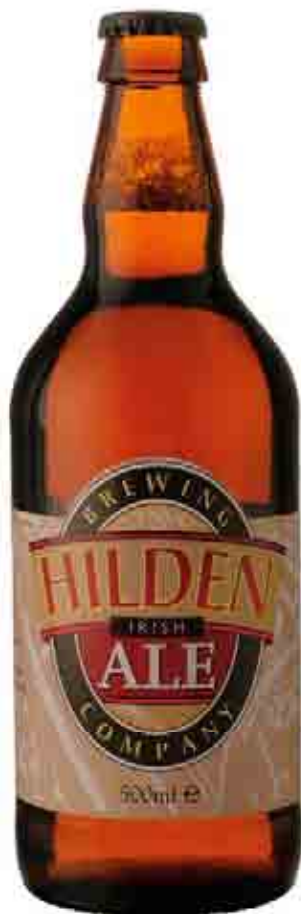
Brewing commenced by James Fletcher in 1898 to serve the labour-intensive "workshop of England". Ownership has since passed through several hands – Mitchells & Butler, Bass, Aston Manor, and, today, the Global Star pub company. BREWERY SECRET Some original Victorian equipment is still used, including coppers topped off by "Chinese hat" funnels.

**DAVENPORTS ORIGINAL**

BEST BITTER 4% ABV  
 Full-bodied and copper-coloured, with ample malt and fruit balanced by a satisfying bitter finish.

**DARK MILD**

MILD 3.6% ABV  
 A typical Black Country mild, with complex preserved fruit, chocolate malt, and traces of spicy hops.



### HIGH HOUSE

Matfen, Northumberland,  
England NE20 0RG  
[www.highhousefarmbrewery.co.uk](http://www.highhousefarmbrewery.co.uk)

The 2001 foot-and-mouth crisis persuaded farmer Steven Urwin that diversification was necessary. Being a keen home-brewer, he undertook a course at Sunderland University's Brewlab. He requisitioned listed farm buildings for brewing, and success since then has led to national and regional brewing awards – all displayed in the visitor centre.

#### NEL'S BEST

**BEST BITTER 4.2% ABV**  
Full-bodied, golden, and easy on the palate, with a delightful hoppiness and mantle of malt.

#### AULD HEMP

**BITTER 3.8% ABV**  
A rewarding, fresh malty aroma precedes malt and fruit flavours. Named after a farm sheepdog.

### HILDEN

Lisburn, County Antrim,  
Ireland BT 27 4TY  
[www.hildenbrewery.co.uk](http://www.hildenbrewery.co.uk)

The family-run microbrewery sparked something of a revolution when it was set up in 1981, reintroducing cask-conditioned beer to Ireland. The brewhouse – a former stables belonging to a leading linen manufacturer – now produces five ales: a porter, a blonde, a premium red, and two amber styles.

#### HILDEN ALE

**BITTER 4% ABV**  
Refreshingly sharp on the palate, with a late pronounced hoppiness rounding off its full flavour.

#### MOLLY MALONE ALE

**PORTER 4.6% ABV**  
Dark ruby-red porter, with a complex structure playing on hop bitterness and chocolate malt.

### HOBSONS

Clebury Mortimer, Worcestershire,  
England DY14 8RD  
[www.hobsons-brewery.co.uk](http://www.hobsons-brewery.co.uk)

Success has evolved out of a hand-to-mouth existence, a steadily growing reputation, brewery expansion, relocation, and a sprinkling of single-mindedness. At the heart of all this has been a determination to brew a mild at a time when the style was perceived to be in freefall. Yet in 2007 it was judged Supreme Champion Beer of Britain.

#### TOWN CRIER

**BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV**  
Pale and straw coloured, with some malt sweetness, an earthy hop impression, and dry finish.

#### HOBSONS MILD

**MILD 3.2% ABV**  
Traditional, with a clever wringing of roasted malt and nutty flavours from its ingredients.

### HOGS BACK

Tongham, Surrey, England GU10 1DE  
[www.hogsback.co.uk](http://www.hogsback.co.uk)

Established in 1992, the Hogs Back brewhouse takes up part of an 18th-century farm. Steady expansion, extensions to storage facilities, and re-equipping the fermenting room have continued since, and many awards have been gathered along the way. BREWERY SECRETS "Late hops" are added at the end of the boil, contributing additional fragrance to the beer.

#### TRADITIONAL ENGLISH ALE / TEA

**BEST BITTER 4.2% ABV**  
Well-crafted, with delicate fruity aromas, some bittersweet malt flavouring, and a long dry finish.

#### HOGS BACK BITTER

**BITTER 3.7% ABV**  
A biscuit-influenced session bitter, with a fragrantly aromatic citrus fruit and light malt afterglow.



### HOLDEN'S

Woodsetton, Dudley, West Midlands, England DY1 4LW  
[www.holdensbrewery.co.uk](http://www.holdensbrewery.co.uk)

Third and fourth-generation family members are very much involved in the Holden's business, which started life in the 1920s with a brewpub, before expanding next door into a neatly tiled brewery on two floors.

**BREWING SECRET** The mild uses a mix of amber malt, caramalt, and black malt, along with Fuggles hops.

### HOLT

Cheetham, Manchester, England M3 1JD  
[www.joseph-holt.com](http://www.joseph-holt.com)

A family business survivor in an increasingly corporate sector, Holt's admits – with some pride – to being unashamedly old-fashioned. That does not mean backward-looking, however, and its well-structured projects and clear vision have brought steady expansion to the brewery and to its portfolio of 127 pubs.

### HOOK NORTON

Banbury, Oxfordshire, England OX15 5NY  
[www.hooky.co.uk](http://www.hooky.co.uk)

A particularly striking example of a Victorian tower brewery, Hook Norton is partly powered by steam, via a series of belts, cogs, and shafts. Drays pulled by shire horses deliver to local pubs, further demonstrating how the brewery likes to preserve traditional practices. While doing this, Hook Norton also produces some of the country's most outstanding ales.

### HOP BACK

Downton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England SP5 3HU  
[www.hopback.co.uk](http://www.hopback.co.uk)

Having soon outgrown its humble 1980s pub-cellar beginnings at the Wyndham Arms in Salisbury, Hop Back developed and expanded through a series of premises for brewing and drinking its beers, picking up significant awards along the way. At the core of the range is the multi-award-winning Summer Lightning.

### HOLDEN'S GOLDEN

BITTER 3.9% ABV  
 Fuggles hops and Maris Otter malt combine in this medium-bodied, straw-hued pale ale.

### BLACK COUNTRY MILD

MILD 3.7% ABV  
 Bold chestnut red, with nutty biscuit notes and wrappings of chocolate, caramel, and earthy hops.

### HOLT 1849

BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV  
 A 150-year anniversary ale, with a vibrant and generous celebratory hop flavour to match.

### HOLT BITTER

BITTER 4% ABV  
 Spicy hops dominate the aroma with tart fruitiness tempered by biscuit malt and bittersweet fruit.

### OLD HOOKY

STRONG BITTER 4.6% ABV  
 Beautifully poised, with a piquant, fruity nature and malt character rounding off a bitter finish.

### HOOKY BITTER

BITTER 3.6% ABV  
 Subtly hoppy on the nose, then malt and fruit appear, before a returning hop finish.

### SUMMER LIGHTNING

STRONG BITTER 5% ABV  
 Intensely bitter, with a grassy, fresh, hoppy aroma and some malt lingering on the palate.

### CROP CIRCLE

BITTER 4.2% ABV  
 Cleverly blended aroma and bittering hops combine with corn nuances for a delicate fruity crispness.



### HURNS

Unit 3, Century Park, Swansea Enterprise Park, Wales SA6 8RP  
[www.hurns.co.uk](http://www.hurns.co.uk)

The Hurns beer distribution and pub company moved into brewing in 2002 with the acquisition of the liquidated Tomos Watkin Brewery, which had built an enviable reputation in its short life. Since then, the enterprise has developed considerably, with no little assistance from a dose of wholehearted Welsh passion.

#### TOMOS WATKIN CWRW HAF

BITTER 4.2% ABV

Refreshingly zesty, with citrus flavours emerging from a clever blend of three distinct hop varieties.

#### CWRW BRAF

BITTER 4.5% ABV

Amber-coloured, with a gentle hop aroma easing in a light bitterness and temperate maltness.



### HYDES

46 Moss Lane West, Manchester, England M15 5PH  
[www.hydesbrewery.com](http://www.hydesbrewery.com)

Hydes is another of those remarkable family-owned breweries that has carved out a niche in its home region. Hydes Original has persevered with the same recipe and exacting standards that were applied on day one – back in 1863. The business continues to face the future with enthusiasm and in confident style.

#### HYDES ORIGINAL

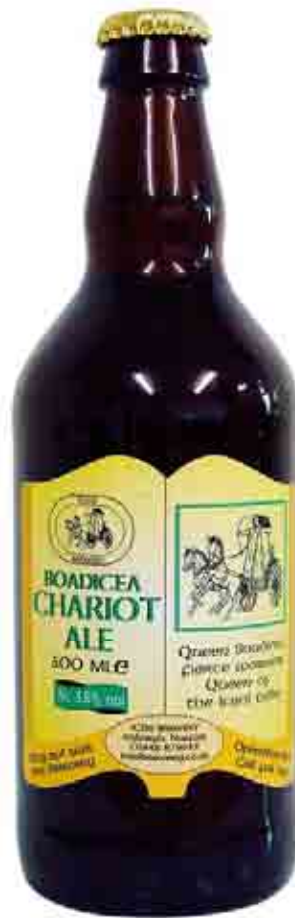
BITTER 3.8% ABV

A northwest classic: copper-coloured, full-bodied, with a distinctive bittersweet flavour.

#### DARK MILD

MILD 3.5% ABV

A fruit and malt nose and complex flavourings that meander through berry fruits, malt, and chocolate.



### ICENI

Mundford, Norfolk, England IP26 5HB  
[www.icenibrewery.co.uk](http://www.icenibrewery.co.uk)

The Iceni tribe was ruled by Queen Boudica (or Boadicea, if you prefer) in around AD60. The tribe occupied most of East Anglia (including Norfolk, of course) and the brewery has harnessed this heritage in the naming of its beers.

**BREWING SECRET** The company has its own hop garden, which contributes to a breathtaking range of cask and bottled beers.

#### ICENI BOADICEA CHARIOT ALE

BITTER 3.8% ABV

The original brew, it combines an attractive hop nose with a cultured and composed flavour profile.

#### CELTIC QUEEN

BITTER 4% ABV

An undemanding, hoppy nose and a palate that reveals distinct bitter notes and scatterings of malt.



### INNIS & GUNN

PO Box 17246, Edinburgh, Scotland  
[www.innisandgunn.com](http://www.innisandgunn.com)

Whisky distiller William Grant & Son commissioned a special beer to season oak casks for an ale cask-finished whisky. It was then discovered that the disgorged ale had taken on novel and exciting flavours. The possibilities for a new beer style were realized, and it is now produced by Innis & Gunn, which bought the concept from Grants to develop the brand further.

#### INNIS & GUNN OAK AGED BEER

SPECIALITY STRONG BITTER 6.6% ABV

A butterscotch sweet aroma crosses into the beer's flavour, blending with vegetable and banana notes, and a green apple sourness.

## BEER TRAIL

# COTSWOLDS

The village of Hook Norton in north Oxfordshire is the perfect base for any visitor exploring the Cotswolds or the city of Oxford. For the traveller, three of the village's pubs – the Sun, the Pear Tree, and the Gate Hangs High – all offer accommodation.



Pear Tree, Hook Norton



### 1 DAY 1: HOOK NORTON BREWERY

This is a near-perfect example of a Victorian tower brewery. It is still powered by a steam engine, and the making of Hook Norton's beers is a tactile, aural, and visual experience. Only the finest malted barley is used in the mash tun, and this needs to be manually removed when the wort is drained off the grist. The seemingly magical transformation of turning sweet wort into alcohol takes place in the brewery's hard-working open fermenters. A horse-drawn dray still delivers beer to local pubs. The Visitor Centre is open from Monday to Saturday, though tours of the brewery must be booked beforehand via the website. The tour is followed by some sampling of Hook Norton beer. *Brewery Lane, Hook Norton* ([www.hooky.co.uk](http://www.hooky.co.uk))

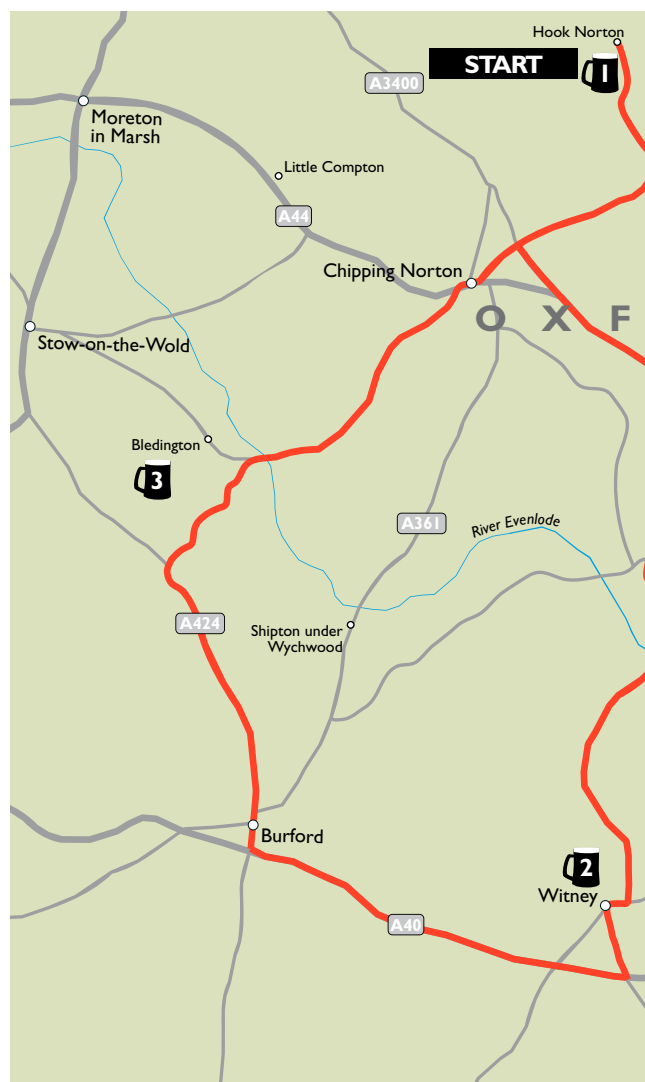


### 2 DAY 2: WYCHWOOD BREWERY

The drive from Hook Norton to Witney takes in some glorious countryside, and at the end of the journey is the Wychwood Brewery. Tours of the brewery can be booked online. They last for two hours and go through the brewing process for Wychwood and Brakspear beers, from raw ingredients to the finished product. The tour takes in Brakspear's famous "Double Drop system" fermenting vessels. *Eagle Maltings, The Crofts, Witney* ([www.wychwood.co.uk](http://www.wychwood.co.uk))

### JOURNEY STATS

3 days  
100 miles (160 km)





### 3 DAY 2: THE KING'S HEAD INN

Before returning to Hook Norton, pass by Cotswold Brewing ([www.cotswoldbrewingcompany.com](http://www.cotswoldbrewingcompany.com)) at Foscot. Unusually for a British micro, brewer Richard Keene makes continental-style lagers. With a meandering stream at its side, the King's Head Inn, at nearby Bledington, is the perfect place to drink a glass of Cotswold Brewing's beer. *The King's Head Inn, The Green, Bledington* ([thekingsheadinn.net](http://thekingsheadinn.net))



4 DAY 3: OXFORD The third day of the trail offers a chance to sample some of the fabulous pubs in the historical city of Oxford – a place where good beer, culture, and a convivial atmosphere sit cosily together.



### TURF TAVERN

Hard to find but worth the search, the Turf Tavern is built on the only remaining part of the city wall. It sells a fabulous collection of British beers. *Bath Place, Holywell, Oxford*; for directions go to the pub's website: [www.theturf tavern.co.uk](http://www.theturf tavern.co.uk)



### KING'S ARMS

The King's Arms sits at the end of Broad Street, which is famous for its colleges and bookshops. The large pub is a warren of rooms and is much loved by locals and students.

*40 Holywell Street, Oxford*

### THE BEAR

Small and friendly, The Bear is on a narrow lane between Christ Church and Oriol colleges. It claims to be the oldest pub in Oxford, and is built on the site of a former bear-fighting pit. The walls are decorated by a collection of 5,000 ties. *6 Alfred Street, Oxford*



### EAGLE & CHILD

Close to Oxford's dreaming spires and the Ashmolean museum, Eagle & Child was a frequent haunt of writers JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis, who were part of a literary group in the 1930s and 40s called the Inklings. *49 St Giles, Oxford*





**Traditional pubs**, such as the Eagle in Oxford, offer temporary “guest” beers, as well as serving a range of regular beers.



**INVERALMOND**

Perth, Perthshire, Scotland PH1 3UQ  
[www.inveralmond-brewery.co.uk](http://www.inveralmond-brewery.co.uk)

Several bottled waters available nationally are sourced from Perthshire's natural mineral springs, and it is little wonder that world-renowned whisky distilleries and this award-winning brewery put them to even better use. Plans are well advanced for increasing the production capacity at Inveralmond, with export markets a major focus.

**OSSIAN**

**BEST BITTER 4.1% ABV**  
 Spicy and spritzy orange aromas blend with malt flavours and develop through further fruit notes.

**INDEPENDENCE**

**BITTER 3.8% ABV**  
 Full-bodied, earthy, and malty, with subtle hints of mixed fruit and punches of spice.

**ISLE OF ARRAN**

Brodick, Isle of Arran, Scotland KA27 8DE  
[www.arranbrewery.com](http://www.arranbrewery.com)

Arran is often described as "Scotland in miniature", and its high-tech brewery, set among the stunning surroundings of castles, mountains, and an extraordinary shoreline, reflects tradition, substance, and native inventiveness. The plaudits it receives are matched by awards for design.

**BREWING SECRET** Gulf Stream-driven rainfall is a factor in the beer's character.

**ARRAN BLONDE**

**STRONG BITTER 5% ABV**  
 New-mown grass and floral aromas slip into citrus fruit and tangy, succulent malt flavours.

**ARRAN DARK**

**SCOTTISH HEAVY 4.3% ABV**  
 Rich ripe fruit aroma, with full malt bittersweet flavours typical of a traditional Scottish "heavy".

**ISLE OF SKYE**

Uig, Isle of Skye, Scotland IV51 9XP  
[www.skyebrewery.co.uk](http://www.skyebrewery.co.uk)

The ferry terminal serving the Outer Hebrides also boasts an award-winning ale producer in the form of the Isle of Skye Brewery. There, a former teacher has been joined in beer making duties by two ex-chefs – one of them Scotland's only female brewer.

**BREWING SECRET** These beers make the most of traditional Scottish produce, such as barley, oats, and honey.

**HEBRIDEAN GOLD**

**BEST BITTER 4.3% ABV**  
 Softly fruity, using porridge oats for exceptional body smoothness and a full, creamy head.

**RED CUILLIN**

**BITTER 4.2% ABV**  
 Malt-laced, with nut and caramel fillings developing evermore malt all the way to a bittersweet finale.

**JARROW**

Primrose Hill, Jarrow, Tyne & Wear,  
 England NE32 5UB  
[www.jarrowbrewery.co.uk](http://www.jarrowbrewery.co.uk)

Set up in 2002, originally to supply the owners' two pubs, Jarrow met immediate success, and its soaring reputation meant its beers were soon more widely available. Jarrow's well-structured ales reflect Tyneside's industrial and social importance – Old Cornelius, for example, was named after the last surviving member of the Jarrow March protesters of the 1930s.

**RIVET CATCHER**

**BITTER 4% ABV**  
 A subtle hoppiness and light malt veil persist throughout this consistently award-winning bitter.

**JOBLING'S SWINGING GIBBET**

**BITTER 4.1% ABV**  
 Superbly composed, with prominent hop aromas and fruit developing throughout the palate.



### JENNINGS

Cockermouth, Cumbria,  
England CA13 9NE  
[www.jenningsbrewery.co.uk](http://www.jenningsbrewery.co.uk)

John Jennings had already been brewing for 46 years when he built his own brewery in 1874 in the shadow of Cockermouth Castle. The brewery stands at the confluence of the rivers Cocker and Derwent, and has been owned by Marstons since 2005.

**BREWING SECRET** Pure Lakeland water is a key ingredient in Jennings ales.

### JOHN SMITH

Tadcaster, North Yorkshire,  
England LS24 9SA  
[www.johnsmiths.co.uk](http://www.johnsmiths.co.uk)

John Smith (from the same family as Samuel Smith) began brewing in 1847 to cater for the local mill trade. The enterprise was taken over by the Courage group in 1970, then absorbed by Scottish & Newcastle. John Smith's is the top-selling bitter in the British Isles, selling more than a million pints a day.

### KELHAM ISLAND

Sheffield, South Yorkshire,  
England S3 8SA  
[www.kelhambrewery.co.uk](http://www.kelhambrewery.co.uk)

Since Kelham Island opened in 1990, Sheffield's four large breweries have closed down, which makes Kelham's success all the more remarkable. An astonishing range of awards has been collected along the way.

**BREWING SECRET** Pale Rider and Easy Rider both make great use of highly fragrant American hops.

### LEES

Manchester, England M24 2AX  
[www.jwlees.co.uk](http://www.jwlees.co.uk)

Established by the far-sighted John Lees in 1878, when Manchester was becoming the "workshop of the world", Lees expanded rapidly, matching the growing local thirst. Sixth-generation family members currently run the brewery and pub estate, and they remain faithful to the brewery's maxim: "We think of ourselves as old-fashioned and cutting-edge".

#### CUMBERLAND ALE

BITTER 4% ABV

Florally hoppy, its intense, full flavour and firm creamy body slide into a dry aftertaste.

#### SNECK LIFTER

STRONG BITTER 5.1% ABV

Dark and fascinating, with complex aromatics, and generous flavours of fruit and roasted malt.

#### JOHN SMITH'S MAGNET

BITTER 4% ABV

Balanced bittersweet flavours, including caramel and liquorice, head an easy-drinking, full-flavoured beer.

#### JOHN SMITH'S ORIGINAL

BITTER 3.8% ABV

A moderate-bodied and fruity-flavoured bitter, possessing a short, hoppy finish.

#### PALE RIDER

STRONG BITTER 5.2% ABV

Strong but delicately fruity multi-award winner, which profits from an adventurous use of American hops.

#### EASY RIDER

BITTER 4.3% ABV

A subtle pale ale, its initial crisp bitterness surrendering only to a lingering fruity palate.

#### MOONRAKER

BARLEY WINE 7.5% ABV

Powerfully fruity on a rich roast malt base, with a sweet tendency and dryish finish.

#### JW LEES BITTER

BITTER 4% ABV

Classic amber-coloured northern bitter, with layers of malt in the mouthfeel and a citrus finale.



### LITTLE VALLEY

Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, England HX7 5TT  
[www.littlevalleybrewery.co.uk](http://www.littlevalleybrewery.co.uk)

All beers made by master brewer Wim van der Speck are certified as 100 per cent organic. Awards have followed Wim's career, in his native Holland, then Germany, Scotland, and now England.

**BREWING SECRET** Wim has a flair for extracting spicy, fruit, chocolate, and cereal flavours from malts and hops.

### MARSTON'S

Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, England DE14 2BW  
[www.marstonsbeercompany.co.uk](http://www.marstonsbeercompany.co.uk)

The company operates three sites: the Park Brewery in Wolverhampton, which brews Banks's, Hanson's, and Mansfield beers; Jennings Brewery at Cockermouth in the Lake District, and the Albion Brewery in Burton upon Trent – “the home of British beer”. Throughout its long existence – which stretches back to 1834 – it has

acquired several of its competitors in the Midlands, Cumbria, and Wales. Then, in 1999, Marston's itself was taken over by Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, which changed its name to Marston's PLC in 2007.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery still uses the fabled Burton Union fermenting system for its classic Pedigree beer, capitalizing on the renowned, hard, and sulphur-rich local water.

### MCMULLEN

Hertford, Hertfordshire, England SG14 1RD  
[www.mcmullens.co.uk](http://www.mcmullens.co.uk)

Peter McMullen started his business in 1827. Several breweries and three artesian wells later, the brewery today is now more compact, but no less efficient, dependable, and successful. Emphasis on training, in the brewhouse and throughout the 50-strong pub estate, encourages the team to work to exacting standards.

### STOODLEY STOUT

STOUT 4.8% ABV  
 Rich and roasted flavours, with chocolate malt, oat, and wheat chasing orange and berry aromas.

### CRAGG VALE BITTER

BITTER 4.2% ABV  
 Three complementary hop varieties manipulate lemon aromas around a full, rounded, crisp, fruity body.

### PEDIGREE

BEST BITTER 4.4% ABV  
 A British institution – sweetly hopped, with the vague sulphur aroma that's characteristic of Burton ales.

### BURTON BITTER

BITTER 3.8% ABV  
 Malty biscuit flavours counterbalance a delicate hop nature; distinctive sulphurous aroma.

### OLD EMPIRE

INDIA PALE ALE 5.7% ABV  
 A stylish India Pale Ale, with hop and fruit flavours and a dry extra-hop finish.

### DRAUGHT BASS

PREMIUM BITTER 4.4% ABV  
 Beautiful fruit aromas diffuse into hoppy sweetness, with a touch of malt and a lingering bitterness.

### AK MILD

MILD 3.7% ABV  
 Its soft biscuit palate stems from a carefully targeted blend of pale and chocolate malts.

### MCMULLEN COUNTRY BITTER

BEST BITTER 4.3% ABV  
 A distinct fruitiness combines with nutty layers to create a complex but refreshingly balanced palate.



### MEANTIME

Greenwich, London, England SE7 8RX  
[www.meantimebrewing.com](http://www.meantimebrewing.com)

Preferring to be known as the brewery that can't be pigeonholed could be self-regarding, but the approach of master brewer Alastair Hook is purposeful – to demonstrate the exciting flavour potential that beer has to offer.

**BREWING SECRET** Research into, and recreation of, beers from the past is an abiding passion here, as exemplified by Meantime's India Pale Ale.

#### MEANTIME CHOCOLATE

SPECIALITY STRONG BEER 6.5% ABV  
 Complex malt structure, with dark chocolate releasing vanilla notes to create a rich, memorable infusion.

#### INDIA PALE ALE

INDIA PALE ALE 7.5% ABV  
 Massively hoppy, with herbal, spice, and grass tiers grasping the strength of the original IPAs.



### MELBOURN BROTHERS

All Saints Street, Stamford,  
 Lincolnshire, England PE9 2PA

Owned by Samuel Smith, Melbourn Brothers is a fruit beer specialist, selling principally to the US market. The 1825 stone-built brewery is steam-powered, and uses equipment that dates back to the Industrial Revolution of the early 19th century.

**BREWING SECRET** The spontaneously fermented beers that are produced here make use of wild, airborne yeasts.

#### STRAWBERRY

FRUIT BEER 3.4% ABV  
 A clean, fresh taste, with ripe fruit flavours that quickly disappear into a short, slightly tart finish.

#### APRICOT

FRUIT BEER 3.4% ABV  
 Deliciously dry, tartly fresh, with a contrasting, well-balanced ripeness lingering in the mouthfeel.



### MOORHOUSE'S

Burnley, Lancashire, England BB11 5EN  
[www.moorhouses.co.uk](http://www.moorhouses.co.uk)

Mineral water and low-alcohol "hop bitters" were William Moorhouse's forte. He started his business in 1865, but his successors failed to achieve a great deal in terms of brewing beer until fresh investment in infrastructure arrived in 1988. Further improvements and additions accelerated growth and helped create the admirable reputation that Moorhouse ales have today.

#### PENDLE WITCHES BREW

STRONG BITTER 5.1% ABV  
 Distinctive and amber-coloured, the beer has a full malty palate and a resonant fruity hop finale.

#### BLACK CAT

MILD 3.4% ABV  
 Full, dark, and complex, with distinctive chocolate malt and liquorice flavours, and a hoppy finish.



### MORDUE

North Shields, Tyne & Wear,  
 England NE29 7XJ  
[www.morduebrewery.com](http://www.morduebrewery.com)

When two enterprising, home-brewing brothers discovered the house they shared was formerly owned by 19th-century brewer Joseph Mordue, there was no doubting what to call their business. Several expansions, high customer demand, large investment, award upon award, and relocation have since brought the brewplant virtually back to Joseph Mordue's roots.

#### GEORDIE PRIDE

BITTER 4.2% ABV  
 Well poised, with hop and fruit aromas following through the palate, and a long, bitter finish.

#### WORKIE TICKET

BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV  
 A well-constructed bitter, with an intricate malt and hop blend, and a long, satisfying finish.

## BEER STYLES

# PORTER AND STOUT

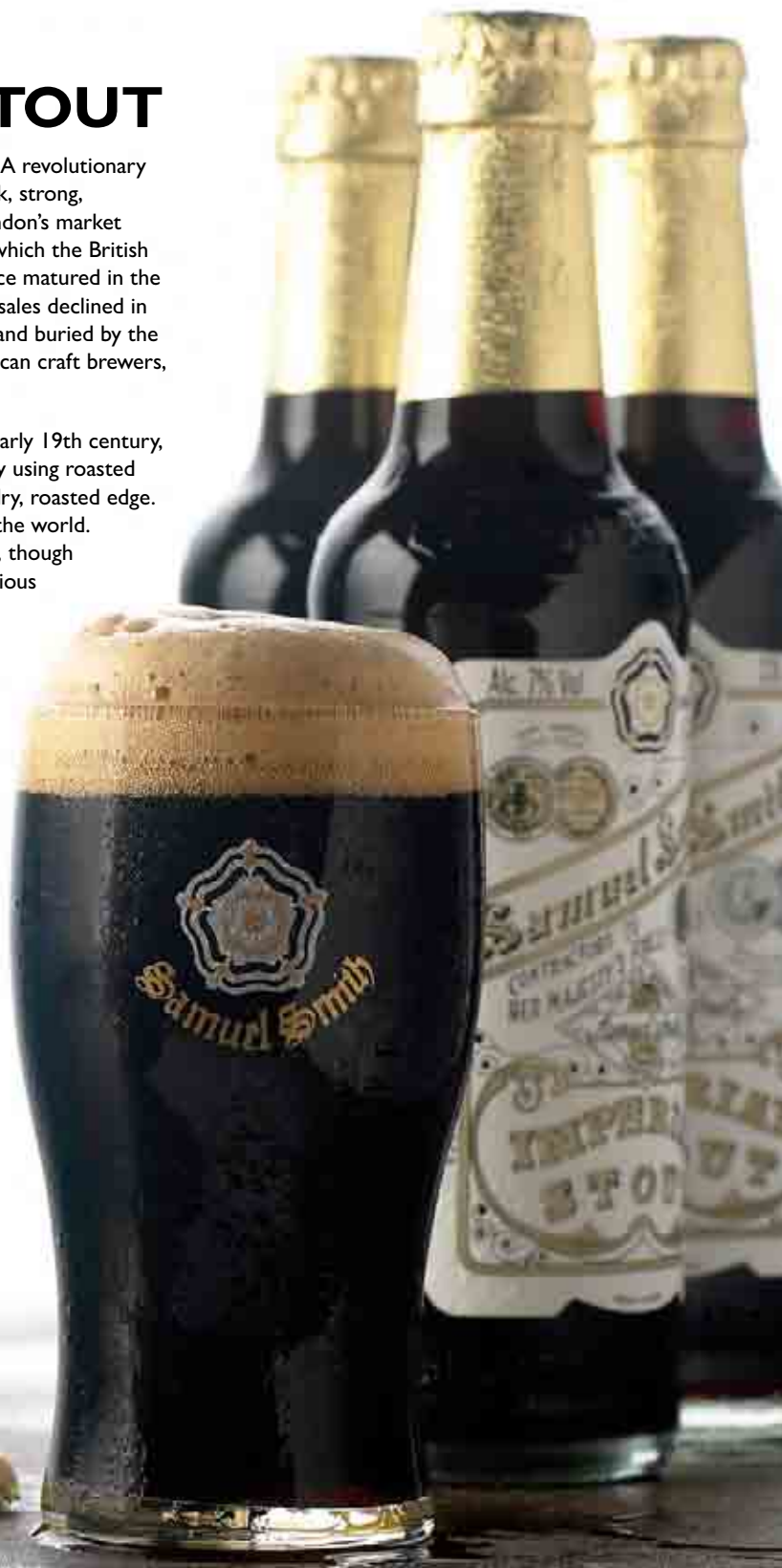
Porter is the beer that came back from the dead. A revolutionary citizen of the turbulent 18th century, it was a dark, strong, restorative thirst-quencher, and a favourite of London's market porters, hence its name. Porter was the rock on which the British brewing industry was built – massive vats of it once matured in the cellars of brewers such as Whitbread. Yet porter sales declined in the 19th and 20th centuries, and it seemed dead and buried by the 1970s. Recently, it has been resurrected by American craft brewers, with British microbrewers following suit.

Unlike porter, stout has never been away. In the early 19th century, Irish brewer Arthur Guinness made porter but, by using roasted barley in the mash tun, he created a beer with a dry, roasted edge. Irish dry stout was born, and Guinness bestrode the world. Modern stouts retain a smoky and acrid dry edge, though some stray into porter territory with a more luscious touch – excellent examples include Titanic Stout, Porterhouse's Wrasslers, Murphy's, and Rogue's Shakespeare Stout. Other variations on a dark theme include milk stout (sweetish and low in alcohol), imperial stout (ideal as an after-dinner drink and, for historical reasons, often called Imperial Russian Stout), and oatmeal stout (smooth and silky). Imperial stout was originally brewed with lots of hops and to a high alcohol content to withstand lengthy journeys on which an even temperature would be impossible to maintain. Samuel Smith's makes a good example, though, for intensity of flavour, it is hard to beat Rogue's Imperial Stout.

**DARK MALTS** Porter and stout use highly kilned, dark malts that contain more caramelized sugar than lighter malts, and carry notes of bitter chocolate and coffee.

**MODERN STOUTS** Stouts such as the USA's Rogue Brewery expression feature lots of malty and fruity flavours, and notes of mocha coffee, chocolate, and even condensed milk.

**BALTIC PORTER** Baltic porters tend to be very strong, with an almost medicinal quality, as exemplified by the Polish Okocim Porter.



			
<p><b>MURPHY'S</b> Lady's Well, Leitrim Street, Cork, County Cork, Ireland <a href="http://www.murphys.com">www.murphys.com</a></p> <p>The story has it that James J Murphy's 1856 brewery was financed by his aunt, Paris-based Marie-Louise Murphy, after she posed nude for painter Francois Boucher. Profound success followed, but trading difficulties arose in the 1970s. They were resolved only in 1983 when Heineken bought and proceeded to develop the Murphy's brand.</p>	<p><b>NETHERGATE</b> Pentlow, Essex, England CO10 7JJ <a href="http://www.nethergate.co.uk">www.nethergate.co.uk</a></p> <p>The popularity of ten impressive permanent beers complemented by seasonal and speciality ales have necessitated the brewery's expansion, then relocation, in 2005. Significant awards have been gathered since Nethergate's inception in 1986 – at the Great British Beer Festival and the Chicago International Beer Festival.</p>	<p><b>NEWCASTLE FEDERATION</b> Dunston, Tyne &amp; Wear, England NE11 9JR <a href="http://www.scottish-newcastle.com">www.scottish-newcastle.com</a></p> <p>The 1.25 million hectolitre brewery, two miles from Newcastle city centre, has been home to Scottish &amp; Newcastle's flagship brand Newcastle Brown Ale since 2005. The iconic beer was first brewed in 1927 and is now the UK's best-selling premium bottled ale. It is exported to more than 40 countries worldwide.</p>	<p><b>NORTH YORKSHIRE</b> Guisborough, North Yorkshire, England TS14 8HG <a href="http://www.nybrewery.co.uk">www.nybrewery.co.uk</a></p> <p>The brewery is housed in a former dairy at a moated country house hotel on the fringes of the North York Moors National Park. More than 20 organic beers are produced.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> North Yorkshire uses natural spring water; that and the brewery's own yeast lends a distinctiveness to the beer.</p>
<p><b>MURPHY'S IRISH STOUT</b> STOUT 4% ABV A beguiling aroma of roasted malt, coffee, and chocolate blends into a smooth, peaty sourness.</p> <p><b>MURPHY'S IRISH RED</b> IRISH RED ALE 5.2% ABV Nut, bread, and chocolate aromas develop creamy malt flavours and a degree of drying hoppiness.</p>	<p><b>OLD GROWLER</b> PORTER 5% ABV A complex and distinctive porter, with roast malt, liquorice, and fruit layers; powerful, hoppy finish.</p> <p><b>UMBEL ALE</b> BITTER 3.8% ABV Freshly toasted coriander seeds are added to the boil for an explosion of spicy flavours.</p>	<p><b>NEWCASTLE BROWN ALE</b> BROWN ALE 4.7% ABV Full-bodied and silky-textured, with a caramel and fruit character, and sweet aftertaste.</p> <p><b>NEWCASTLE EXHIBITION ALE</b> BITTER 4.3% ABV Full-bodied pale ale, with a hoppy aroma that develops into sweetness on the palate.</p>	<p><b>FLYING HERBERT</b> STRONG BITTER 4.7% ABV An assured, full-flavoured bitter, with a grainy malt layer and fruit-influenced dry finish.</p> <p><b>FOOL'S GOLD</b> STRONG BITTER 4.6% ABV Premium, hoppy, and pale-coloured, with bittersweet citrus notes throughout its well-defined flavour.</p>



**OAKHAM**

Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, England PE2 7JB  
[www.oakhamales.com](http://www.oakhamales.com)

Impressive growth from modest homebrew origins has led to the brewery now occupying its third site since 1993. The original owner sold the business on in 1995 but the early vision and ambitions prevail.

**BREWING SECRET** American hop varieties, with powerful floral characteristics, are a feature of the range.

**JEFFREY HUDSON BITTER / JHB BITTER** 3.8% ABV

Dominant citrus fruit hop aroma, which continues on the palate, blending into luscious malt flavours.

**WHITE DWARF**

WHEAT BEER 4.3% ABV

An English-style wheat beer, with flinty bitterness that mellows and reveals fruit nuances.

**O'HANLON'S**

Whimple, Devon, England EX5 2NY  
[www.ohanlons.co.uk](http://www.ohanlons.co.uk)

A move from its origins under London railway arches to the West Country has undoubtedly paid off for the small specialist team. Craft brewing standards, its own water source, and an insistence on premium ingredients have reinforced the brewery's reputation. Export sales, encouraged by an impressive bottling plant, continue to develop.

**THOMAS HARDY'S ALE**

BARLEY WINE 11.7% ABV

Powerfully hoppy, this beer can be stored for at least 25 years to mature and develop the flavours.

**YELLOW HAMMER**

BITTER 4.2% ABV

Pale yellow and fruit-led on the nose, continuing through to the somewhat bitter finish.

**OKELL'S**

Douglas, Isle of Man, England IM2 1QG  
[www.okells.co.uk](http://www.okells.co.uk)

Dr William Okell's steam-powered brewery – which he designed himself in 1874 – was regarded as one of the most sophisticated in the world at the time. Okell's new plant, which it moved to in 1994, is the modern equivalent. It is controlled by computers rather than steam, but the passion and commitment to quality beer production remains unaltered.

**DR OKELL'S IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 4.4% ABV

Potential sweetness, offset by a high hopping regime for overall roundness, spiced by lemon notes.

**OKELL'S BITTER**

BITTER 3.7% ABV

Light coloured and complexly flavoured, with hints of honey and a long-lingering dry finish.

**OLD LUXTERS**

Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, England RG9 6JW  
[www.chilternvalley.co.uk](http://www.chilternvalley.co.uk)

Part of Chiltern Valley Winery, Old Luxters was set up in 1990 by David Ealand, who was keen to revive the tradition of farm-brewed ale. The latest production technology complements traditional practices.

**BREWING SECRET** This is the first microbrewery with a royal warrant of appointment to the Queen.

**BARN ALE**

STRONG BITTER 4% ABV

Initially aromatic from its blend of English hops, with a veneer of savoury dried fruit.

**BARN ALE SPECIAL**

BEST BITTER 4.4% ABV

A full malt-and-fruit palate is tempered by a dry citrus finale.

**ORKNEY**

Stromness, Orkney,  
Scotland KW16 3LT  
[www.orkneybrewery.co.uk](http://www.orkneybrewery.co.uk)

Commendable ecological awareness allows the brewery's waste water to be filtered through two neighbouring lochs that support fish and waterfowl. It was first set up in 1988, and then thoroughly modernized in 1994. Expansions are planned for 2008 that will see the addition of a visitor centre and shop, as well as increased output.

**DARK ISLAND**

**STRONG BITTER 4.6% ABV**  
Ruby-red and mysterious, with blackcurrant fruit on the nose and a full-roasted malt palate.

**SKULLSPLITTER**

**BARLEY WINE 8.5% ABV**  
Forcefully malty nose; hints of apple, spicy hop, and some nut in the complex flavourings.

**OSSETT**

Ossett, West Yorkshire,  
England WF5 8ND  
[www.ossettbrewery.co.uk](http://www.ossettbrewery.co.uk)

A lengthy career in some highly respected breweries prepared owner Bob Lawson perfectly for opening his own business in 1997. Significant expansion, driven by customer demand for its light-coloured, florally aromatic, and flavoursome ales, has resulted in a new, purpose-built brewery and expanding pub chain.

**EXCELSIOR**

**STRONG BITTER 5.2% ABV**  
Fresh citrus floral aromas slip into toffee mellowness, a full flavour, and dry afterglow.

**PALE GOLD**

**BITTER 3.8% ABV**  
Light and refreshing, with a floral and spicy aroma highlighting its American hop infusion.

**PALMER'S**

Bridport, Dorset,  
England DT6 4JA  
[www.palmersbrewery.com](http://www.palmersbrewery.com)

Palmer's is able to claim continuous production on its original site over a period of more than 200 years. From the outside it has altered little, but this is a contemporary brewing operation, offering a diverse range of ales.

**BREWING SECRET** Maris Otter malted barley and Golding hops combine to give these beers their fruitiness.

**TRADITIONAL BEST BITTER**

**BEST BITTER 4.2% ABV**  
Styled on an India Pale Ale; deliciously hoppy, with fruit and malt undercurrents.

**TALLY HO!**

**STRONG BITTER 5.5% ABV**  
Distinctly nutty and dark, with full-bodied complexity emerging slowly, then on to a lingering afterglow.

**RCH**

Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset,  
England BS24 6RR  
[www.rchbrewery.com](http://www.rchbrewery.com)

Starting life in a hotel could never have been easy, but the decision was made to relocate when guests started complaining about all the water being used for brewing. Now situated in a former cider mill, continuous demand has prompted brewhouse expansion and upgrading to a 30-barrel (4,900-litre) plant.

**PG STEAM BITTER**

**BITTER 3.9% ABV**  
Complex and multi-layered, with leafy hop aromas and a core flavour of malt and fruit.

**HEWISH IPA**

**INDIA PALE ALE 3.6% ABV**  
Lightly floral hopping, with a subtle sweetness plus some malt and fruit on the palate.



## RINGWOOD

Ringwood, Hampshire,  
England BH24 3AP  
[www.ringwoodbrewery.co.uk](http://www.ringwoodbrewery.co.uk)

A brewery with the best of all birth certificates – it was launched in 1978 by Peter Austin, the acknowledged “father of British microbrewing”. Enthusiastic local support ensured it outgrew its plant and premises, but it remains unarguably the tidiest, most efficient of operations. Marston's acquired it in 2007, hopefully to develop its spirited potential further.

### OLD THUMPER

STRONG BITTER 5.6% ABV  
Peppered spice and apple aromas develop rounded malt and caramel flavours all the way to a fruity finish.

### BEST BITTER

BEST BITTER 3.8% ABV  
Tempting citrus aroma; slightly tart, dry, and fruity flavours, with an underlying malt sweetness.

## ROBINSON'S

Stockport, Cheshire,  
England SK1 1JJ  
[www.frederic.robinson.co.uk](http://www.frederic.robinson.co.uk)

One of the British Isles' largest regional breweries, Robinson's began as the Union Inn in 1838. Sixth-generation family members are still in charge of its development, overseeing huge advances in brewing and bottling techniques.

BREWING SECRET Tradition continues here, and the brewery still uses its surviving 1920s yeast strain.

### OLD TOM STRONG ALE

BARLEY WINE 8.5% ABV  
Full-bodied with an aroma and flavour alliance of malt, chocolate, fruit, and port wine.

### UNICORN BEST BITTER

BEST BITTER 4.2% ABV  
Golden, with some spicy hop and malt on the nose, countered by a bittersweet release.

## ROOSTER'S

Knaresborough, North Yorkshire,  
England HG5 8LJ  
[www.roosters.co.uk](http://www.roosters.co.uk)

The rules are simple: unconditional care taken in the selection and preparation of raw materials is repaid in flavour. Beer is not an alcoholic commodity to master brewer Sean Franklin, but a serious sensory product, and inventive infusions of lychees, roses, coffee, grapefruit, and chocolate are teased from hop varieties.

### ROOSTER'S YANKEE

BITTER 4.3% ABV  
Aromatic, softly bitter, with aromas of tropical fruit and Muscat grapes lingering alongside tangy malt.

### OUTLAW WILD MULE

BITTER 3.7% ABV  
New Zealand hops create a Sauvignon Blanc wine character in a remarkable and imposing beer.

## RUDGATE

Tockwith, York,  
England YO26 7QF  
[www.rudgate-beers.co.uk](http://www.rudgate-beers.co.uk)

More than 60 brewers' barrels (9,800 litres) are produced weekly from a former armoury building on the disused World War II Marston Moor airfield. “Special” ales are brewed each month, one on a Viking theme and another in the Brewer's Choice range, which encourages experimentation with hop flavours and idiosyncrasies.

### VIKING

BITTER 3.8% ABV  
With a malt base, this is full and warming; then hop and fruit develop and linger in the finish.

### BATTLEAXE

BITTER 4.2% ABV  
A distinct hoppiness, with just-perceptible sweetness; complex fruit notes and significant aftertaste.

**ST AUSTELL**

St Austell, Cornwall,  
England PL25 4BY  
[www.staustellbrewery.co.uk](http://www.staustellbrewery.co.uk)

The enterprising spirit that drove Walter Hicks to mortgage his farm for £1,500 in 1851 and set up a brewery remains at the core of today's business. Many of his descendants are still involved in the company – in its estate of 168 pubs and in the brewery, which produces in excess of 40,000 barrels (6.5 million litres) annually.

**TRIBUTE**

BITTER 4.2% ABV

Specially grown Cornish Gold barley delivers a rich biscuit aroma, tempered by intense fruit flavours.

**ST AUSTEL IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 3.4% ABV

Full of flavour and packed with fresh hoppiness; the rounded palate arrives with veils of caramel.

**ST PETER'S**

St Peter South Elmham, Bungay,  
Suffolk, England NR35 1NQ  
[www.stpetersbrewery.co.uk](http://www.stpetersbrewery.co.uk)

A custom-built brewery, St Peter's is laid out around a farm courtyard. Raw ingredients enter at one end; brewing proceeds along one side of the quadrangle, with fermentation, cask-filling, and bottling in neighbouring barns.

**BREWING SECRET** St Peter's uses locally grown, floor-malted barley and water drawn from its own well.

**GOLDEN ALE**

BITTER 4.7% ABV

Robust, with a strong hop bouquet and distinct, Czech lager-style malt and fruit balance.

**BEST BITTER**

BEST BITTER 3.7% ABV

Distinctly fruity, with caramel notes pushing its full-bodied complexity to a dry, hoppy finish.

**SAMUEL SMITH**

High Street, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire,  
England LS24 9SB  
[www.tadcaster.uk.com](http://www.tadcaster.uk.com)

Tadcaster has three breweries, with "Sam's" by far the smallest – although it can claim to be Yorkshire's oldest. A plentiful supply of water is drawn through limestone from its own wells.

**BREWING SECRET** Fermentation takes place in traditional slate "Yorkshire squares", which lends distinctive characteristics to flavour and body.

**NUT BROWN ALE**

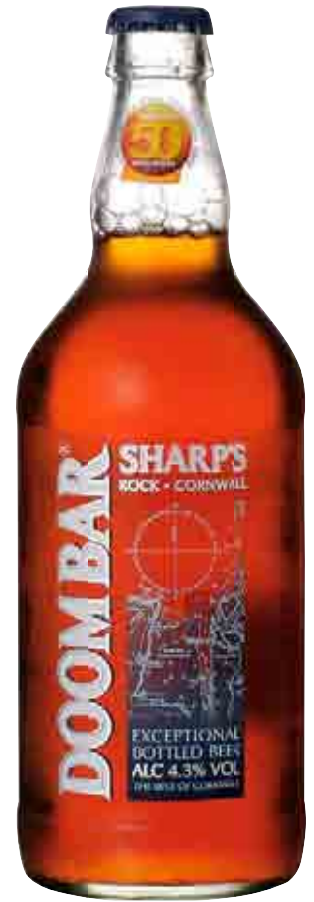
BROWN ALE 5% ABV

A hazel-coloured speciality, with a flavour profile of beech nuts, almonds, and walnuts.

**OLD BREWERY BITTER**

BEST BITTER 4% ABV

A typical Northern malty bitter, with a dash of hop and some fruit on the palate.

**SHARP'S**

Wadebridge, Cornwall,  
England PL27 6NU  
[www.sharpsbrewery.co.uk](http://www.sharpsbrewery.co.uk)

Facing the Atlantic from the Cornish coast undoubtedly has an influence, not only on how the beer is made, but also on people's objectives and horizons. Sharp's commendable approach to sustainable energy and water recycling is echoed by an energetic attitude, which is inspiring for the future of cask ale production.

**DOOM BAR**

BITTER 4% ABV

Spicy resinous hop aromas and sweet, delicate malts blend with dried fruit and assertive bitterness.

**ATLANTIC IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 4.8% ABV

Four hop varieties are added at different stages to create candyfloss aromas and crisp, delicate flavours.



### SHEPHERD NEAME

Faversham, Kent,  
England ME13 7AX  
[www.shepherdneame.co.uk](http://www.shepherdneame.co.uk)

It didn't take 12th-century monks long to discover that Faversham's pure spring water could be combined with locally grown malting barley to produce particularly fine ale. When the town's mayor founded a brewery in 1698 over an artesian well, he launched the country's longest-surviving brewery, which, through

various partnerships, was by 1864 called Shepherd Neame. The community-focused company is still run by the Neame family, whose heritage and traditional values go hand-in-hand with contemporary standards of service and technological advances.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery still makes use of mash tuns made from Russian teak, which were installed in 1914.

### SLATER'S

Stafford, Staffordshire, England ST16 3DR  
[www.slattersales.co.uk](http://www.slattersales.co.uk)

Expertise, enthusiasm, and 10 years' experience provided this family-run business with the confidence and ambition to open new premises in 2004, since when production has increased threefold. Numerous national and local awards were briefly eclipsed by an invitation to "guest" at the Strangers' Bar in the House of Commons in the UK Parliament.

### SPRINGHEAD

Sutton-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire,  
England NG23 6QS  
[www.springhead.co.uk](http://www.springhead.co.uk)

From being one of England's smallest microbreweries, Springhead has developed significantly through two massive expansions, highlighting how well the speciality ales sector is flourishing in the British Isles today. Now produced in a 50-barrel (8,300-litre) plant, Springhead beers are named with English Civil War themes in mind.

### BISHOP'S FINGER

**STRONG BITTER 5% ABV**  
Generously fruity, with banana and pear prominent, a biscuit-rich maltiness, and dried fruit flavours

### SPITFIRE

**PREMIUM BITTER 4.5% ABV**  
A underlying deep maltiness is combined with a subtle hint of toffee and boldly fruity citrus hops.

### WHITSTABLE BAY ORGANIC ALE

**BITTER 4.5% ABV**  
Organic barley and New Zealand hops orchestrate this elegant ale's bittersweet and floral flavours

### MASTER BREW BITTER

**BITTER 3.7% ABV**  
Distinctly hoppy, well-balanced, with a dusting of sweetness and a slight bitterness to the finish.

### TOP TOTTY

**BEST BITTER 4% ABV**  
A voluptuous aroma broadens into more complex hop notes, generous fruitiness, and rich malt infusions.

### SLATER'S ORIGINAL

**BITTER 4% ABV**  
A savoury malt aroma and ensuing succulent palate is countered by bitter pepper-spiced hops.

### PURITANS' PORTER

**PORTER 4% ABV**  
Dark, with a heavier appearance than its roasted barley smoothness eventually confirms.

### SPRINGHEAD BITTER

**BITTER 4% ABV**  
A copper-coloured, easy-drinking, hoppy ale, with some malt, slight fruitiness, and long, bitter finish.



### TETLEY

PO Box 142, Hunslet Road, Leeds,  
West Yorkshire, England LS1 1QG  
[www.carlsberg.co.uk](http://www.carlsberg.co.uk)

The historic brewery has been fully owned by Carlsberg since 1998, with the Carlsberg-Tetley name dropped in 2004. As it has a reputation for some fine ales, Tetley is a disappointingly rare sight outside its native Yorkshire.

**BREWING SECRET** Tetley still uses traditional square-shaped slate fermenters for its cask English ales.

### THEAKSTON

Masham, North Yorkshire,  
England HG4 4YD  
[www.theakstons.co.uk](http://www.theakstons.co.uk)

Ownership battles may have swept in numerous changes during its 180-year history but, fortunately today, tradition survives and thrives. Now returned to the Theakston family following Scottish & Newcastle's management, the company lives up to the name of its most famous beer – Peculier, a 12th-century word meaning “particular”.

### THORNBRIDGE

Bakewell, Derbyshire, England DE45 1NZ  
[www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk](http://www.thornbridgebrewery.co.uk)

Resounding success has followed from the brewery's philosophy of being “never ordinary”. While brewing heritage is of prime importance, innovation, enthusiasm, experience, and a commitment to creating new and exciting recipes have driven the business since it was established in 2005 in the grounds of Thornbridge Hall country manor house.

### THWAITES

Blackburn, Lancashire, England BB1 5BU  
[www.thwaites.co.uk](http://www.thwaites.co.uk)

Adaptation, modernization, and progression have been watchwords for more than two centuries. Dating back to 1807, Thwaites remains resolutely independent and family-controlled – by descendants of its founder, Daniel Thwaites. An estate of more than 400 pubs reaches from the Midlands to Cumbria.

### TETLEY MILD

MILD 3.3% ABV

Light malt and caramel aromas, and a well-balanced flavour structure, developing an appealing bitterness.

### TETLEY CASK BITTER

BITTER 3.7% ABV

A modest malt and hop aroma, and a touch of preserved fruit on the palate.

### OLD PECULIER

STRONG BITTER 5.6% ABV

Rich and deep dark ruby in hue, with a mellow fruit aroma and a malty, full-bodied flavour.

### BLACK BULL BITTER

BITTER 3.9% ABV

Bright amber coloured, with a crisp dry palate weaving through citrus fruit flavours.

### JAIPUR

INDIA PALE ALE 5.9% ABV

Tantalizingly complex; emphasis on citrus hoppiness; its powerful length develops a bitter finish.

### LORD MARPLES

BITTER 4% ABV

Easy-drinking bitter, with hints of honey and caramel, and a long, bitter afterglow.

### LANCASTER BOMBER

BEST BITTER 4.4% ABV

Its inviting malty aroma is crossed with floral hop and some fruit in the flavour.

### THWAITES ORIGINAL

BITTER 3.6% ABV

A clean, dry-tasting, amber-glowing bitter, with a citrus crispness and firm malted base.

## THE STORY OF ...



# Thornbridge

Thornbridge Hall, Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire DE45 1NZ

For owner Jim Harrison, the idea of founding a brewery came shortly after he and his wife Emma had bought Thornbridge Hall, a stately home set in 100 acres of stunning parkland in the heart of the Peak District in Derbyshire. “The next step had to be to serve my own beer in my own bar, reviving the tradition once common of country house brewing.”

But whereas many of Britain’s new wave of craft brewers are content with brewing traditional English bitters, ordinary beer isn’t part of the Thornbridge mindset. Unusually, an Italian head brewer, Stefano Cossi, was appointed and an international brewing team assembled, together drawing on diverse brewing experiences and a wide knowledge of ingredients – from herbs and fruits to intriguing varieties of hops. An example of this is the fruitily aromatic Nelson Sauvin hop from New Zealand, which is at the juicy heart of the Kipling South Pacific Pale Ale.

If the Thornbridge methods have been inventive and experimental, the results have been largely spectacular, and the beers are already garnering accolades, backed up by several awards.



▲ **THORNBIDGE HALL** The grand manor house acts as an impressive beacon for the brewery, and also houses the brewery’s bar for hosting special events.

► **WORKSHOP** The brewery itself is located in an old stonemason’s and joiner’s workshop, in the grounds of the hall.



### ◀ **CONDITIONING ROOM**

The conditioning tanks – partly reclaimed vessels that came from Scottish & Newcastle – are where the beers settle and mature for between one and two weeks. Thornbridge is experimenting with far longer maturation periods, and a barley wine called Alliance has been conditioning for 12 months.

## ► BREWING LABORATORY

Some of the UK's most innovative beers are created at Thornbridge.

The brewing team is small, and made up mostly of qualified food technologists.

This brings a more scientific approach to the methods of beer production. Plans are already underway to expand the brewing plant, while the current three-room brewery will become a brewing laboratory for trialling new beers.



▲ **HERB GARDEN** The philosophy of Thornbridge is to brew small batches of original beers using the finest raw materials. Sometimes this means the inclusion of local plants, fruits, and herbs, such as elderflower, sage, and nettle, to add new notes to the chorus of flavours. The hall has a walled garden where herbs and other plants are being grown specifically for this purpose.



▲ **CASK CONDITIONING** One of the latest Thornbridge ventures is to condition beers in wooden casks previously used to hold whisky. Saint Petersburg's Imperial Russian Stout was condition finished in whisky barrels from three distinct whisky regions, each lending its own characteristics to the beer. The Speyside Reserve has a dry, herbal edge, with an astringent finish; the Highland Reserve has a sweeter grassy palate; while the Islay Reserve has a bold peaty and marvellously smoky finish.



◀ **THE CRICKET INN** Thornbridge has the lease of a number of pubs locally, including The Cricket Inn in Totley, near Sheffield, which marries great food with a range of Thornbridge beers, including the award-winning Jaipur IPA, the even fruitier Kipling, the more bitter-edged Lord Marples, and Cricketers, a bitter brewed just for the pub.





### TIMOTHY TAYLOR

Keighley, West Yorkshire, England BD21 1AW  
www.timothy-taylor.co.uk

The Taylor family guides the enterprise, as it has done since the brewery's inception in 1858.

**BREWING SECRET** Pure Pennine water from the brewery's own spring is a natural companion to the Golden Promise barley (also used extensively for malt whisky); together, they form the legendary "Taylor's taste".

### LANDLORD

PREMIUM BITTER 4.3% ABV  
Complex hoppy aroma, well-balanced spice and citrus fruit flavours, tinged with biscuit malt.

### BEST BITTER

BEST BITTER 4% ABV  
A full measure of maltiness following citrus fruit, hoppy aromas define an honest Yorkshire bitter.



### TITANIC

Burslem, Staffordshire, England ST6 1JL  
www.titanicbrewery.co.uk

What began with brewing for demonstration purposes on log-fired Victorian equipment developed into the production of in excess of 17 million pints a year. Ecologically friendly business practices – recycling and conservation – are a priority. The name is taken from the world's most famous passenger ship, whose captain, John Edward Smith, was born nearby.

### TITANIC STOUT

STOUT 4.5% ABV  
Full roast, preserved fruit aromas; the malt-influenced palate accentuates more fruit and liquorice tiers.

### BEST BITTER

BEST BITTER 3.5% ABV  
Straw coloured, with a waft of sulphur in the aroma and persistent hop flavourings.



### TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH ALES

Bandeath, Stirling, Scotland FK7 7NP  
www.traditionalscottishales.com

Possibly the only brewery in the world to occupy a former torpedo factory, TSA developed out of Bridge of Allan Brewery, which already had an impressive portfolio of ales.

**BREWING SECRET** King James IV of Scotland purchased beer for his coronation in 1488 from the old Tullibardine brewery (now a whisky distillery).

### BEN NEVIS ORGANIC SCOTTISH HEAVY

4% ABV  
A ruby-red, traditional Scottish 80 shilling ale, with succulent malt matched by light hop flavours.

### 1488 WHISKY ALE

SPECIALITY STRONG BITTER 7% ABV  
Matured in malt whisky casks, it is peppery and slightly smoky, with a whisky-chased edge.



### TRAQUAIR

Innerleithen, Peeblesshire, Scotland EH44 6PW  
www.traquair.co.uk

The 18th-century brewing equipment in a house where Bonnie Prince Charlie once sought refuge remained untouched until their rediscovery in 1965. Since then, they have been put to use for brewing in authentic style.

**BREWING SECRET** Unusually in this day and age, Traquair's beers are fermented in oak over a seven-day period.

### TRAQUAIR HOUSE ALE

BARLEY WINE 7.2% ABV  
A dark and oaky winter brew, with ripe malt, fruit cake, and sweet sherry mystique.

### JACOBITE ALE

BARLEY WINE 8% ABV  
Herbal notes from the use of coriander warm the bittersweet chocolate and port wine flavours.

**TRING**

Tring, Hertfordshire, England HP23 6AF  
[www.tringbrewery.co.uk](http://www.tringbrewery.co.uk)

Since the brewery was founded in 1992, Tring has earned increasing success through a commitment to quality. The beers' names are unusual – Side Pocket for a Toad is local parlance for something useless – and the pumpclip illustrations originate as watercolours.

**BREWING SECRET** Besides the core and seasonal ranges, Tring produces monthly “specials” to trial new recipes.

**SIDE POCKET FOR A TOAD**

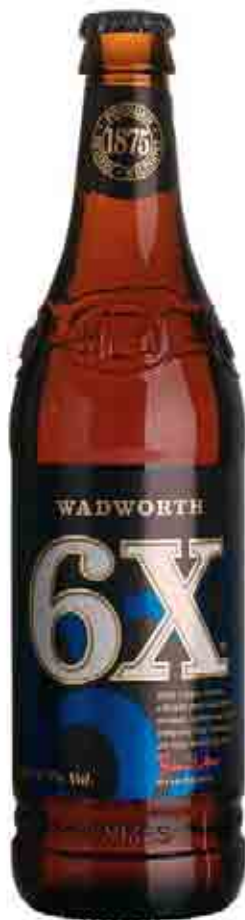
BITTER 3.6% ABV

Distinct citrus notes appear through a floral aroma and crisp, dry, well-balanced palate.

**JACK O'LEGS**

BEST BITTER 4.2% ABV

Four malt varieties and two hop types support a full fruit flavour and undoubted bitterness.

**WADWORTH**

Devises, Wiltshire, England SN10 1JW  
[www.wadworth.co.uk](http://www.wadworth.co.uk)

Established by Henry Wadworth, the brewery began producing beer in 1875 and was expanded 10 years later into an impressive, red-brick Victorian tower brewery. The original open copper is still operational and wooden casks are used for local deliveries. A full-time cooper and a team of dray horses continue traditional customs.

**WADWORTH 6X**

BEST BITTER 4.3% ABV

A malt and fruit nose, with restrained hop characteristics developing an intensity on the palate.

**JCB**

STRONG BITTER 4.7% ABV

Aromatic wafts of tropical fruit; a rich malt mouth with some nutty sweetness on the palate.

**WELLS & YOUNG'S**

Bedford, Bedfordshire, England MK40 4LU  
[www.charleswells.co.uk](http://www.charleswells.co.uk)  
[www.youngs.co.uk](http://www.youngs.co.uk)

A major force in British brewing was created in 2006 from the partnership of London brewer Young's and Bedford-based Charles Wells, two of the most prodigiously accomplished operators in the industry. Charles Wells founded his brewery in 1876, and, five generations later, it remains family owned. When the companies merged, Young's left its London-based

**WELLS BOMBARDIER**

PREMIUM BITTER 4.3% ABV

Powerful citrus hop aromas meet malt and dried fruit in a richly complex medley.

**EAGLE IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 3.6% ABV

Preposterously flavour-packed, with malt and ripe apple sweetness, belying its relatively low strength.



Ram Brewery, where brewing had been recorded on the site since 1551.

Wells & Young's cask and bottled ale portfolio is one of the broadest in the brewing sector, particularly after Courage brands – Best Bitter and Directors Bitter – were added in 2007 under an agreement with Scottish & Newcastle.

**BREWING SECRET** Heavy on Crystal malt, Well's Bombardier uses Challenger and Goldings hops for its fruity palate and spicy nose.

**YOUNG'S BITTER**

BITTER 3.7% ABV

Well-balanced, with citrus hop notes and enough malt for a flowery and bready finish.

**YOUNG'S SPECIAL**

BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV

Sweet hop aroma, but a robust malt and hop arrangement persists throughout layers of toffee.

**WENTWORTH**

Wentworth, South Yorkshire,  
England S62 7TF  
[www.wentworth-brewery.co.uk](http://www.wentworth-brewery.co.uk)

Water is drawn from the independent brewery's own spring and, indeed, part of the business is bottling this water in natural form. An extensive range of beer is offered, covering all the major styles, with strikingly labelled, monthly "seasonal" ales a speciality. A 2006 refurbishment has allowed production to increase dramatically.

**WICKWAR**

Wickwar, Gloucestershire,  
England GL12 8NB  
[www.wickwarbrewing.co.uk](http://www.wickwarbrewing.co.uk)

A million-pound refurbishment has hoisted Wickwar from microbrewery status to regional heights, increasing its brewing capacity almost fourfold. Beers are matured in below-ground vaults at the former Arnold Perret & Co Brewery. The export market is an increasing area of interest, with encouraging European sales.

**WILLIAMS**

Alloa, Clackmannanshire,  
Scotland FK10 1NT  
[www.heatherale.co.uk](http://www.heatherale.co.uk)

Alloa was once second only to Burton upon Trent as a brewing centre, so it is encouraging to observe innovative beer styles still being developed there. Historic recipes and traditional folklore methods are skilfully applied.

**BREWING SECRET** In the Fraoch Ale, flowering heather is used instead of hops, reviving an ancient Celtic recipe.

**WOODFORDE'S**

Woodbastwick, Norwich, Norfolk,  
England NR13 6SW  
[www.woodfordes.co.uk](http://www.woodfordes.co.uk)

Now on its third site, the brewery continues to increase production capacity and to broaden its ambitions. A tremendous local following has developed, and the country's top awards have been accrued – even for the beer mats. Underpinning all this is high-quality water, which comes bubbling from an on-site borehole.

**WPA (WOPPA)**

PALE ALE 4% ABV

An India Pale Ale-style beer, with teeming hoppiness and a bitterness that leans towards astringency.

**OATMEAL STOUT**

STOUT 4.8% ABV

Touted as "deeply delicious", this dark persuader revels in layers of roast malt, toffee, and chocolate.

**STATION PORTER**

PORTER 6.1% ABV

Richly smooth, with roast coffee, chocolate, and dried fruits combining with complex spiced flavours.

**IKB**

BEST BITTER 4.7% ABV

Bold in its multi-malt flavours, with rich cherry and plum fruit breaking through.

**FRAOCH HEATHER ALE**

SPECIALITY BITTER 4.1% ABV

Abundantly floral and aromatic, with a spicy mint piquancy, malty character, and whiff of peat.

**KELPIE SEAWEED ALE**

SPECIALITY BITTER 4.4% ABV

Organic barley from coastal farms and bladderwrack seaweed in the mash produce beguiling flavours.

**WHERRY BEST BITTER**

BEST BITTER 3.8% ABV

Floral and citrus fruit aromas unlock a malt-infused middle, then a sustained finish.

**NORFOLK NOG**

BITTER 4.6% ABV

Deep red, with a roasted malt background developing through liquorice nuances and dried fruit.



### WORTHINGTON'S WHITE SHIELD

Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire,  
England DE14 1YQ  
[www.worthingtonwhiteshield.com](http://www.worthingtonwhiteshield.com)

The brewery, which dates from 1920, was reopened in 1995 as a museum and in order to recreate discontinued Bass ales, which it has done successfully under head brewer Steve Wellington.

**BREWING SECRET** White Shield became a cult beer for aficionados, as it is bottled "live" and improves with age.



### WYCHWOOD

Witney, Oxfordshire,  
England OX28 4DP  
[www.wychwood.co.uk](http://www.wychwood.co.uk)

Striking beers and striking imagery quickly developed a huge fan base and younger market for traditional ales when Wychwood launched the celebrated Hobgoblin in bottles in 1996. Until 1990 it had been the Eagle Brewery, but now as Wychwood it produces 50,000 barrels (eight million litres) of craft ale annually.



### WYLAM

Heddon-on-the-Wall, Northumberland,  
England NE15 0EZ  
[www.wylambrew.co.uk](http://www.wylambrew.co.uk)

Production capacity was tripled in 2006 with a 20-barrel (3,200-litre) investment in the then six-year-old farm-based premises. An oil-fired steam generator proves that 19th-century technology can adapt to state-of-the-art beer production. Several industry awards have reinforced its reputation.



### YORK

York, North Yorkshire, England YO1 6JT  
[www.yorkbrew.co.uk](http://www.yorkbrew.co.uk)

The phrase central to the company's philosophy is "professionally managed in a fun atmosphere" – and York manages to be an extremely well-run brewery and a tourist attraction at the same time. Visitor-friendly galleries overlook a much-expanded brewhouse with its 20-barrel capacity (3,200 litres), 10 conditioning tanks, and five fermenters.

#### WHITE SHIELD

INDIA PALE ALE 5.6% ABV  
Enthusiasts appreciate its hop attack, its smokiness, treacle toffee sweetness, dusting of paprika, and serving of fried banana, stilton cheese, and sliced apple.

#### HOBGOBLIN

STRONG BITTER 5% ABV  
Hefty in roasted, chocolate, and toffee malt flavours, with moderate hoppy bitterness and fruitiness.

#### FIDDLER'S ELBOW

BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV  
Superb combination of citrus and floral aromas, with tart fruit flavours and a long hoppy finish.

#### WYLAM ROCKET

STRONG BITTER 5% ABV  
Copper-hued strong bitter with memorable malt fruitiness and pleasant hop bitterness that lingers.

#### WYLAM GOLD TANKARD

BITTER 4% ABV  
Abundantly hoppy golden ale, with layers of malt and hints of citrus in the finish.

#### YORKSHIRE TERRIER

BITTER 4.2% ABV  
An assertive bitterness is tempered by fruit and hop aromas, audacious flavours, and a hoppy finish.

#### CENTURION'S GHOST ALE

STRONG BITTER 5.4% ABV  
Dark ruby, warming, and mellow, with a roasted malt complexion livened by autumn fruit flavours.



**Worthington's** White Shield, a cult beer for ale lovers, is a British bottle-conditioned pale ale.





Sint Bernardus

# BELGIUM

Abbey ales, witbiers, lambics, gueuze, kriek – Belgians have a staggering choice of beer styles for the size of the country, and many more regional variations are available to add subtlety to the selection process of a connoisseur. And Belgians certainly are connoisseurs when it comes to beer. They choose it much as the French choose wine: the right style and weight for the right occasion. Often it is selected to accompany wonderful cuisine. Pullout boxes appear where a city has more than one brewery.



Bellevaux

Orval



**ABBAYE DES ROCS**

37, Chaussée Brunehaut, B7387  
Montignies-sur-Roc, Belgium  
[www.abbaye-des-rocs.com](http://www.abbaye-des-rocs.com)

Jean-Pierre Eloir, a former exciseman, took up brewing in 1979. The business has since expanded, with the beers gaining a good reputation, particularly abroad, and some are now being developed with export in mind.

**BREWING SECRET** Core beers are true to the spiced and well-bodied Walloon style; keg beers are often unfiltered.

**ACHELSE KLUIS**

De Kluis 1, B3930 Hamont-Achel,  
Belgium  
[www.achelsekluis.org](http://www.achelsekluis.org)

At a time when there were many brewery closures, the Belgian beer world had cause to celebrate in 1998. That was when De Achelse Kluis – a Trappist abbey on the Dutch border – started up brewing again after 84 unproductive years! It is run as a pub-brewery, and draws in many passing walkers and cyclists.

**ACHOUFFE**

32, Rue du Village,  
B6666 Achouffe, Belgium  
[www.achouffe.be](http://www.achouffe.be)

One of the first new-wave micros, Achouffe was set up in 1982 by two Flemish and Walloon brothers-in-law. In doing so, they started an unlikely success story, finalized in the takeover by Moortgat, the brewers of Duvel. Prior to that, Achouffe had already expanded into foreign markets in Europe and elsewhere.

**AFFLIGEM**

Ringlaan 18, B1745 Opwijk, Belgium  
[www.affligembeer.be](http://www.affligembeer.be)

Brouwerij De Smedt was a well-established family brewer, especially known for its Affligem abbey range, when in 1999 mondial brewer Heineken stepped in to streamline the brews – and change its name.

**BREWING SECRET** Affligem Blond is the staple, but specialists prefer the Paters Vat Postel abbey range, formerly made at defunct Campina Brewery.

**BLANCHE DES HONNELLES**

WITBIER 6% ABV

Not your usual wheat beer, this one is made from malted barley, malted wheat, and home-malted oats.

**ABBAYE DES ROCS BRUNE**

BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE 9% ABV

Very spiced and sustaining, with a nourishing touch. Well-liked in Anglo-Saxon countries.

**ACHEL BRUIN 8**

TRAPPIST BEER 8% ABV

More than the draft beers on tap, this is a classic Trappist brew; heavy, estery, and filling.

**ACHEL EXTRA BRUIN**

DARK TRAPPIST 9.5% ABV

The flagship of brewmaster Knops – who refuses to drink anything else – rich and rewarding.

**MC CHOUFFE BRUNE**

SCOTCH ALE 8.5% ABV

Scotch ale is a tradition in Wallonia. This is the Chouffe version, with Belgian spicing and high strength.

**LA CHOUFFE BLONDE**

BELGIAN ALE 8% ABV

The bottle-conditioned staple beer: sweet, bitterish, and spicy. A real classic, and much praised.

**POSTEL DOBBEL**

ABBEY ALE 7% ABV

This estery brown “double” abbey ale possesses chocolate notes, and a dry finish.

**AFFLIGEM PATERS' VAT**

ABBEY ALE 6.8% ABV

Not always easy to find, but you will be rewarded with a more hoppy abbey ale than usual.



**ALVINNE**

Mellestraat 138, B8501 Heule, Belgium  
www.alvinne.be

Davy Spiessens and Glenn Castelein started as homebrewers, going professional in the smallest way possible – in a shed in the garden. Word got around about the quality of their beer, however, and in 2007 they moved to the current location. Their range of beers is constantly evolving, while others they produce have been specially commissioned.

**GASPAR**

WINTER ALE 8% ABV

A real connoisseurs' beer, Gaspar is a hoppy treat – and pretty strong!

**PODGE BELGIAN IMPERIAL STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT 10.5% ABV

Pitch-black and incredibly strong, Podge is the brainchild of a British admirer of Belgian beers.



**ANKER**

Guido Gezellelaan 49,  
B2800 Mechelen, Belgium  
www.hetanker.be

Now here's a brewery with a history. The owners claim it began in 1369, but it was in 1873 that the family Van Breedam took over and began its modern brewing age. In the 1990s, the end for the classic Gouden Carolus seemed near, but a family buy-out from the ill-fated RIVA empire succeeded, and now the brewery is productive and innovative once more.

**GOUDEN CAROLUS CLASSIC**

STRONG DARK ALE 8.5% ABV

This malt bomb has a characteristic taste of raisins in portwine. An exemplary strong dark Belgian ale.

**GOUDEN CAROLUS CHRISTMAS**

10.5% ABV

The raisins and molasses from the Carolus Classic are present, but with a greater alcohol kick.



**BAVIK**

Rijksweg 33, B8531 Bavikhove –  
Harelbeke, Belgium  
www.bavik.be

With the fourth generation of the De Brabandere family, this brewery is run efficiently and encompasses a large number of tied pubs too.

BREWING SECRET Abbey ales and pilsners form an important role in the annual output (especially to supermarkets), but the most interesting brews are in the oud bruin tradition.

**PETRUS OUD BRUIN (DARK)**

OUD BRUIN 5.5% ABV

Recently, the brewery invested in giant wooden barrels for fermenting this vinous, quite traditional ale.

**PETRUS AGED PALE**

Oud Bruin 7.3% ABV

In the new barrels, you'll find this: the undiluted pale beer, ageing for years, gaining sourish, fruity notes.

**BELGIUM'S BEST-SELLING BEERS**

For the enthusiast, Belgium is the country of unique and beguiling beers, but the vast majority of beer consumed there is bottom-fermented lager, locally known as "pils".

The brand of pils best-known abroad is Stella Artois, but in Belgium itself Jupiler is much more frequently seen. However, both hail from the same giant, InBev, itself the result of the 2004 merger of Belgium's (largely family-owned) Interbrew and South-American AmBev. InBev owns different breweries all over the world, including several in Belgium, the main two being in Leuven and Jupille-sur-Meuse. Apart from the oceans of rather dull pils, they also offer an extensive range of other beer types, including the well-known Leffe range of abbey ales and the more-or-less "lambic-y" Belle-Vue beers (gueuze and different fruit concoctions). Thanks to their universal availability, they are often mistaken abroad – and indeed in Belgium itself – for being Belgium's best. The Alken-Maes brewing group own the popular Grimbergen range.

JUPILER (PILS 5.2% ABV) left  
STELLA ARTOIS (PILS 5.2% ABV)

LEFFE (ABBEY ALE  
6.6% ABV) centre

BELLEVUE EXTRA KRIEK (CHERRY-  
LAMBIC 4.3% ABV) right

BELLEVUE GUEUZE (FILTERED GUEUZE  
5.2% ABV)

GRIMBERGEN BLOND (ABBEY ALE  
6.7% ABV)

GRIMBERGEN DUBBEL (ABBEY ALE  
6.5% ABV)





### BELLEVAUX

5, Bellevaux, B4960 Malmedy, Belgium  
[www.brasseriebellevaux.be](http://www.brasseriebellevaux.be)

Though the name doesn't give anything away, this Walloon brewery is actually run by a ... Dutchman! In a true idyllic setting, this brand new brewery has very modern equipment. Wil Schuwer doesn't like to do things half-heartedly, and his beers are the result of extensive and careful experimentation.

### BELLEVAUX BLACK

OLD ALE 6.3% ABV

Nearly every taster would agree that the Black is Belleaux's most interesting beer. Though fruity in character, it is simultaneously very dry.



### BINCHOISE

38, Faubourg Saint Paul,  
 B7130 Binche, Belgium  
[www.brasseriebinchoise.com](http://www.brasseriebinchoise.com)

Situated in the Hainaut province, this brewery was started in 1987 by André Graux. New management took over in 2001, and while they might have a more commercial agenda, La Binchoise is still worth a visit, both for the brewery tap and for the developing range of beers.

### BIÈRE DES OURS

FLAVOURED ALE 8.4% ABV

Bears know why: honey! Another traditional ingredient for Belgian speciality ales.

### LA BINCHOISE SPÉCIALE BELGE

SPÉCIALE 5% ABV

This light, refreshing ale was once the staple Belgian beer, and known as a "Spéciale". Great revived style.



### BLAUGIES

435, Rue de la Frontière,  
 B7370 Dour-Blaugies, Belgium  
[www.brasserieblaugies.com](http://www.brasserieblaugies.com)

Hard by the French border, Blaugies is another small family brewery in which the children have taken over from the parents – who, in this case, started up the business in 1988. The aim of De Blaugies is to produce beers in the style of the region, and the brewery often creates highly unusual brews.

### LA MONEUSE

SAISON 8% ABV

Down-to-earth, spicy Hainaut brew: yeasty, estery; strong for a *saison*, with the characteristic metallic tang.

### BIÈRE DARBYSTE

FLAVOURED ALE 5.4% ABV

Fig's juice! Alcoholic variant of Yesteryear, a non-alcoholic brew. Sweet only when fresh.



### BOCKOR

Kwabrugstraat 5, B8510 Bellegem,  
 Belgium  
[www.bockor.be](http://www.bockor.be)

This brewery is probably best known for its Jacobins (would-be lambics that use spontaneous fermentation). However, the brewery turns out a whole range of other beers, not least a traditional style oud bruin, created by former head brewer Omer Vander Ghinste. Bockor are currently revamping the range of beers.

### BELLEGHEMS BRUIN

MIXED FERMENTATION BEER 5.5% ABV

Oud bruin relies both on wild and cultivated yeasts. The result: a beer in which flavours of berries, wood, and lactic sourness abound.

**BOCQ**

4, Rue de la Brasserie,  
B5530 Purnode-Yvoir, Belgium  
[www.bocq.be](http://www.bocq.be)

One of the few breweries in the Namur province, Brasserie du Bocq is actually one of the larger Belgian regionals, not least because of the commission brewing side of the business. However, a few of Bocq's own brews are well known nationally, including the Gauloise range, the Saison Regal, and their witbier.

**LA GAULOISE AMBRÉE**

SPÉCIALE BELGE 5.5% ABV  
Liquorice and citrus peel flavours, together with the hops, clearly reveal the beer's Walloon character.

**CORSENDONCK AGNUS**

ABBAY TRIPLE 7.5% ABV  
Citrusy and hoppy nose; initial grainy flavour, with a flowery and citrus finish.

**BOON**

Fonteinstraat 65,  
B1520 Lembeek, Belgium  
[www.boon.be](http://www.boon.be)

In 1975, when lambic-based beers and lambic brewers were dying out, Frank Boon took over the De Vits range. Deemed crazy, he still proves his detractors wrong, by constantly growing and improving his business.

**BREWING SECRET** Most Boon beers are deemed "oude", meaning "in the old style" of unadulterated lambics.

**GEUZE BOON MARIAGE PARFAIT**

GUEUZE 8% ABV  
"Perfect marriage", meaning the lambics, of course, resulting in the brewers' favourite dry gueuze.

**BOON OUDE KRIEK**

KRIEKEN 6.5% ABV  
A fully unsweetened krieken (sour cherry) lambic, which makes this beer a delight for tongue and eyes.

**BOSTEELS**

Kerkstraat 96,  
B9255 Buggenhout, Belgium  
[www.bestbelgianspecialbeers.be](http://www.bestbelgianspecialbeers.be)

It is now the seventh generation of the Bosteels family that owns and runs this brewery. In recent times, they have shown a flair for flowing with fashion – not only in the beers, but also with spectacular glassware.

**BREWING SECRET** Tripel Karmeliet, one of the flagship beers, uses three grains in the mash: barley, wheat, and oats.

**TRIPLE KARMELIET**

ABBAY TRIPLE 8% ABV  
Smoked and spicy nose announces a malt-dominated brew with a roasted character – unusual for a pale beer.

**DEUS BRUT DES FLANDRES**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 11.5% ABV  
The Dom Perignon lookalike bottle shows that this is aimed at upmarket drinkers; dry and spritzly.

**BRUNEHAUT**

17, Rue des Panneries,  
B7653 Rogny-Brunehaut, Belgium  
[www.brunehaut.com](http://www.brunehaut.com)

In another part of Brunehaut village known as Guignies, Brasserie Allard & Groetembriel had operated until 1990. That place closed, but, less than a year later, a new page was turned when the owners opened this brewery in Rogny. They have a broad range of regional beers, and are tentatively moving into organic production with the "b" and "Terroir" beers.

**LA RAMÉE BLONDE**

BLOND ABBAY ALE 8% ABV  
A strong beer that seems even more powerful through its liqueur-like finish.

**NE KOPSTOOT**

BLENDED BEER 7% ABV  
This beer is mixed with genever (the Dutch/Belgian version of gin), creating a strong, fragrant brew.

## BEER STYLES

# WILD BEERS

The Belgian brewery of Cantillon seems from another time, a world away from the gleaming stainless-steel brewing behemoths that pump out millions of hectolitres of mass-market lager. Here, beer is brewed using spontaneous fermentation, a process that harks back to the very dawn of brewing. After the wort has been produced, it is left overnight in massive cooling trays high up in the eaves of the brewery. During this time, wild yeasts drift in through holes in the roof and trigger the fermentation process. Once this is underway, the fermenting beer is transferred to oak and chestnut barrels, lined up in a dark and musty-smelling room, to undergo a “long sleep”. This ancient way of brewing has survived in the Payottenland region, close to Brussels in Belgium, and the beers produced here and in this way are known as lambics.

If the variety of beer styles is a family, then lambic and its other wild cousins must surely be the mad relations of the brood. Letting wild yeast, or *Brettanomyces* (Brett), infect the newly brewed wort is anathema to the majority of brewers; unpredictable and requiring great skill and experience to handle, it creates sour and challenging flavours. Yet the technique has not only continued and flourished in this corner of Belgium, it has gone on to influence brewers around the world in recent years.

---

**LAMBIC** This is one of the most challenging beers in the world. When young it is sharp and acidic, somewhat reminiscent of a very dry English West Country cider. When aged, the effect is a more complex interplay of toasty, earthy, zesty, fruity flavours, and an assertive sourness. Some lambics have distinct grapefruit notes on the nose and palate.

---

**GUEUZE** Fresh lambics are blended with their more mellow elders, which have been ageing in wooden barrels for a year or more, to create Gueuze. This is the Champagne of the beer world – sprightly, elegant, sparkling.

---

**AMERICAN WILD ALE** Brewers in the USA have also begun brewing with wild yeasts, usually in conjunction with wooden barrels, producing ales even more quenchingly sour than their Belgian forefathers. Glacier Brewhouse in Alaska and Russian River in California are two of the keenest exponents.





**The Delirium bar in Brussels** stocks somewhere in the region of 2,000 different beers, 400 of which are from Belgium.



## CANTILLON

Gheudestraat 56, B1070 Brussel/  
Anderlecht, Belgium  
[www.cantillon.be](http://www.cantillon.be)

As early as 1900, the Cantillon family had beer blending facilities here, in the old southern suburbs of Brussels. In 1970, Jean-Pierre Van Roy, who had married Claude Cantillon, took over the business, despite not being a brewer. Even though his background was not in beer, he turned into the staunchest defender of old-style brewing without compromises.

His son Jean, however, has shown in the last 10 years or so that the brewery is not averse to experimentation, and recent years have seen the use of fresh hops, and even American “C-hops” – both anathema to the lambic tradition.

**BREWING SECRET** Cantillon’s range of fruit beers uses whole fruit rather than being syrup-based.

## CARACOLE

86, Côte Marie-Thérèse, B5500  
Falmignoul, Belgium  
[www.brasserie-caracole.be](http://www.brasserie-caracole.be)

Started in around 1990, Caracole moved after a few years from Namur to the present location. The brewery offers beers in two varieties: a “normal”, and a “bio” (organic) version. Caracole means “snail”, and production isn’t rushed – but the beers are enjoying growing international recognition.

## CHIMAY

8, Route Charlemagne,  
B6464 Baileux, Belgium  
[www.chimay.com](http://www.chimay.com)

Though the bottling is done in Baileux, the brewery is still in the monastery at Forges-les-Chimay. Since 1861, monks have brewed here, but Chimay became the leading Trappist brewery through Père Theodore, who went to Leuven University to study brewing in a contemporary way. Chimay never stopped growing and is vital to the economy of the region.

### CANTILLON GUEUZE

ORGANIC LAMBIC 5% ABV  
Nose of citrus, horse blanket, wood, and hay; woody flavours, with green fruit and some sulphur; sour and tart in mouthfeel.

### LOU PEPE FRAMBOISE

FRUIT BEER 5.5% ABV  
A mix of lambic beer with a pure sugar solution. One of the most intense fruit beers on earth.

### CANTILLON IRIS

SPÉCIALE BELGE 5% ABV  
Lots of hops on the nose: cheesy aged ones, and fresh aromatic ones. Quite fruity, with a hoppy finish.

### CANTILLON ST LAMVINUS

FRUIT BEER 5.5% ABV  
Wet wood, sour fruit, sulphur, and horse blanket aromas. The fruit is very prominent, but it is difficult to distinguish the grapes that are used.

### TROUBLETTE BIO

WITBIER 5% ABV  
A fully organic Belgian white, with no excess coriander, but a fine citrusy and refreshing finish.

### NOSTRADAMUS

BELGIAN DARK ALE 9.5% ABV  
Caracole’s strong dark ale is a mix of roasted, fruity, malty, and higher alcohol notes.

### GRANDE RÉSERVE / BLEUE

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 9% ABV  
Roasted malts, with some quite dominant bitterness, and dark, ripe fruit (plums, blue grapes), and pears.

### CHIMAY TRIPEL

ABBIEY ALE 8% ABV  
Sweet, grapey taste, with bittering hops and herbal qualities; not entirely unlike a dry white wine.



**CONTRERAS**

Molenstraat 110, B9890 Gavere, Belgium  
[www.contreras.be](http://www.contreras.be)

Contreras is an unlikely brewing survivor. When Willy Contreras retired, his daughter could not see her future in brewing, but in 2001 her husband, Frederik De Vrieze, took the business in hand. He set out on a straightforward modernizing path, and the first beer to benefit from a revamp was the breweries' top offering, Mars.

**MARS ESPECIAL**

**BELGIAN AMBER ALE 6.5% ABV**  
 Mars is brewed with March water, which according to the lore of the brewery is "in bloom", and therefore creates a better beer. It used to be a dry, metallic oud bruin, but today is more of a classic Belgian amber ale – moderate acidity on top of crystal and amber malt sweetness. Creamy, but not full-bodied.



**DE BLOCK**

Nieuwbaan 92,  
 B1785 Peizegem, Belgium  
[www.satanbeer.com](http://www.satanbeer.com)

This is another family brewery that was saved by the son-in-law (who, in this case, had to prove himself capable of holding his drink – and being able to smoke!). The history of the brewery is well documented in the on-site museum. A very quiet brewery, but interesting nevertheless.

**KASTAAR**

**AMBER ALE 6% ABV**  
 A somewhat darker "Spéciale Belge", with lots of caramel and some coriander for spicing – and a flashy name for export: K-Star.



**DE DOLLE BROUWERS**

Roeselarestraat 12B,  
 B8600 Esen, Belgium  
[www.dedollebrouwers.be](http://www.dedollebrouwers.be)

By buying and renewing the old Costenoble Brewery in the far west of Belgium in 1980, Kris Herteleer and his two brothers started, unknowingly, the country's microbrewery revolution. Fame soon reached international quarters – but then the "mad brewers" never searched for simplicity, a quiet life, or easy money. "Quality does the trick"

**ARABIER**

**BELGIAN PALE STRONG ALE 8% ABV**  
 A dry-hopped, citrusy beer that can age beautifully to a potent brew.

**STILLE NACHT**

**SEASONAL CHRISTMAS ALE 12% ABV**  
 Overripe grapes, raisins, and other dried fruits. Some hoppy bitterness hiding behind lots of sweet malts; acidic lining for a great balance.



is the motto of Kris – the only remaining brewer of the original three. Adding to the complexity are the beer names, virtually all of which use Dutch word play of some sort.

**BREWING SECRET** Kris also makes specially oak-aged versions of some of his beers, dubbed "Réserva". They fetch vertiginous prices, are rare, and rather difficult to hunt down.

**OERBIER**

**BELGIAN DARK ALE 9% ABV**  
 Fruitiness throughout, from nose to finish. Very vinous character, grapey, and clearly strong in alcohol.

**OERAL**

**PALE BELGIAN ALE 6.5% ABV**  
 An old ale that's been renamed; creamy and hoppy.



## ALL ABOUT ... GLASSES

We are what we drink from. A book-lined study on a winter's night demands Cognac in a voluminous balloon; a gourmet feast requires an array of different glasses especially suited to Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux, and so on. But what about beer? The best glassware for the best long drink in the world should be the priority. It's about showing a beer in the best possible light, and revealing its aroma, condition, appearance, and flavour. Nations, towns, and individual breweries have developed a wide range of different and distinguished glassware – some simple and straightforward, such as those for a kölsch or a British pint; others more ostentatious and theatrical, like the quirky Kwak glass. In the USA, Samuel Adams' Boston Lager has a newly devised glass, specially shaped to maintain the beer's temperature, and to maximize its aroma and flavour – yet another development in the ongoing refinement and reinvention of the beer glass.

**BALLOON** Duvel is served in a balloon-shaped receptacle resting on a flat-bottomed stem. This allows the drinker to appreciate the beer and its soft foamy head at the same time, while also savouring its fine aroma.



**SNIFTER** For some of the strongest beers, a small, brandy-balloon-like glass, known as a snifter, is the best choice. The shape holds aromas well, and its scale lends itself to rich, powerful beers, such as the Austrian Samichlaus.



**FLUTE** In Germany, pilsners and wheat beers are commonly served in tall, thin, wasp-waisted flutes.

**GOBLET** Go to a Belgian bar and every beer gets a different glass. It has been known for drinkers to be refused their choice because no suitable glass is available. Trappist beers such as Orval and Westmalle should be served in goblets.





**TUMBLER** Whereas German wheat beer has an elegant, long-legged supermodel of a glass, Belgian-style wheat beers have adopted a more robust, chunky tumbler, popularized by the Hoegaarden Brewery.



**TEST TUBE** Kwak has its very own glass – a vessel that looks rather like a test tube. Because it has a rounded bottom, it has to be served held in a wooden bracket, like a test-tube holder, to keep it from toppling over.



**TULIP** Ask for a pint in Britain and you are most likely to get it in either a nonic glass (straight-sided with a small bulge two-thirds of the way up) or a tulip-shaped glass, in which the contour is smoother. The last manufacturer of the traditional "pint pot" (a sturdy, dimple-sided glass tankard) went out of business in 2001.



**CYLINDER** Kölsch is served in small, light, cylindrical glasses – little glass chimneys that show off the plume of the beer's flamboyant head.



**DE KONINCK**

Mechelse Steenweg 291,  
B2018 Antwerpen, Belgium  
[www.dekoninck.be](http://www.dekoninck.be)

De Koninck is an icon – as is its main beer. It embodies the town of Antwerp – whose inhabitants are a proud lot, and will say so. The amber “bolleke” (actually the glass) is still the staple diet in many bars.

**BREWING SECRET** The draught version is unpasteurized and should ideally be tasted at its source.

**DE LANDTSHEER**

Mandekensstraat 179,  
B9255 Buggenhout, Belgium  
[www.malheur.be](http://www.malheur.be)

The brewery maintains the old family name, but the beers are better known under the brand name Malheur (“accident”). The company’s steep rise might have shocked some of its competitors, but one of the men driving this venture was for many years a distributor for Westmalle, and so was very well connected.

**DE RANKE**

1a, Rue du Petit Tourcoing, B7711  
Dottignies/Doctenijs, Belgium  
[www.deranke.be](http://www.deranke.be)

A fully integrated Belgian brewery: the brewers are Flemish, the plant was set up in Wallonia in 2005, and a Brussels brewer was hired to help them out! They have a distinct keenness for lambics, for quality, and for outspoken taste profiles – as their beers amply testify.

**DE REGENBOOG**

Astridlaan 134,  
B8310 Assebroek-Brugge, Belgium

Johan Brandt might currently be operating in rather cramped conditions, but then he needs space for his wine and beer making shop, as well as for his bee keeping. He is building up a new brewery in a different location, however, which is an indication of his ambition. His beers are very characterful, and sometimes entirely unique.

**DE KONINCK**

AMBER “SPECIALE BELGE” 5% ABV  
Amber malts, residual sugars, and hops give excellent balance to a fine ale, with a slight but distinct sulphury aroma and biscuit character. The draught version is particularly good – available in cask in the UK as well.

**MALHEUR BIÈRE BRUT RÉSERVE**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 11% ABV  
Bottle fermented in the *méthode Champenoise* manner. Alcoholic, sweet brandy nose, then bitterish and fruity flavours.

**MALHEUR DARK BRUT**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 12% ABV  
A dark version, but even more complex, with vinous, chocolate, fruity, and tannic notes.

**XX BITTER**

BITTER 6.2% ABV  
Inspired by English bitters, but at a very Belgian 6.2% ABV, this is a wonderfully refreshing, hoppy brew.

**KRIEK DE RANKE**

FRUIT BEER 7% ABV  
Mixed with lambic and cherries, this sourish fruit ale is close to fruit lambics – and yet quite different.

**'T SMISJE SLEEDOORN**

FRUIT BEER 7% ABV  
Made with sloe berries picked by his family, the beer has a sharp, fruity tang. Though normally produced at 6% ABV, the “Extra” version weighs in at 7%.



**DE RYCK**

Kerkstraat 24, B9550 Herzele  
www.brouwerijderjck.be

Female brewmaster An De Ryck has been the motor driving a lot of the recent modernization at this family brewery, the roots of which stretch back to the 19th century. From keg only production, the brewery now handles all kinds of bottlings, often with beer on lees.

BREWING SECRET A 40% ABV  
Bierschnaps is produced here too.

**DE STRUISE**

Struise Brouwers, Noordhoek 13,  
B8647 Lo-Reninge, Belgium  
www.struise.noordhoek.com

Strictly speaking, the brewery here is Deca – an old established regional brewer – but De Struise Brouwers hire their facilities to such an extent that they claim 60 per cent of the overall output. Struise's Urbain Cotteau and Carlo Grootaers aim for the wild, complex, strong, flavour-packed beers so loved by new brew countries, such as the USA, Denmark, and Sweden.

**DOMUS HUISBROUWERIJ**

Tiensestraat 8, B3000 Leuven, Belgium  
www.domusleuven.be

In the same town as mega-brewer Stella Artois, Belgium's first brewpub saw the light of day in 1985. But then Leuven is Belgium's foremost university town, and students do like a drink. The brewing may occur rather haphazardly, but the unfiltered pilsner is a peach – thanks to Mark Knops and Sam Croonen, huge hopheads that they are!

**DRIE FONTEINEN**

Hoogstraat 2A, B1650 Beersel, Belgium  
www.3fonteinen.be

Armand Debelder, a blender and later brewer, rose to prominence in the beer world through the Drie Fonteinen ("3 Fountains") pub and restaurant. Debelder is the driving force behind this micro-venture in brewing, though other guezee blenders and enthusiasts of the beer style have helped him to keep going through some difficult years.

**AREND WINTER**

SPÉCIALE BELGE 6.3% ABV  
Formerly known as "Christmas Pale-ale", this *Spéciale Belge* was often regarded as a real treat for the holiday season. A brown sugar aroma is matched by a herbal smell. Fairly sweet on the palate, with caramel notes; the hop flavouring varies from year to year.

**PANNEPOT**

DARK BELGIAN STRONG ALE 10% ABV  
Fruity, vinous, and spiced; the complexity of this beer amazed everyone – an instant success.

**AARDMONNIK – EARTHMONK**

OULD BRUIN 8% ABV  
Lighter than Pannepot, but it makes up for this in taste: lactic, earthy, vinous, and unfathomably complex.

**CON DOMUS**

PILSNER 5% ABV  
An unfiltered, hazy pilsner, and very good on draught. A malty and grassy nose makes way for a herbal, peppery, and grassy taste, with plenty of bitterness. You can figure out the word play on the name yourself.

**3 FONTEINEN OUDE GEUZE**  
GUEUZE 6% ABV

A top gueuze: horse blanket, leather grease, and lemon juice notes are all there, but so too is tarragon – the Belgian Chablis?

**3 FONTEINEN HOMMAGE**

FRUIT LAMBIC 6.5% ABV  
A mix of raspberries and sour cherries, in homage to Gaston Debelder, founder of the 3 Fonteinen.



BREWERY

BEER

**DUBUISSON**

28, Chaussée de Mons, B7904 Pipaix-Leuze, Belgium  
www.br-dubuisson.com

Leuze is a town with three breweries, two of them in the Pipaix village. Dubuisson is probably the most dynamic, and its location, next to a major road, has made their brewery tap a very successful venture. The brewery excels in high alcohol ales, so extreme caution is advised when drinking these beers.

**BUSH PRESTIGE**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 13% ABV  
This oak-aged version of the Ambrée is a true marvel in balance, despite its impressive strength.

**BUSH AMBRÉE**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 12% ABV  
In some markets known as “Scaldis”, this is a treacherously drinkable alcohol-bomb.

**DUPONT**

Brasserie Dupont, 5 Rue Basse, B7904 Tourpes-Leuze, Belgium  
www.brasserie-dupont.com

Western-Hainaut enjoys rich soil, and farmsteads here were huge – usually operating a brewery in the winter, making beer to be consumed on the land in summer (hence the style of beer known as *saison*). Brasserie Dupont became solely a brewery, but owner Olivier Dedeycker has re-engaged with the history of the land, by reintroducing farming and cheese

**AVEC LES BONS VŒUX**

SEASONAL WINTER ALE 9.5% ABV  
Once a complimentary winter ale, but so superb that it is now brewed year round. Barnyard and earthy aromas mingle with citrus zest. Grainy flavour: fresh white bread with nuts, spices, and walnut oil.

making into this marvellous brewery – arguably one of Belgium’s finest.

**BREWING SECRET** Most *saisons* of old carried a ferric tang because of the water, but Dupont always was the exception, as their well delivers very soft water. They are masters in restrained spicing.

**SAISON DUPONT**

SAISON 6.5% ABV  
Formerly brewed in winter with the hot summer months in mind – hence a dry, refreshingly light brew.

**MOINETTE BLONDE II**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 8.5% ABV  
Related to the *saison* in style, but stronger, and spiced – paradise seed especially takes up a major role.

**DUVEL MOORTGAT**

Breendonkorp 58-66, B2870 Breendonk-Puurs  
www.duvel.be

Started as a small family brewery, Moortgat continued producing top-fermented ale at a time when everywhere lager reigned. The Moortgat ale evolved into the iconoclastic Duvel, a beer that has become so popular that the brewery group renamed itself. Moortgat now owns breweries in Belgium and abroad.

**DUVEL**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 8.5% ABV  
Sometimes dubbed “red”, to distinguish it from the filtered version, this ultra dry ale hides its potency as no other.

**MAREDSOUS 8°**

BROWN ABBEY ALE 8% ABV  
Arguably the best from the Maredsous Abbey range. Estery, fruity notes, and tobacco leaf.

**ECAUSSINNES**

118, Rue Restaumont,  
B7190 Ecaussinnes, Belgium  
[www.brasserieecaussinnes.be](http://www.brasserieecaussinnes.be)

The Van Poucke couple arrived on the brewing scene in 2000 with the Brasserie d'Ecaussinnes, a microbrewery and tavern. Its rise has been meteoric, and nobody would call it a micro today. The lion's share of the production is for export only, and the brewery even makes a beer exclusively for the Australian market.

**ULTRADÉLICE**

BELGIAN STRONG DARK ALE 8% ABV  
Ecaussinnes beers tend to be sweet, and so is this one. But this cinnamon-spiced beer has greater complexity than most.

**FANTÔME**

8, Rue Préal, B5454 Soy-Erezée, Belgium  
[www.fantome.be](http://www.fantome.be)

Dany Prignon started this micro in a shed in the Ardennes, and while today he exports his beers to many countries, the shed is still the brewery's home – though it now contains far more equipment.

**BREWING SECRET** More works of art than products of brewing science, many of the beers are never brewed the same way twice.

**FANTÔME**

SAISON 8% ABV

The brewery's staple blond beer: fruity, lactic, variable, and in the style of a *saïson*.

**BLACK GHOST**

BELGIAN STRONG DARK ALE 8% ABV  
One of the few regularly seen: malty, with fruity depths, but also flavours of cypress and pine.

**GIRARDIN**

Lindeberg 10-12,  
1700 Sint-Ulriks-Kapelle, Belgium  
[www.brouwerijgirardin.com](http://www.brouwerijgirardin.com)

As rural as you can get, Girardin is still very much a farm and brewery, and this authentic lambic brewer and gueuze blender has no time for curious visitors. If, however, you come simply to stock up on lambic – as the locals and other blenders do – the brewers will gladly help you to their citrusy, spontaneously fermented brews.

**FARO GIRARDIN**

BLENDED LAMBIC 5% ABV

Caramel, meaty, and woody aromas; slight sour edge around the caramel. Filtered, as the yeast would wreak havoc with sugars from the syrup.

**GIRARDIN FOND GUEUZE**

GUEUZE 5% ABV

This delectable unfiltered gueuze has a marked grapefruit flavour.

**GRAIN D'ORGE**

16, Centre, B4852 Hombourg, Belgium  
[www.brasserie-graindorge.be](http://www.brasserie-graindorge.be)

Benoit Johnen started brewing professionally in 2002, in his hometown, close to the “three countries” border of Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands. His small but versatile brewing plant enables him to vary the output, following demand. Most of the beer names are in reference to the idyllic region in which his brewery is located.

**BRICE**

ABBAY BLOND-STYLE ALE 7.5% ABV

With a little spice edge, this dry blond hides its strength very well.

**3 SCHTÉNG**

BELGIAN DARK ALE 6% ABV

Rustic aromas come forth: pine, root, and other spicy nuances; chewy for its moderate strength.

## THE STORY OF ...



# Hoegaarden

Stoopkenstraat 46, 3320  
Hoegaarden, Belgium

A village called Hoegaarden, near Tienen in Flanders, is the modern birthplace of Belgian white beer. Records of brewing in the village date back to 1445, when the local monks were enthusiastic brewers, but the tradition died out in the 1950s.

The beer's revival began in 1965, when milkman Pierre Celis decided to brew a beer in his hayloft that would be like the one he missed so much from his youth.

With the help of a veteran brewer he founded the Cloister brewery – De Kluis in Flemish.

His brew soon gained cult status, especially among younger drinkers. In the 1980s, with demand for the beer continuing to grow, Celis bought a local soft drink factory that he rebuilt into a brewery.

A fire at the brewery in 1985 led to Interbrew (now InBev) lending Celis money to rebuild. Over time, the loan became full ownership, and the relationship between the parties grew ill-tempered. Interbrew wanted a consistent, mass-market beer, while Celis continued to tinker with his recipe in the pursuit of brewing excellence. Eventually Celis left the company and set up in the USA.

In Europe, the Hoegaarden brand went from strength to strength and, in the last few years, the beer has been rolled out worldwide, with sales in excess of 120 million litres per annum.



▲ **THE KEY INGREDIENTS** Celis used the traditional ingredients for a white beer: water, yeast, raw wheat, malted barley, hops, coriander seeds, and dried Curaçao orange peel.

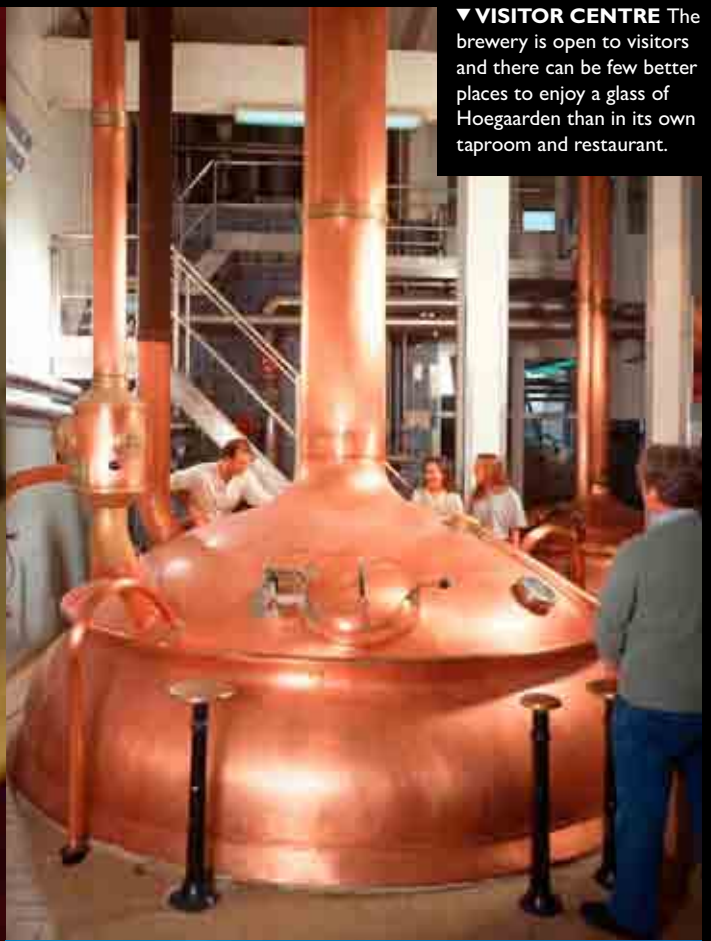


▲ **HOEGAARDEN'S COPPERS** The brewing vessels at Hoegaarden are now used to brew more than the single style of witbier that Celis set out to recreate. The Speciale is a stronger version of Hoegaarden, while the Grand Cru is brewed without wheat at all, and uses only barley; as a bottle-conditioned beer, it improves over a number of years. There is also a beer brewed to an old German recipe, and a beer called Forbidden Fruit – a full-bodied, sweet and malty brew.





▼ **VISITOR CENTRE** The brewery is open to visitors and there can be few better places to enjoy a glass of Hoegaarden than in its own taproom and restaurant.



▲ **STAYING PUT** Tradition plays a big part in the story of top-fermented beers, and InBev came in for stinging criticism worldwide when it announced plans to close the Hoegaarden plant in 2005 and move production to Jupille. This sparked protests locally and worldwide, with beer lovers demonstrating their anger at the plan. Finally, in September 2007, InBev had a change of heart and, as part of a €60 million investment in its Belgian breweries, the Hoegaarden site will stay open.

◀ **THE HOEGAARDEN BRAND** While Celis wanted to continually adjust his recipe for Hoegaarden, Interbrew (now InBev) wanted a consistent beer that they could market internationally.



**HALVE MAAN**

Walplein 26, B8000 Brugge, Belgium  
[www.halvemaan.be](http://www.halvemaan.be)

At the dawn of the 1980s – just as the Maes family were reinventing their old, pilsner-brewing family brewery as a speciality beer brewery – the business ran into difficulty, and RIVA took over. But heir Xavier Vanneste had the brewing bug in his veins, and managed to raise the funds for a buy-out. Since 2005, he has been brewing here again, with new appellations.

**HANSSENS ARTISANAAL**

Vroenenbosstraat 15,  
 B1653 Dworp, Belgium  
[www.proximedia.com](http://www.proximedia.com)

Not a brewery, but a gueuze blender, and yet another family business saved by the son-in-law. Sidy Hanssens married the right man in the right place, and now blending has resumed in the small town of Dworp – once an important centre of lambic brewing and gueuze blending. A strawberry lambic is also produced.

**HOEGAARDEN**

Stoopkensstraat 46,  
 B3320 Hoegaarden, Belgium  
[www.inbev.com](http://www.inbev.com)

Although this is now a brand in the portfolio of brewing giant InBev, it is the lifeblood and spirit of Pierre Celis, Belgium's preeminent brewing revolutionary, that still haunts this brewery. Proof of this came in 2007, when InBev's moguls wanted to close the plant: fate, however, obliged them to reverse their decision.

**HUYGHE**

Geraardsbergse Steenweg 14b,  
 B9090 Melle  
[www.delirium.be](http://www.delirium.be)

Huyghe is a large regional, turning out both top and bottom-fermented beers. In recent years, the brewery has diversified by undertaking many commissions, sometimes with very specific demands, such as for gluten-free beers, beers for fair trade sale, and beers with unusual ingredients (coconut, palm oil). Huyghe also brews a range of low-alcohol fruit beers.

**BRUGSE ZOT**

GOLDEN ALE 6% ABV

Fruity and yeasty esters dominate on the nose. Outspoken citrus flavours, make it fruity, even slightly sour, yet quite dry.

**HANSSENS OUDE GUEUZE**

GUEUZE 6% ABV

All the necessary notes are here: horse blanket, citrus, tannins, and lactic. Tart, rather than sour.

**HANSSENS OUDE KRIEK**

KRIEK 6% ABV

Another tart one, yet this ruby kriek (cherry beer) has a profound, sweetish background.

**HOEGAARDEN WIT**

WITBIER 4.9% ABV

From as early as the 18th century, the town of Hoegaarden was importing blue Curaçao oranges.

The peel was mixed with coriander seeds, and, as the rich soil of the area yielded lots of wheat, a very distinct, fruity, and spicy style of beer evolved.

**DELIRIUM TREMENS**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 8.5% ABV

Fruity-estery nose; fiery, alcoholic taste. Flavours of pie crust, orange zest, and apricots; quite sweet.

**DELIRIUM NOËL**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 10% ABV

Perfumey beer, characterized by alcohol that intensifies the already sweet main taste. Quite spicy too (coriander, sweet woodruff, juniper).

**KERKOM**

Naamsesteenweg 469,  
B3800 Kerkm bij Sint Truiden, Belgium  
[www.brouwerijkerkom.be](http://www.brouwerijkerkom.be)

Jean Clerinckx used to work at the big Cristal Alken Brewery, but never forgot the ancestral one, which his father had closed. He restarted it, in the original location, in 1988. Eleven years later, Marc Limet took over and, since then, the brewery has been in constant evolution. Currently, the brewing apparatus is being renewed – but always with tradition in mind.

**BINK BLOND**

BELGIAN BLOND ALE 5.5% ABV  
Sweet and citrusy aromas, but seriously bitter in the taste, with both hop and citrus peel flavours.

**KERKOMSE TRIPLE**

ABBHEY-STYLE TRIPLE 9% ABV  
Everybody needs a triple today – Marc Limet's is a very hoppy, ultra-dry version, with a respectable ABV.

**LEFEBVRE**

54, Rue du Croly,  
B1430 Quenast, Belgium  
[www.brasserielefebvre.be](http://www.brasserielefebvre.be)

The first member of the Lefebvre family to be involved in brewing was Jules in 1876. The brewery is now in the hands of the sixth generation, with Paul Lefebvre.

**BREWING SECRET** For a family brewery, this one is very outward looking, and now 80 per cent of its beer production is exported.

**FLOREFFE DOUBLE**

BROWN ABBEY ALE 6.3% ABV  
An ale of a chocolatey kind, which develops madeira and port notes with a little ageing.

**SAISON 1900**

SAISON 5.2% ABV  
One of the few that refers to the brewery's past; delicate farmyard and rose water aromas.

**LÉGENDES / ELLEZELLOISE**

Brasserie des Légendes, 19 Rue du Castel, B7801 Irchonwelz; and 75 Guinaumont, B7890 Ellezelles, Belgium  
[www.brasserieleslegendes.be](http://www.brasserieleslegendes.be)

When Philippe Gérard, brewer/owner of Ellezelloise, started to feel old age encroaching, he joined forces with microbrewery des Géants, run by Pierre Delcoigne and his wife, Vinciane. The companies merged at the end of 2006, though both sites have been kept active (hence the two addresses above).

**ELLEZELLOISE HERCULE STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT 9% ABV  
Proclaimed abroad as the first Belgian Imperial stout, this musty, inky brew is a fine, unspiced stout.

**ELLEZELLOISE SAISIS**

WITBIER 6.2% ABV  
A Hainaut interpretation of the spicy, citrusy Belgian wheat beer. Strong on wheat, stronger in its ABV.



Brasserie des Géants is situated in a grand farmhouse, and its brewing paraphernalia combines state-of-the-art equipment with a mash tun from 1890 and a copper from 1930. With the exception of the *saison*, the beers are classic strong Belgian ales. Ellezelloise has a more eclectic portfolio, with regional styles such as a *saison*, and more modern-looking beers, like the famous Hercule Stout.

**DES GÉANTS SAISON VOISIN**

SAISON 6% ABV  
Referring to a former *saison* beer from neighbouring Flobecq, it has some farmyard and iron touches.

**ELLEZELLOISE QUINTINE AMBRÉE**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 8.5% ABV  
Under a huge head, this strong ale has an inviting medley of citrusy, spicy, and malt flavours.

**LIEFMANS**

Aalststraat 200,  
B9700 Oudenaarde, Belgium  
[www.liefmans.be](http://www.liefmans.be)

Although Liefmans parent group went into receivership at the end 2007, it looks likely that Duvel Moortgat will take over, and so the Oudenaarde plant has a good chance of survival – if, as before, for lagering purposes only. BREWING SECRET Liefmans beers are rare survivors from the once famous Oudenaards bruin style.

**LINDEMANS**

Lenniksebaan 1479, B1602 Vlezenbeek,  
Belgium  
[www.lindemans.be](http://www.lindemans.be)

When considering lambic breweries, we tend to think about small farm brewers. Lindemans may seem to fit this bill at first glance, yet it is also on the margins of the 10 largest breweries in Belgium. Its success is owed to the rather sweetish fruit concoctions it excels in, with nearly half of the produce destined for foreign markets.

**LOTERBOL**

Michel Theysstraat 58a,  
B3290 Diest, Belgium  
[www.loterbol.be](http://www.loterbol.be)

Brewing on this site started in the 18th century, the name of the brewery then being Duysters. However, that brewery languished in the 1970s and beer making only resumed here when the site became a brewpub in 1995. The owner, being a Trappist breweries agent, has infinite wisdom in all things beery.

**MORT SUBITE**

Lierput 1, B1730 Kobbegem, Belgium  
[www.alken-maes.be](http://www.alken-maes.be)

In 1970, De Keersmaeker Brewery took over Brussels' famous Mort Subite bar (named after a dice game), where mainly gueuze and kriek were consumed. From then on, "Mort Subite" spontaneously fermenting beers became the force of the brewery. It has subsequently been taken over by Alken-Maes, Scottish & Newcastle, and now Heineken.

**LIEFMANS GOUDENBAND**

oud bruin 8% ABV

A strong interpretation of the style, its underlying acidity lending the beer outstanding ageing possibilities.

**LIEFMANS KRIEK**

oud bruin 6% ABV

The lighter version, refermented with sour cherries. The rare, unsweetened draught version is stellar.

**LINDEMANS GUEUZE CUVÉE RENÉ**

GUEUZE 5% ABV

Initially produced on demand for export, now this caramel-and-sour-apple gueuze is fairly common.

**LINDEMANS KRIEK CUVÉE RENÉ**

KRIEK 5% ABV

Unfiltered kriek is rare and this bottled beer is a dry notch above the draught sweet version.

**TUVERBOL**

BEER STYLE 11% ABV

Mixed with Drie Fonteinen lambic, this beer excels. Sugar, caramel, liquorice, and honey balance the horse blanket aromas and tart lambic flavours.

**MORT SUBITE GUEUZE**

GUEUZE 7.2% ABV

A woody gueuze with notes from green apples and grapefruit. Lactic acid dominates other acids, making it fairly mellow, and with a marked wheat character.



**ORVAL**

2, Abbaye de Notre-Dame d'Orval, B6823 Villers devant Orval, Belgium  
www.orval.be

The single Orval Trappist ale is a symbol of the whole abbey: the best in early 20th-century Art Nouveau styling, blending with the medieval ruins that surround it. The bottle, glassware, and everything else is designed with an eye for beauty and peace. The ruins can be visited, but alas, not the newly revamped brewery.

**ORVAL**

AMBER ALE 6.2% ABV

An ultra dry ale that owes a large part of its character to *Brettanomyces* yeasts, (not unlike those that define lambic) and to a high proportion of dry hops.



**PALM**

Steenhuffeldorp 3, B1840 Steenhuffel, Belgium  
www.palm.be

Ranking among the largest independently owned Belgian brewers, Palm seems to hover between fiery independence and base commercialism. It operates breweries throughout Belgium as well as abroad, but the beers from the main plant, although they do follow traditional styles, are rather blandly executed.

**BRUGGE TRIPEL**

ABBEY BLOND ALE 8.2% ABV

A style that originated in Brugge's centre; the beer shows fierce alcoholic and caramel notes.

**DOBDEL PALM**

SEASONAL ALE 5.5% ABV

The holiday offering – slightly darker, slightly stronger than usual Palm, and a flavour of gingerbread.



**PROEFBROUWERIJ**

Doomzelestraat 20, B9080 Hijfte-Lochristi, Belgium  
www.proefbrouwerij.com

The brewery hirer's dream: a state-of-the-art brewery, capable of caring for myriad brews at the same time, with a vast array of ingredients and yeasts to choose from. No wonder it has been brewing not only for Belgian clients but also for many others from abroad. De Proefbrouwerij is the brainchild of Dirk Naudts, himself a tutor of brewing sciences in Gent and

**VICARIS GENERAAL**

DARK ABBEY ALE 8.8% ABV

Brewed in the style of a dark abbey ale, this one made an immediate impression on beer festivalgoers.

**VLAAMSE PRIMITIEF**

BELGIAN WILD BEER 9% ABV

Fruity nose – not-quite ripe peach or nectarines – and buttermilk aroma. Taste is more bitter, even burnt and rubbery.



Leuven. A group of brewing students known as The Musketeers decided to have their own beer, Troubadour Obscura, brewed here. Initially clients come and have trial brews made before deciding which composition and which strains of yeast will work best for them – after an intensive tasting session, of course.

**TROUBADOUR OBSCURA**

BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE 8.5% ABV

Obscura takes the middle ground between a stout and a Belgian strong ale.

**REINAERT GRAND CRU**

BELGIAN PALE STRONG ALE 9.5% ABV

One of the few non-commissioned beers. Sweet, but complex.

## BEER TRAIL

# BRUSSELS

“B” is for Belgium, Brussels, and Beer. Today, Belgium beers can be drunk worldwide, but the very best place to embrace Belgian beer culture is in Brussels itself, with its unique cafés, bars, and brasseries.



### 1 TOONE

The Beer Temple (*Rue Marché Aux Herbes 56*) is one of the world's best beer shops. It stocks most of Belgium's artisanal brewers. It is close to a narrow alleyway that forms the entrance to Toone, a puppet theatre with a bar. The walls of this hidden gem are adorned with staring marionettes and the atmosphere is as good as the Kwak beer served here – in the correct glass of course. *6 Impasse Schuddevelde, off 21 Petit Ruedes Bouchers, Brussels*

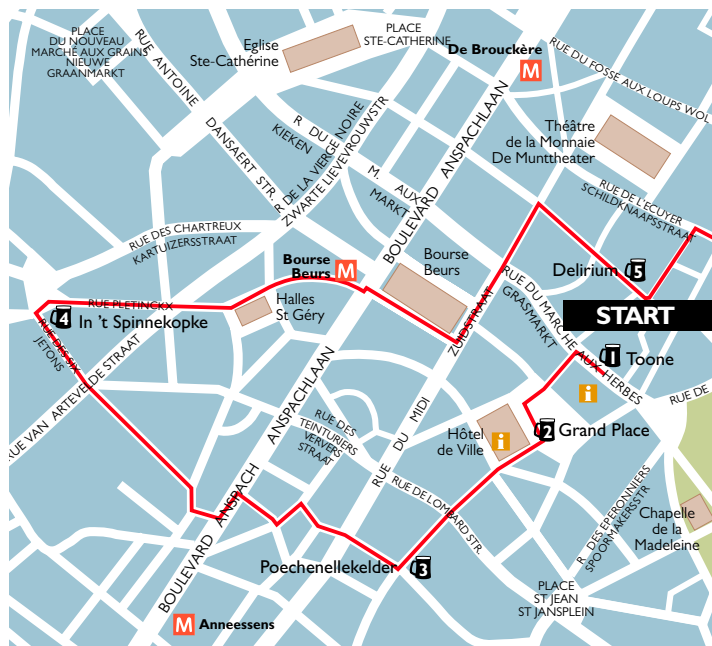


### 2 GRAND PLACE

Brussels' famous Grand Place is home to the Belgian Brewers Association and Brewery Museum – both occupy the opulent Brewers House. Several bars surround the square, but there are even better places to drink nearby. In September the square hosts an annual beer festival.

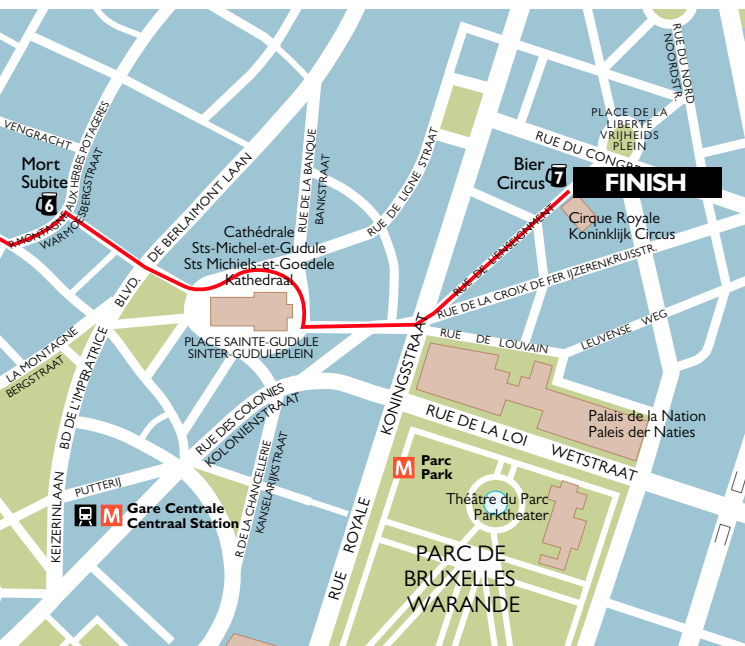
### JOURNEY STATS

2 hours, plus drinking time  
7 miles (10 km)



### 3 POECHENELLEKELDER

Opposite one of the world's most improbable tourist attractions, the Manneken Pis, is the Poechenellekelder. Loved by the people of Brussels, the bar has a list of 90 fine beers – a perfect introduction to the world of Belgian beers. *5 Rue du Chêne, Brussels*



#### 4 IN 'T SPINNEKOPKE

Away from Grand Place, but not too far, can be found In 't Spinnepkopke. "The Little Spiders Head" is a small, intimate two-bar restaurant and café. It is as Bruxellois as you can get and has to be one of the best places in Brussels to eat and drink beer. Chef Jean Rodriguez prides himself on pairing food and beer superbly. Who needs wine when you can pair a draught lambic with a plate of mussels? | Place du Jardin aux Fleurs, Brussels

#### 5 DELIRIUM

Ilot Sacré is a clamour of medieval lanes and fish restaurants with outrageous menu boards, and energetic and sometimes insistent waiters trying to coerce people inside to dine. Down one such alley is Delirium. Don't wait at your table for service, go to the bar, which claims to stock more than 2,000 beers. 4a Impasse de la Fidélité, Brussels



#### 6 MORTE SUBITE

Along the road is Galeries Royales St Hubert. Built in 1846, it was the world's largest covered shopping mall when it opened. It leads the way to Mort Subite – a magnificent Art Nouveau bar, which is said to be the best surviving fin-de-siecle long bar in the world. Here is the place to try wildly fermented lambic or gueuze beers – which are best ordered with a plate of marvelous tête pressée (brawn) or kip kap (pig cheeks). 7 Rue Montagne aux Herbes Potageres, Brussels



#### 7 BIER CIRCUS

Up the hill from Central Station is Bier Circus. This friendly, bustling bar is the place to seek out beers from Belgium's growing band of artisanal brewers. It is the perfect place to experience the creative diversity of Belgian brewing. But take some friends with you – many of the beers are served only in 75cl bottles. But then, beer is always better drunk with a friend than alone. 89 Rue de l'Enseignement, Brussels





**Morte Subite** in Brussels is celebrated for its Art Nouveau interior and superb range of Belgian beers.





## ROCHEFORT

8, Abbaye de Notre Dame de St-Remy, B5580 Rochefort, Belgium  
[www.trappistes-rochefort.com](http://www.trappistes-rochefort.com)

Though brewing has been carried out here since 1900, it is only since 1998 that Rochefort has used labels on their bottled beer. Small may well be beautiful, but that does not preclude the search for innovation, and recently the smallest of the Walloon Trappist breweries decided to employ a lay brewmaster, Gumer Santos, to work on their beer production. Since then,

an amazing new lagering room has begun taking shape next to the abbey church, and the few visitors allowed into the abbey are now proudly shown the brand new tasting room.

**BREWING SECRET** All beers share one basic recipe, but are separately brewed and so may vary a little. As with most Trappist breweries, production is voluntarily limited.

## RODENBACH

Spanjestraat 133-141, B8800 Roeselare, Belgium  
[www.rodenbach.be](http://www.rodenbach.be)

The Rodenbach family started making beer in Roeselare in 1821. Now under the wing of Palm breweries, Rodenbach has turned resolutely modern, yet without doing away with its age-old traditions.

**BREWING SECRET** The "cathedral" of wooden fermenters is one of the most impressive sights in Belgian brewing.

## ROMAN

Hauwaert 105, B9700 Mater-Oudenaarde, Belgium  
[www.roman.be](http://www.roman.be)

Located just outside Oudenaarde town, Roman's commercial products are primarily mainstream lagers and pilsners. Even their new Ename abbey ale range is a rather discreet interpretation of the style, and this also applies to the oud bruin-type beers, which are less bold than those of smaller producers.

### ROCHEFORT 6 (RED)

ABBEY ALE 7.5% ABV

Six is a veiled reference to the beer's density (1060 OG) – and this lightest and rarest Rochefort enjoys a very fruity taste.

### ROCHEFORT 8 (GREEN)

ABBEY ALE 9.2% ABV

On top of the fruit flavours are the bready, dark, and roasted malts – a nourishing Trappist ale.

### ROCHEFORT 10 (BLUE)

ABBEY ALE 11.3% ABV

A superior Trappist ale, with toffee, chocolate, raisins, and port flavours, and incomparable complexity.

### RODENBACH CLASSIC

OULD BRUIN 5% ABV

Bearing the signs of its mixed fermentation and wood ageing, it is vinous in character and refreshing.

### RODENBACH GRAND CRU

OULD BRUIN 6.5% ABV

A sour beer that has been aged in barrels: very severe and dry; one for the connoisseur.

### ENAME 974

ABBEY ALE 7% ABV

The Ename abbey ales range includes this red-brown beer, which is wheaty and spicy.

### ROMAN OUDENAARDS

OULD BRUIN 5% ABV

This beer is more bready, nutty, and malty than really lactic in the usual Oudenaards bruin style.



### RULLES

Artisanale de Rulles, 36, Rue Maurice Grevisse, B6724 Rulles, Belgium  
[www.larulles.be](http://www.larulles.be)

Seldom does a brand new brewery (established only in 2000) meet with such immediate success. Grégory Verhelst's brews are mesmerizingly characterful, and the quality of the labels is equally amazing.

**BREWING SECRET** Grégory Verhelst enlisted the help of the Orval brewmaster to develop his beers.



### SAINTE-HÉLÈNE

21, Rue de la Colinne, B6760 Ethe-Belmont, Belgium  
[www.sainte-helene.be](http://www.sainte-helene.be)

After a hectic start, this brewery really got going in 2005, when new brewing equipment was installed. The very southwest corner of Belgium seems to be particularly suited to brewing, as new breweries keep popping up there. Ste-Hélène is enthusiastic about promoting its beers, and is a regular at Belgium's many beer festivals.



### LA SENNE

[www.brassieriedelasenne.be](http://www.brassieriedelasenne.be)

Currently there is no address for La Senne, and, for the time being, Yvan Debaets and Bernard Leboucq are brewing their beers at De Ranke. Bernard used to produce the beers in his own brewery, but when the lease ran out he looked to find another home for the brewery. Hopefully that will happen shortly, as the beers are truly excellent.



### SILENRIEUX

Rue de Nourpé, B5630 Silenrieux, Belgium  
<http://users.belgacom.net/gc195540/#>

One of the earlier Walloon micros, Silenrieux started in 1991. Where possible, the ECOCERT (organic certificate) has been obtained. Several commissioned beers are also produced.

**BREWING SECRET** From the beginning, the emphasis has been on the use of alternative grains, such as spelt (an ancient form of wheat) and buckwheat.

### LA RULLES TRIPLE

BELGIAN PALE STRONG ALE 8.4% ABV  
 No lack of body here; herbal and dry-bitterness on the palate, yet well fermented and strong.

### LA RULLES ESTIVALE

SEASONAL ALE 5.2% ABV  
 A refreshing, citrusy, blossom-laden summer ale – one of the best of its kind.

### LA SAINTE HÉLÈNE AMBRÉE

BELGIAN AMBER STRONG ALE 8.5% ABV  
 Close in character to the triple, but with more caramel and tobacco notes; well-balanced.

### LA DJEAN TRIPLE

BELGIAN AMBER STRONG ALE 9% ABV  
 A beer with many flavours and impressions, from phenolic to fruity and dry to creamy.

### TARAS BOULBA

SEASONAL BLOND ALE 4.5% ABV  
 A blond Summer ale that's very easily drinkable, grassy, and malty, with a dry-bitter finish.

### STOUTERIK

STOUT 4.5% ABV  
 The Senne stout is complex like none other, with American hops, parsley, tobacco, mushroom, and peppery flavours.

### SARA BRUNE BIOLOGIQUE

BUCKWHEAT BEER 6% ABV  
 Brewed with organically grown buckwheat, the beer is slightly sour, with some solvent notes.

### NOËL DE SILENRIEUX

SEASONAL BEER 6% ABV  
 A winter offering, with smoked, red fruit, and nutty overtones. Contains buckwheat too.

**SILLY / MYNSBRUGHEN**

2, Ville Basse, B7830 Silly, Belgium  
[www.silly-beer.com](http://www.silly-beer.com)

Established in the 19th century, this family brewery walks a fine line between maintaining traditions and employing technical developments geared towards satisfying changing market niches. A *saison* is still produced – bottled and, better yet, on draught – and they have recently launched a beer flavoured with rum and named after a regional rock band.

**SILLY SAISON**

SAISON 5.2% ABV

Fruity, madeira-like, thin-bodied. Even when young, this is more like an oud bruin than a real *saison*.

**SCOTCH SILLY**

SCOTCH ALE 8% ABV

Scotch ales are a Walloon tradition. This very malty dark beer is full-bodied and rich.

**SINT BERNARDUS**

Trappistenweg 23, B8978 Watou, Belgium  
[www.sintbernardus.be](http://www.sintbernardus.be)

This brewery really took off at the end of World War II, when St. Bernard(us) received the license for making the St Sixtus ales from Westvleteren Brewery. That agreement ended in 1992, and now Sint Bernardus produces abbey ales and other styles of beer, some broadly in the vein of the St. Sixtus ales. They have diversified, however, partly

**ST. BERNARDUS WITBIER**

WITBIER 5.5% ABV

One of the best witbiers available, since Pierre Celis himself advised on this sweet and sourish recipe.

**ST. BERNARDUS BOCK**

BOCK 6.5% ABV

This dark beer is top-fermented, with honey, caramel, earthy, and roasted notes.



thanks to the influence of Pierre Celis, founder of Hoegaarden and grandfather of the Belgian brewing revival. The beers are particularly popular in Denmark, and several beers have been specially designed exclusively for the Danish market.

**BREWING SECRET** An original strain of yeast from the Trappist Westvleteren Brewery is still used at Sint Bernardus.

**ST. BERNARDUS TRIPEL**

ABBEY ALE 8% ABV

Special malts, coriander, and lots of sweetness reign in this blond abbey ale.

**ST. BERNARDUS ABT**

ABBEY ALE 10.5% ABV

The flagship ale; imagine liquid Baba au Rum or the Sachertorte chocolate cake with added fruit, and you'll be close to the flavour.

**SLAGHMUYLDER**

Denderhoutembaan 2, B9400 Ninove, Belgium  
[www.witkap.be](http://www.witkap.be)

This regional determined its future when gradually, in around 1980, they obtained the rights to brew the Witkap Abbey ale range. It gave a dash to the company for several decades, and they carefully honed the recipes. With the Witkap fame now firmly established, the brewery has recently brought attention to their own range of lagers.

**WITKAP PATER TRIPEL**

ABBEY ALE 7.5% ABV

A triple with a very vinous character, like a dry white wine; easily drinkable for its strength.

**WITKAP PATER STIMULO**

ABBEY ALE 6% ABV

Fruity and spicy, and made with local hops, this blond ale is quite floral. An excellent session ale.



### TIMMERMANS

Kerkstraat 11, B1701 Itterbeek, Belgium  
[www.anthonymartin.be/Public/](http://www.anthonymartin.be/Public/)

Once a traditional lambic brewery, Timmermans was among the first to habitually mix top-fermented beer into its blends. The brewery has also been keen to produce all kinds of syrup-lambic concoctions, designed to appeal more to the younger generation. Timmermans products, including Tradition, are easily found in Belgian supermarkets.

### TRADITION GUEUZE

GUEUZE 5% ABV

Once known as "Caveau", this beer is a mix of tradition and commercialism, and so are its flavours: more pineapple than citrus, and herbal rather than the typical horse blanket notes.



### URTHEL

Krommekeerstraat 21,  
 B8755 Ruiselede, Belgium  
[www.urthel.com](http://www.urthel.com)

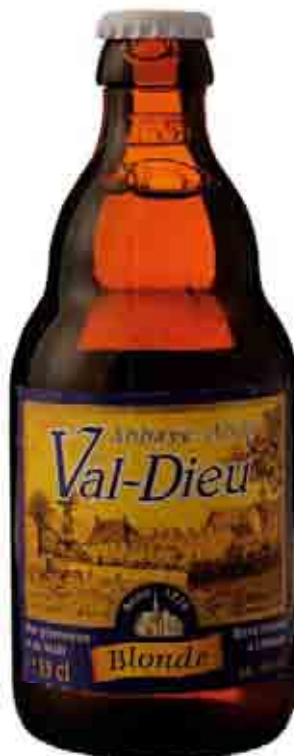
Though brewmaster Hilde Van Ostaden lives in Belgium, production of his beer has been moved from Van Steenberge to the Dutch Trappist brewery La Trappe. The beers are widely available in Belgium, and the distinctive gnomes on the bottle labels – from illustrations of Hilde's husband Bas – have contributed much to Urthel's popularity.

### URTHEL SAMARANTH

BELGIAN BARLEY WINE 11.5% ABV  
 Barley wine in a Belgian style, with cake, fruit, and liqueur notes; a real after-dinner drink.

### URTHEL PARLUS MAGNIFICUS

BELGIAN STRONG DARK ALE 7.5% ABV  
 Warming, with a slightly chocolatey and bready flavour that is reminiscent of a bock.



### VAL-DIEU

225, Val-Dieu, B4480 Aubel, Belgium  
[www.val-dieu.com](http://www.val-dieu.com)

Benoît Humblet set up this brewery in 1997 in the former agricultural section of the Cistercian monastery of Val-Dieu. Since then the brewery has produced a series of abbey ales that are executed with great respect for the local artisanal traditions of brewing. Here, the aim is for consistent quality rather than sudden and dramatic brilliance.

### VAL-DIEU BLONDE

BELGIAN BLOND ALE 6% ABV  
 A blond beer with a leafy, grainy flavour and an overall impression of wheat.

### VAL-DIEU GRAND CRU

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 10.5% ABV  
 A chewy, dark ale, with flavours of roasted malts and spice; bitterish notes ride above the sweeter malts.



### VAN DEN BOSSCHE

St Lievensplein 16,  
 B9550 St-Lievens-Esse, Belgium  
[www.paterlieven.be](http://www.paterlieven.be)

A long-standing family brewery in a brewery-rich part of Flanders. Long did it thrive on the local Buffalo ale, weaving colourful stories about its origins. Changes in the beer market have driven it to strengthen the Pater Lieven range – vaguely abbey-like in style – and, tentatively, to produce a beer expressly made for export.

### PATER LIEVEN BLOND

ABBAY ALE 6.5% ABV  
 Blossomy notes can be found in this abbey blond, while hops promised on the nose are delivered on the palate.

### BUFFALO BELGIAN STOUT

STOUT 9% ABV  
 Not the legendary Buffalo Spéciale, but a high alcohol, roasted stout, geared for foreign markets.

# THE STORY OF ...



## Orval

2, Abbaye de Notre-Dame d'Orval,  
B6823 Villers devant Orval

In the world of beer there are many blessed brews, but the best must surely be those from the Trappist breweries. Today there are seven breweries that can use this appellation, meaning that their beers have been brewed within the enclosed community of a Trappist monastery. The magnificent seven abbeys where this brewing takes place are Ache, Chimay, Orval, Rochefort, Westmalle, and Westvleteren in Belgium, and Koningshoeven in the Netherlands.

Beer mythology has it that monks have been brewing continuously since medieval times. It's a good story, but one that omits the Reformation, when many monasteries were abandoned for years and were used as a source of building stone.

In 1926, the de Harenne family, who had acquired the Orval ruins and surrounding lands in 1887, donated them to the Cistercian order so that monastic life could be re-established at Orval.

In 1931, the monks decided to take up the tradition of brewing once again. Their goal is not profit but a "redevance" – that is, to generate enough funds for the upkeep of the abbey, to support the local community, and for charitable projects.



▲ **THE MONASTERY** Orval Abbey's lovely grounds are open to the public; unfortunately, the brewery is not. However, its beers, including Petit Orval (the beer that the monks can drink), can be bought from the adjacent Ange Gardien pub.

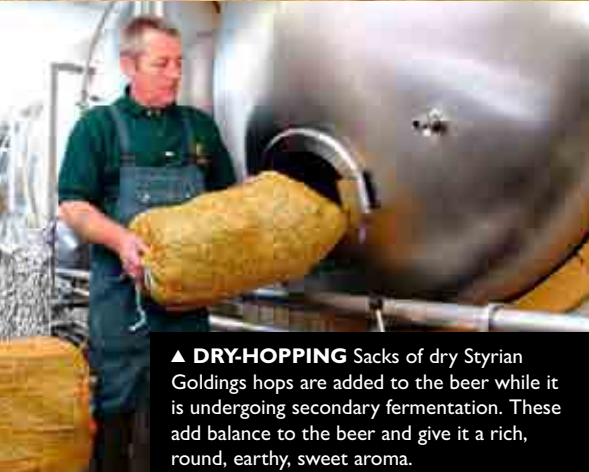


▲ **MOVING WITH THE TIMES** As part of its commitment to technological advancement, Orval is in the process of replacing its mash tuns.

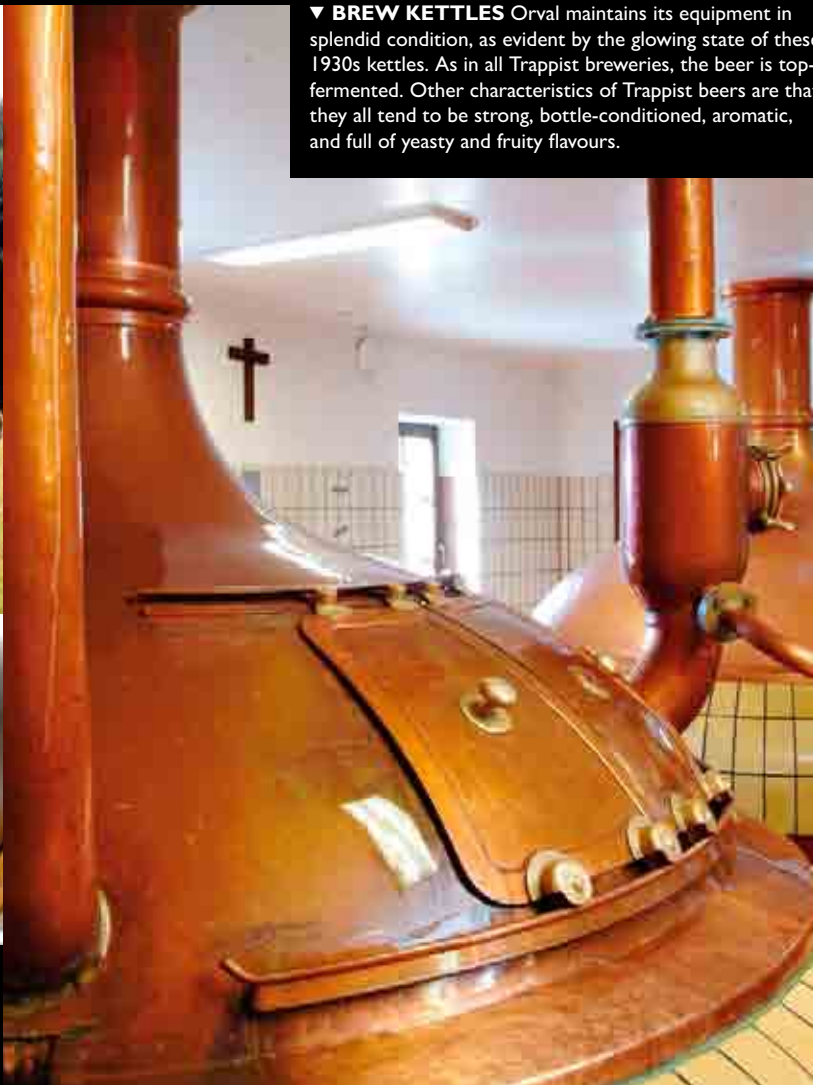


▲ **THE LONG VIEW** The abbeys share a common commitment to quality. As part of their philosophy, Trappist breweries not only use the finest ingredients but also invest in top-of-the-range brewing equipment. Orval director Francois de Harenne says: "The monks take a view of the long term, and want the very best equipment. The tradition of Trappist breweries is for the equipment to be sophisticated. We have a high level of quality and we must keep it."





▲ **DRY-HOPPING** Sacks of dry Styrian Goldings hops are added to the beer while it is undergoing secondary fermentation. These add balance to the beer and give it a rich, round, earthy, sweet aroma.



▼ **BREW KETTLES** Orval maintains its equipment in splendid condition, as evident by the glowing state of these 1930s kettles. As in all Trappist breweries, the beer is top-fermented. Other characteristics of Trappist beers are that they all tend to be strong, bottle-conditioned, aromatic, and full of yeasty and fruity flavours.



▲ **THE ORVAL TROUT** Local legend has it that a widow called Matilda lost a golden ring in a lake and promised that, if it were found, she would thank God by building an abbey. The ring was brought to the surface by a trout, as depicted on the Orval label and bottle-tops, and in images at the abbey.



▲ **THE BEER** While some Trappist beers are dark and heavy, Orval is light and dry, and perfectly partners the cheeses that are made in the abbey's dairy. Three Belgian malts and white cane sugar produce a beer with a distinctive pale orange hue.



**VAN EECKE**

Douvieweg 2, B8978 Watou, Belgium  
[www.brouwerijvaneecke.tk](http://www.brouwerijvaneecke.tk)

The family that owns this brewery in rural Watou also owns another brewery, Leroy, in the vicinity. While Van Eecke specializes in abbey ales and posher brands, Leroy takes care of more mundane lagers and stouts.

**BREWING SECRET** The Kapittel range used to be in the oud bruin style, but in recent years the brewery has given it a more classic abbey ale profile.

**VAN HONSEBROUCK**

Kasteelbrouwerij Vanhonsbroeck,  
 Oostrozebekestraat 43, B8770  
 Ingelmunster, Belgium  
[www.brouwerijvaneecke.tk](http://www.brouwerijvaneecke.tk)

Defining a brewery as a “niche jumper” may hardly sound like praise, but Luc Van Honsbroeck describes his brewery this way himself, claiming that its strength lies in being flexible and more adaptable to market trends than the giants. Luc has a flair for PR, and his magnificent castle in the village acts as a signpost for the brewery.

**VAN STEENBERGE**

Lindenlaan 25, B9940 Ertvelde, Belgium  
[www.vansteenberge.com](http://www.vansteenberge.com)

A very expansive regional brewer, Van Steenberge specializes in making tweaks and blendings for anybody interested in having their very own beer made. Yet, at the core, it has a range of very decent beers, both abbey ales and oud bruins.

**BREWING SECRET** Unusually, the abbey ales were formulated with the help of a Latvian brewmaster.

**VAPEUR**

1 Rue du Maréchal,  
 B7904 PIPAIX-LEUZE, Belgium  
[www.vapeur.com](http://www.vapeur.com)

Jean-Louis Dits and his late wife, both school teachers by profession, saved this brewery from demolition in 1985. Jean-Louis now owns one of the world's last steam operated breweries.

**BREWING SECRET** Voluntarily limiting the brewing to every last Saturday of the month, Jean-Louis also bows to his own, rather inflexible ecological logic.

**HET KAPITTEL PRIOR**

ABBEY ALE 9% ABV

Strong and dark, and now with a bitter-sweet character. Rich, fruitcake in fluid form.

**HET KAPITTEL ABT**

ABBEY ALE 10% ABV

A very strong blond ale, with a dry, spicy character, and sweet alcoholic overtones.

**KASTEEL BLOND**

STRONG BELGIAN ALE 11% ABV

An unfiltered strong blond beer, with sultana-like, alcoholic sweetness.

**ST LOUIS GUEUZE FOND****TRADITION**

GUEUZE 5% ABV

Can West Flemish beer be real gueuze? This citrusy, unfiltered fresh beer certainly comes close.

**AUGUSTIJN**

BELGIAN STRONG ALE 8% ABV

An amber ale, bottle-conditioned, dry, and fairly sweet; but with a citrus note too, like orange zest.

**BIOS VLAAMSE BOURGOGNE**

OULD BRUIN 5.5% ABV

An excellent oud bruin, with a spritzzy acidity, a little like balsamic vinegar: velvety and refreshing.

**SAISON DE PIPAIX**

SAISON 6% ABV

Working from a long-kept recipe, Dits has cleaned it up to tart and citrusy flavours, with the metallic tang of old *saisons* all but gone.

**VAPEUR EN FOLIE**

SAISON 8% ABV

A lovely, spicy, malty, and alcoholic interpretation of *saïson* – with unexpected ageing potential.



**VERHAEGHE**

Beukenhofstraat 96,  
B8570 Vichte, Belgium  
www.proximedia.com

The outlook for a small family brewer locked in the clasp of supplying oud bruin and pilsner for local pubs may not appear especially bright, but in the case of Verhaeghe that summation would be wrong. The variety of oud bruins produced here is remarkable, and the “Duchesse de Bourgogne” in particular has attained cult beer status in new markets, especially the USA.

**VICHTENAAR**

OUDE BRUIN 5.1% ABV  
Probably the most basic of the oud bruins: tart, refreshing, and with complex aromas.

**ECHT KRIEKENBIER**

OUDE BRUIN 6.8% ABV  
Sour cherries were often put on oud bruins. The cherries give an explosion of fruity, tart flavours.

**WESTMALLE**

Antwerpsesteenweg 496,  
B2390 Malle, Belgium  
www.trappistwestmalle.be

Monks started brewing here in 1836, selling beer at the gate 20 years later. Today, the abbey operates one of the world’s most modern breweries, hidden behind the old brewhouse. Westmalle has come to define abbey ales through their “Dubbel” and “Tripel” styles. The “Extra” could be another world classic, if the monks were to commercialise it.

**WESTMALLE DUBBEL**

ABBEEY ALE 7% ABV  
Dark and vinous, with sugar sweetness coming through; surprisingly hoppy. A classic.

**WESTMALLE TRIPEL**

ABBEEY ALE 9.5% ABV  
The dry Champenoise triple that made all triples blond. Sweetish and fruity, with a hoppy finish.

**WESTVLETEREN**

Donkerstraat 12,  
B8640 Vleteren, Belgium  
www.sintsixtus.be

Does this brewery need introduction? The Abbey of St. Sixtus of Westvleteren is the reclusive star of the beer world. It sells its beer by telephone reservation only – unwillingly even – as if to emphasize that the operation is run by monks who brew in order to be able to pray, instead of pray in order to sell. Westvleteren voluntarily limits

**WESTVLETEREN BLOND**

ABBEEY ALE 5.8% ABV  
A blond ale that starts with a big grain flavour, followed by very serious hops; best bitter-like.

**WESTVLETEREN EXTRA 8°**

ABBEEY ALE 8% ABV  
Dark and strong: roasted, faint bitterish notes, with pears, plums, hazelnuts, and coffee.

production. As Joris, the brother responsible for the brewery, says: “We refuse to go into an endless spiral of producing more, then having to sell more, and bring more brothers into the process, or even having to hire outside staff”.

**BREWING SECRET** This is the only remaining Trappist brewery that still employs solely in-house monks.

**WESTVLETEREN ABT 12°**

ABBEEY ALE 10.2% ABV  
A truly massive dark Trappist ale: chewy like no other beer, and with a perfect balance between the sweet and bitter notes.



## MORE BEERS OF BELGIUM

Characterful beers are made by a number of other microbreweries in Belgium, but distribution may be limited to a few small outlets at certain times of the year. These Belgian beers may be hard to track down, but they are worth the effort. Some have won awards.

<p><b>BRABANT</b> 59, Rue Banterlez B1470 Baisy-Thy, Belgium <a href="http://www.labrasserie-dubrabant.tk">www.labrasserie-dubrabant.tk</a></p> <p>Frédéric Magerat had been trying his hand at brewing for a long time before he finally turned professional in 2003. In a part of Wallonia that is rather poorly supplied with breweries, Brabant Brewery tries to reawaken local brewing traditions, and some of the names of its beers are taken from former local breweries.</p>	<p><b>BROOTCOORENS</b> 197, Rue de Maubeuge, B6560 Erquelinnes, Belgium <a href="http://www.brasserie-brootcoorens-erquelinnes.be">www.brasserie-brootcoorens-erquelinnes.be</a></p> <p>Alain Brootcoorens started his microbrewery in the very last month of the 20th century. His staple beers, Angélus and La Sambresse, can be found at the brewery tap, but are also gradually finding wider distribution.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> The brewery can also make individually commissioned beers.</p>	<p><b>CAZEAU</b> 67 Rue de Cazeau, B7520 Templeuve, Belgium <a href="http://www.brasserie-decazeau.be">www.brasserie-decazeau.be</a></p> <p>Laurent Agache and Quentin Mariage resurrected Cazeau in 2004. It had operated since the mid-18th century, but in 1969, when Laurent's father Jean was in charge, brewing stopped.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> The new <i>saison</i> is an indication that these brewers are keen to create styles of beer with more complex, less obvious flavours.</p>	<p><b>CNUUDE</b> Fabrieksstraat 8, B9700 Eine, Belgium</p> <p>When Louis Cnudde died in 1995, nobody would have wagered a penny on his brewery's future. But his three sons kept the brewery alive, even when brewing only sporadically. Though the beer is available elsewhere, admirers of this brew often like to drink it in the Casino under the brewery tower.</p>
<p><b>ARCHIDUC-DUVIEUSART</b> SAISON 6.5% ABV A modern-day <i>saison</i>, with all the characteristic farmyard, spicy, and herbal aromas. One of the beers in which the name refers to a former brewery.</p>	<p><b>ANGÉLUS BLONDE</b> BELGIAN BLOND ALE 7% ABV A flowery and seriously spicy beer, yet one that's also delicate and refreshing.</p>	<p><b>SAISON CAZEAU</b> SAISON 4.8% ABV This is a truly light and refreshing <i>saison</i>. Elderflowers counterbalance the spicy touch.</p> <p><b>TOURNAI DORÉE</b> BELGIAN STRONG ALE 7.2% ABV The nose offers honey and overripe bananas; the taste is bitter-sweet, with a sourish, citrus peel note.</p>	<p><b>LOUIS V OUD BRUIN</b> OUD BRUIN 4.7% ABV One of the very last beers of this sort, brewed in and around Oudenaarde town. Slight sourish flavour, lactic, and metallic, while balancing flavours of liquorice and sweet malts. Keg only.</p>
<p><b>DE CAM</b> Dorpstraat 67A, B1755 Gooik, Belgium <a href="http://www.decarn.be">www.decarn.be</a></p> <p>Karel Goddeau is brewmaster at Slagmuylder Brewery, but in his free time he blends gueuze, selling it under the De Cam brand name. The lambic for the gueuze comes from different lambic brewers. Once blended, the beer is lagered in barrels that have a history of their own: they hail from the famous Czech Plzeňský Prazdroj Brewery, home of Pilsner Urquell.</p>	<p><b>GLAZENTOREN</b> Glazen Torenweg 11, B9420 Erpe-Mere, Belgium <a href="http://www.glazentoren.be">www.glazentoren.be</a></p> <p>When three friends got together to make their hobby professional, what transpired was a very modern microbrewery in which originality was the watchword.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> Glazen Toren beers are very individualistic interpretations of well-known styles, such as <i>saison</i>, Abbey Triple, or Belgian witbier.</p>	<p><b>SINT CANARUS</b> Polderweg 2, B9800 Deinze-Gottem, Belgium <a href="http://users.telenet.be/SintCanarus/home_EN.htm">http://users.telenet.be/SintCanarus/home_EN.htm</a></p> <p>Piet Meirhaeghe started brewing here in 2002, right in the shadow of the church in the delightful, rural town of Gottem. However, demand for Piet's beer is such that part of the output is now outsourced and hails from the Proefbrouwerij. The Sint Canarus Brewery is open to visitors on weekends.</p>	<p><b>STRUBBE</b> Markt 1, B8480 Itegem, Belgium <a href="http://www.brouwerij-strubbe.be">www.brouwerij-strubbe.be</a></p> <p>Marc Strubbe inherited the family brewery, and made it a point to incorporate advanced laboratory techniques into the traditional brewing methods. Brewing commissioned beers and foreign beers under license helps things tick over.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> The barrels and fermentation tanks allow Marc to work with variable blending.</p>
<p><b>DE CAM OUDE GEUZE</b> GUEUZE 6.5% ABV Tart, with yoghurt, wood, grapefruit, and horse blanket notes – a classic gueuze from the newest blender.</p> <p><b>DE CAM OUDE KRIEK</b> FRUIT LAMBIC 5% ABV Overwhelming fruit flavours, as well as notes from the cherry stones; a headless and spritzly fruit lambic.</p>	<p><b>ONDINEKE OILSJTERSEN TRIPEL</b> ABBEY BLOND ALE 8.5% ABV The name is only pronounceable by Aalst town-inhabitants. Fruity, very balanced, and dangerously drinkable.</p> <p><b>JAN DE LICHTÉ</b> WITBIER 7.5% ABV A sweet-sour balance, with the unmistakable spice of coriander.</p>	<p><b>POTTELOEREKE</b> BELGIAN STRONG DARK ALE 8% ABV Semi-sweet, richly bodied, with notes of gingerbread, caramel, and pear drops.</p>	<p><b>ICHTEGEMS GRAND CRU</b> OUD BRUIN 6.5% ABV The newest in the range, and an interesting, stronger variation of an Oudenaarde bruin, resulting in a velvety, yet woody dark ale.</p>

## BEER STYLES

# FRUIT BEER

The addition of fruit to beer is not a recent invention. Over many centuries, raspberries, blackberries, peaches, apricots, damsons, lemons, bananas, and even coconuts have been used to create unusual and distinctive flavours. In the county of Kent, in England, surplus cherries were traditionally used to produce the local favourite cherry ale. Sadly, the last few decades have seen most of the cherry orchards disappear, and the beer along with them. In Belgium, however, fruit beer retains a strong presence. In the Brussels region, lambic brewers have been adding cherries to their beer for hundreds of years. While some fruits may be added in the form of a purée, syrup, or flavouring, the use of whole cherries does more than affect the flavour of the beer – wild yeast on the fruit's skin helps to spark off a secondary fermentation.



**LAMBIC** Authentic Belgian lambic fruit beer is both fermented and flavoured with whole cherries, and known as kriek, or raspberries (frambozen or framboise). Eminent examples of this style of beer include Cantillon's Kriek Lambic and Oud Beersel Oude Kriek.

**FLEMISH** Another classic Belgian fruit beer is Flemish brown ale, which is also flavoured with cherries or raspberries. The stylishly tissue-wrapped Liefmans' Kriek and Frambozen are good examples.

**AMERICAN** Craft brewers in the USA are now raiding the fruit bowl for their beers. New Glarus's Raspberry Tart remains faithful to the Belgian framboise style, while using berries from Oregon. Other notable American fruit beers are Samuel Adams' Cherry Wheat and New Belgium's seasonal Frambozen.

**BRITISH** Although less in evidence now than in the past, British fruit beers do exist. Melbourn Brothers specialize in such brews, with cherry, strawberry, and apricot beers, and Old Luxters produces a tasty Damson Ale using Cumbrian fruits.



**Liefmans**, in the Flemish city of Oudenaarde, Belgium, brews a local style of ale called *oud bruin*.



CHAMPAGNE  
GOUQUEMB



**Pižeň**  
 Gambrinus  
 Pilsner Urquell



**Prague**  
 Staropramen  
 U Medvídků  
 U Fleků



**České Budějovice**  
 Budweiser Budvar  
 Budweiser Burgerbrau

Budweiser burgerbrau



# CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic is one of the great brewing nations. It was here that the first golden beer, pilsner, was pioneered in the town of Plzeň in the mid-19th century, and it is here also that some of the world's most prized hops are grown at Žatec. The Czech brewing industry is justly proud of its heritage, and is mostly concerned with preserving traditions of brewing excellence that have been developed and nurtured over generations. Pullout boxes appear where a city has more than one brewery.



Primator



Radegast



Rebel



Zubr

**BERNARD**

5 Května č.1, 396 01 Humpolec,  
Czech Republic  
[www.bernard.cz](http://www.bernard.cz)

While reviving 16th-century Humpolec brewery in 1991, Stanislav Bernard and two partners took the daring decision to produce traditional unpasteurized beers using microfiltration. Since then, awards and an expanding export market have followed.

**BREWING SECRET** Bernard has its own floor maltings and uses spring water.

**BUDWEISER BUDVAR**

Karolíny Světle 4, 370 21  
České Budějovice, Czech Republic  
[www.original-budweiser.cz](http://www.original-budweiser.cz)

The town of České Budějovice (Budweis) has been a home of brewing since 1265. Today, the Budějovický (Budweiser) Budvar product name has Protected Geographical Indicator status within the EU (like Cognac and Parma ham), but in the USA, where Anheuser-Busch's Budweiser is trademarked, it is called Czechvar.

**BUDWEISER  
BURGERBRAU**

Ljická 51, 370 54,  
České Budějovice, Czech Republic  
[www.budweiser-burgerbrau.cz](http://www.budweiser-burgerbrau.cz)

Much of the beer from České Budějovice's oldest extant brewery – operating since 1795 – is marketed under the Samson label. The brewery underwent a major modernization programme in the 1990s to greatly increase its output.

**ČERNÁ HORA**

Černá Hora 3/5, 679 21 Černá Hora,  
Czech Republic  
[www.pivovarch.cz](http://www.pivovarch.cz)

The nearby Black Hill (Černá Hora) – one of the Czech Republic's finest skiing areas – gives this brewery its name. The town's first written brewing record is dated to 1530, but brewing here is believed to predate that considerably. The brewery's traditional techniques and high quality ensure frequent competition successes.

**CELEBRATION / SVÁTEČNÍ LEŽÁK**

PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV  
Delicate herb-like hop and yeast aromas overlay a peppery bitterness for a grassy finish.

**AMBER / JANTAROVÝ LEŽÁK**

AMBER BEER 4.4% ABV  
Brewed using caramalt for a nutty bitterness, offset by toffee aromas and a honeyed palate.

**BUDWEISER BUDVAR / CZECHVAR**

PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV  
Spritzzy, with an attractive head, floral and grapefruit fruitiness on the nose, and a dry, biscuit malt palate.

**CZECH DARK LAGER**

DARK BEER 4.7% ABV  
Its distinct malty flavour develops a cinnamon spiciness before rolling into biscuit undertones.

**SAMSON BUDWEISER BIER**

PREMIUM LAGER 4.7% ABV  
Some butterscotch and citrus aromas and a honeyed, sweet malty palate, finishing peppery hop dry.

**BB BUDWEISER BIER ORIGINAL**

PILSNER 5% ABV  
Vanilla and herb hop aromas, a bittersweet, malt-veiled mouthfeel, with final traces of tobacco.

**MORAVSKÉ SKLEPNÍ  
NEFILTROVANÉ**

PREMIUM LAGER 4% ABV  
Unfiltered, with a light body and lingering biscuit malt finish.

**GRANÁT**

DARK BEER 4.8% ABV  
A reddish-brown, award-winning lager, with a distinct caramel palate complementing a plummy aroma.



### CHODOVAR

Pivovarská 107, 348 13 Chodová Planá,  
Czech Republic  
[www.chodovar.cz](http://www.chodovar.cz)

Albi, a dog said to have discovered the bountiful spring that provided water for brewing here in the Middle Ages, was symbolically reinstated by the brewery in 2000, and he now stands proudly on the company emblem.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery has an on-site beer spa, complete with a dark beer bath and herbal remedies.

### DĚTENICE

Pivovar Dětenice, 507 24 Dětenice,  
Czech Republic  
[www.krcmadetenice.cz](http://www.krcmadetenice.cz)

The castle-based brewery – once owned by the Prague chapter of the Knights of Malta – closed in 1955 after several years of nationalization, and reopened only in 2000.

**BREWING SECRET** Beers are brewed in direct-fired vessels and are filtered through straw, fermented in wooden vats, then lagered in oak barrels.

### EGGENBERG

Latrán 27, 38115, Český Krumlov,  
Czech Republic  
[www.eggenberg.cz](http://www.eggenberg.cz)

Nowhere but in Bohemia could two towns merge over brewing disputes. Years of arguing about wheat beer privileges were resolved simply by uniting neighbours Latrán and Krumlov, and establishing a single brewery. Over time, the brewery passed from the Eggenberg family to the Schwarzenbergs and down the centuries to its present owners, Dionex.

### GAMBRINUS

U Prazdroje 7, 304 97 Plzeň,  
Czech Republic  
[www.gambrinus.cz](http://www.gambrinus.cz)

There are several versions of the origins of the name Gambrinus, but all trace their origins back to beer in some way, be it brewing, cellars, or hops.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery shares its malthouse, filtration facilities, and filling lines with Pilsner Urquell. The brewhouses, however, are separate.

### PRESIDENT

BLENDED PILSNER 5% ABV  
Southern Bohemian malt lager and refined pilsner blend for a full body and bitter finish.

### ZLATÁ JEDENÁCTKA

PREMIUM LAGER 4.5% ABV  
Brilliantly golden, with unmistakable hop aromas and velvety malt fullness to a soft bitter finish.

### SVETLÉ DĚTENICKÉ PIVO 12°

PREMIUM LAGER 4% ABV  
Aromatically floral, finely structured body; sweet malt and honey influences, and hoppy afterglow.

### TMAVÉ DĚTENICKÉ PIVO 13°

DARK BEER 4% ABV  
A typically full-bodied dark lager; malty, some spice, and faintly bitter towards the finish.

### EGGENBERG SVĚTLÝ LEŽÁK

PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV  
Powerfully floral with sweet butterscotch notes; zesty, firm, and delightfully balanced to a bitter finish.

### EGGENBERG TMAVÝ LEŽÁK

DARK BEER 4.2% ABV  
Deep and dark, with a hop pungency, then a malty caramel and toffee bittersweet palate.

### GAMBRINUS PREMIUM

PREMIUM PILSNER 5% ABV  
A fresh, grassy, and lemon aroma, with hints of butter throughout a full malt flavour.

### GAMBRINUS SVĚTLÝ

PILSNER 4.1% ABV  
A malt and vanilla palate follows a honeyed, grassy nose to a spicy, bitter finale.





### HEROLD

262 72 Březnice, Czech Republic  
[www.heroldbeer.com](http://www.heroldbeer.com)

The town's Baroque castle is fully restored, and its attached brewery continues to produce pilsner-style beers in a traditional, hand-crafted manner to a "small is beautiful" philosophy. The range includes wheat beers and Bohemian Black Lager.

**BREWING SECRET** Open fermenters, home-drawn water, and resident maltings accentuate its heritage.

### BOHEMIAN BLACK LAGER

DARK LAGER 4.1% ABV

A schwarzbier-type lager; bitter chocolate flavours, plus a little malty sweetness, and a long, dry, slightly smoky finish.

### PREMIUM BOHEMIAN LAGER

PREMIUM LAGER 5.1% ABV

Full-bodied, yet softly textured, with a classic creamy malt veil and late hop dryness.



### HOLBA

Pivovarská 261, 788 33 Hanušovice,  
 Czech Republic  
[www.holba.cz](http://www.holba.cz)

Among the largest and best equipped breweries in the country, Holba – based in the Jeseníky Mountains – is intensely proud of its regional heritage and independence as a traditional beer producer. It describes its portfolio as "genuine beer from the mountains" and reinvests much of its profits in quality control.

### HOLBA CLASSIC 10°

PREMIUM LAGER 4% ABV

A thirst-quencher with a mild, slightly bitter flavour, some malt, and an earthy hop aroma.

### HOLBA ŠERÁK

PILSNER 4.5% ABV

Bitterly hoppy, with a surprising malt richness. The brewery's advice is to drink "at least one a day".



### JANÁČEK

Neradice 369, 688 16 Uherský Brod,  
 Czech Republic  
[www.pivovar-janacek.cz](http://www.pivovar-janacek.cz)

Weary of leasing the Kaunic family brewery, František Janáček built his own in 1894, and it was soon regarded as the best in southeast Europe. His son Jaromír turned it into one of the most modern, then his nephew guided it through a period of considerable reconstruction. Today it combines modernity with tradition.

### JANÁČEK EXTRA

PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV

Full and robust, with a malt-filled aroma and affable, leafy hop-influenced bitterness.

### KVASNIČÁK 10°

PILSNER 4% ABV

An unfiltered "yeast beer", lightly hopped, with refreshing carbonation and a spicy bread-like palate.



### JEŽEK

Vrchlického 2, 586 01 Jihlava,  
 Czech Republic  
[www.pivovar-jihlava.cz](http://www.pivovar-jihlava.cz)

From its earliest days, Ježek beer was exported to Austria – the Viennese monarchy showed particular interest. Wholesale reconstruction in the mid-1990s saw environmentally friendly production methods put in place and improvements made to the quality, taste, and stability of the beer. Ježek also has an on-site restaurant.

### JIHLAVSKÝ GRAND

EXTRA PREMIUM LAGER 8.1% ABV

An extraordinary honey-gold beer, with malt and bread aromas and a rich malt palate.

### JEŽEK 10° DARK

DARK BEER 4.1% ABV

Typical dark lager (marketed as "women's beer") with caramel and coffee layers and a firmly sweet finish.



### KOZEL

Ringhofferova I, 251 69 Velké Popovice, Czech Republic  
[www.beer-kozel.cz](http://www.beer-kozel.cz)

The famous goat emblem was created by a travelling French artist in return for hospitality. The town's new brewery opened in 1874 and, by 1912, German innkeepers would boast they kept Kozel's beer. Since 2002 it has been part of Plzeňský Prazdroj – owned by SABMiller – with massive investment driving development.

#### VELKOPOPOVICKY KOZEL PREMIUM

PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV  
 Florally hoppy, with a biscuit malt palate and engaging bitterness.

#### VELKOPOPOVICKY KOZEL DARK

DARK BEER 3.8% ABV  
 Aromatic hops dominate, and dark malts give spicy caramel flavours.



### KRUŠOVICE

270 53 Krušovice I, Czech Republic  
[www.pivo-krusovice.cz](http://www.pivo-krusovice.cz)

When the original owner, Jiří Birka, offered the brewery for sale in 1581 to Emperor Rudolf II, the inventory read: "The brewery kettle is made of stone, so it may be cooked upon immediately". Those documents still exist, but Birka would hardly recognize the highly-mechanized, industrial brewery today – currently the nation's fifth-largest producer.

#### KRUŠOVICE IMPERIAL PREMIUM LAGER 5.5% ABV

A dry straw aroma heightens a bitter palate, with a floral hop and malt finish.

#### KRUŠOVICE DARK BEER DARK BEER 3.8% ABV

Roast malt and caramel generosity meet earthy and nutty nuances before a citrus hop finale.



### KUTNÁ HORA

U Lorce II, 284 15 Kutná Hora, Czech Republic  
[www.drinksunion.cz](http://www.drinksunion.cz)

The heritage-rich town of Kutná Hora bought its brewery in 1589 and ran it for 360 years until nationalization brought it under government control. It returned briefly to town ownership in 1992 and is now operated by the Drinks Union group. The brewery's beers are sold at many local restaurants and bars.

#### DAČICKÝ SVĚTLÝ LEŽÁK PILSNER 4.1% ABV

A classic and popular Bohemian beer, lavishly malted with a compatible medium bitterness.

#### LOREC SPECIAL LAGER PREMIUM LAGER 6.1% ABV

Pleasantly and distinctly hop-bittered, with a sweetness emerging from its generous malt layers.



### LOBKOWICZ

Vysoký Chlumeč 29, 262 52 Vysoký Chlumeč, Czech Republic  
[www.lobkowicz.cz](http://www.lobkowicz.cz)

The noble Lobkowicz family has owned the brewery since 1466 and are proud that it is a relatively small operation. Some of the beer is exported as Premium Czech Lager. **BREWING SECRET** The brewery promotes ecologically-sensitive production methods and uses water from an artesian well.

#### LOBKOWICZ KNÍŽE 12° PILSNER 5% ABV

A traditional pilsner, with a malt-layered, bittersweet palate following an earthy, honeyed hop nose.

#### LOBKOWICZ BARON 12° DARK BEER 4.7% ABV

A dark lager, with flavour notes of chewy caramel and chocolate emerging from sweet malt.

**Prague's Old Town Square** is thronged with visitors throughout the year, enjoying its many pavement bar-café.





**NÁCHOD / PRIMÁTOR**

Dobrošouska 130, 547 40 Náchod,  
Czech Republic  
[www.primator.cz](http://www.primator.cz)

One of the most technically advanced breweries in the country, Náchod draws its water from the Ardšpach-Teplice protected landscape region. The brewery's origins lie in 1872, with enlargement following in 1925 and 1930. More recent improvements include a new brewhouse, and better storage and filling facilities.

**NOVOPACKÉ PIVO**

Pivovarska 400, 509 01 Nová Paka,  
Czech Republic  
[www.novopackepivo.cz](http://www.novopackepivo.cz)

The advantages of brewing and malting houses sharing the same site was recognized in Nová Paka almost 500 years ago, and its significance persists today through passionately traditional practices. Emphasis on tourism at the Art Nouveau-style complex keeps its profile high at home, while 40 per cent of production is exported.

**NYMBURK**

Pražská 581, 288 25 Nymburk,  
Czech Republic  
[www.postriziny.cz](http://www.postriziny.cz)

In the mid-19th century a monopoly was broken up in Nymburk when beers from other towns could be offered for sale on one condition – that they must be tasty! The present brewery's first beer flowed in 1898. The acclaimed writer Bohumil Hrabal was raised in the town and now features on most of the bottle labels.

**OSTRAVAR**

Hornopolsní 57, 728 25 Ostrava I,  
Czech Republic  
[www.ostravar.cz](http://www.ostravar.cz)

The Czech Republic's third-largest city lies closer to Katowice in Poland and Vienna in Austria than to Prague, and so prides itself on being "different" to other Czech breweries. Ostravar beers reflect this strategic position, and are carefully considered with local tradition in mind. It has, however, been internationally owned (now by InBev) since 2000.

**PRIMÁTOR PREMIUM**

PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV

Soft vegetable hop aroma, a distinct bitterness on the palate, lapping in full malt richness.

**PRIMÁTOR 24° DOUBLE**

DARK LAGER 10% ABV

A spirited kick detectable from its sweet malt aroma, then spice and dried fruit lusciousness.

**KUMBURÁK**

PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV

A rich malt palate follows some citrus fruit aromas through to a memorable hop aftertaste.

**PODKRKOŇSKÝ SPECIÁL**

DARK BEER 6.3% ABV

An intriguing dark colour and deep flavours that unearth chocolate and coffee notes.

**POSTRŽIŇSKÉ ZLATOVAR**

PREMIUM LAGER 4.7% ABV

Hrabal is indeed depicted on the label of this fully malty and mildly bitter charmer.

**TMAVÝ LEŽÁK**

DARK BEER 4.5% ABV

Dark amber in colour, with a rich coffee and caramel palate and chocolate-coated finish.

**OSTRAVAR PREMIUM**

PREMIUM LAGER 5.1% ABV

A rich head promoting malt and hop aromas straddle a full-bodied strong bitter bite.

**OSTRAVAR KELT**

STOUT 4.8% ABV

Irish-style stout; pronounced hop and roasted barley aromas which continue throughout the palate.



### PERNŠTEJN

Palackého 250, 530 33 Pardubice,  
Czech Republic  
[www.pernstejn.cz](http://www.pernstejn.cz)

In the late 19th century, the brewery's porter was renowned throughout Europe for its flavour and strength, winning international medals almost at will. This rare example is still produced today, alongside fruit drinks and non-alcoholic beverages (similarly with several of the country's breweries) in an impressive portfolio.

#### PERNŠTEJN SVĚTLÝ LEŽÁK

PREMIUM LAGER 5.2% ABV  
Invitingly deep gold in colour, with high malt levels counterbalancing a final hop bitterness perfectly.

#### PARDUBICKÝ PORTER

PORTER 8% ABV  
Spice and coffee notes get intimate with sweet malt – an accomplished, bottom-fermented stunner.



### PILSNER URQUELL

U Prazdroje 7, 304 97 Plzeň,  
Czech Republic  
[www.pilsner-urquell.cz](http://www.pilsner-urquell.cz)

The Czechs have blessed us with the microwave oven, soft contact lenses, and beer that changed the world. It was, however, a Bavarian who was the key player in the Pilsner Urquell story. As a young brewer, Josef Groll presented the nation with its first pilsner on 4 October 1842. This sensational clear golden beer spread across Europe like wildfire from its "original source".

#### PILSNER URQUELL

CLASSIC PILSNER 4.4% ABV  
The ideal 35mm (one-and-a-half inch) tight head leaves a lacing down the glass with every sip of spiced leaf and preserved fruit flavours, developing a sweet malt piqancy and long, enveloping finish.



### RADEGAST

739 51 Nošovice, Czech Republic  
[www.radegast.cz](http://www.radegast.cz)

Radegast, roughly meaning "dear guest", was the Slavic god of fertility and crops, and consequently became proclaimed god of hospitality too. Despite its nominal connections with the dawn of time, the brewery began operating only in 1970. It continues to be one of the country's most technologically advanced and best equipped beer producers.

#### RADEGAST ORIGINAL

PILSNER 4% ABV  
A light malt and spiced hop nose, malt-sweet flavours and a crisp, grainy bitterness.

#### RADEGAST PREMIUM

PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV  
A characteristic herbal hoppy aroma and medium-sweet malt intensity dwell on cereal notes.



### REBEL

Dobrovského 2027,  
Havlíčkův Brod, Czech Republic  
[www.hbrebel.cz](http://www.hbrebel.cz)

In 1995, ownership returned to the descendants of the original 1843 brewery owners with a renewed reconstruction impetus. Havlíčkův Brod's brewing tradition has survived centuries of disruption – destruction by Hussites, a town-raising fire, two wars, and political upheaval. The Rebel name honours Czech nationalist and dissident Karel Havlíček Borovský.

#### REBEL TRADIČNÍ

PILSNER 3.9% ABV  
Light bodied, developing citrus fruit flavours to counterbalance its malt and fragrant hop finale.

#### REBEL ORIGINAL PREMIUM

PREMIUM LAGER 4.8% ABV  
Fragrantly aromatic and fully malty in the classic Czech style, then a dry hop finish.

## THE STORY OF ...

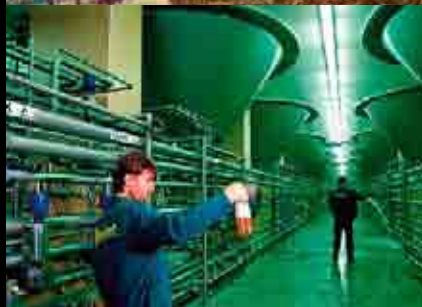


# Pilsner Urquell

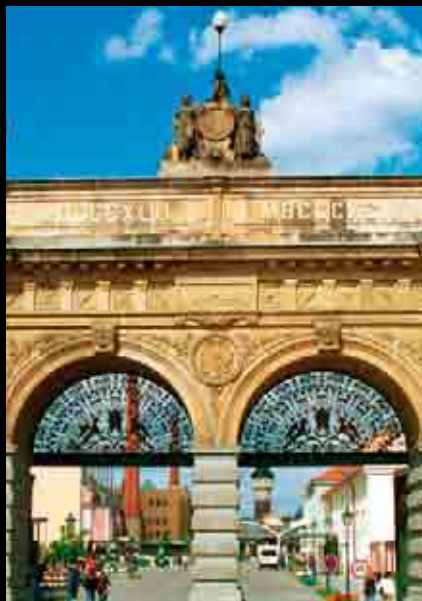
U Prazdroje 7,  
304 97 Plzeň, Czech Republic

Pilsener, pilsner, or pils are the names often given to the most famous lager style in the world. And the birthplace of the world's first bright golden beer is the city of Plzeň, in Bohemia, in the Czech Republic. Czech beers were brown in colour and probably cloudy until 1842, when Josef Groll from Bavaria was contracted by the town of Plzeň to brew a beer for the new citizens' brewery (the Plzeňský Prazdroj) which could rival a new style of copper-coloured beers emerging from Vienna. He created a fresh, clear, gold beer, topped with a wispy, snow-white head. The lightness of the beer was made possible by advances in malting, in which direct heat from hot coals was replaced by a more controllable heat in the form of warm air, which enabled paler shades of malt to be produced.

It was given the name Pilsner Urquell (meaning from Plzeň, the original source) and the style has been mimicked, but rarely bettered, all over the world. A true pilsner, at 4.4% ABV, has a moderate amount of alcohol; typically most beers from continental Europe have an alcoholic strength of 5% ABV. The unfermented sugar in the beer contributes to its assertive richness. Today the Pilsner Urquell Brewery produces one in five of the Czech Republic's beers and is its biggest exporter.



▲ **STEEL FERMENTERS** The beer was originally fermented in open vessels made of Bohemian oak. Today, steel fermenters are used, and Pilsner Urquell's master brewer Václav Berkais is convinced that his predecessor Josef Groll would have used steel rather than wood had it been available.



▲ **THE BREWERY** Built on the bank of the Radbuza River, as this 19th-century panorama shows, the brewery stands on sandstone foundations that were carved out to create tunnels for cold storage, or lagering, of the beer. A maze of underground galleries contains more than 3,500 large pitch-lined oak casks, where very slowly in the cold, damp conditions the beer is matured from a precocious brew into one with a majestic fullness.



▲ **COLD FERMENTATION** Because it is cold fermented, the beer maintains more of its flavours from the spicy Žatec hops and sweet Bohemian or Moravian barley malt. The hops impart an especially fresh, herbal aroma, and contribute to a certain and classy finish.

◀ **CONFIDENCE AND PRIDE** The grandiose entrance to the brewery exudes a pride and confident swagger in the work that takes place inside. The cylindrical water tower holds supplies from the brewery's own springs. This low sulphite, low carbonate water is ideal for making pilsner.

▼ **THE BREWING HALL** Large, graceful, copper-coloured vessels dominate the brewing hall. Pilsner Urquell uses a triple decoction mash in its brewing. Portions of the mash are drawn off at three different times, and each portion, or decoction, is heated, boiled briefly, then returned to the main mash. The process helps break down the complex carbohydrate in the malt into simpler fermentable sugars.



◀ **THE MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTRE** The brewery is much more than a workplace. It also welcomes people to its visitor centre, and offers a sensory exhibition of raw materials and an insight into how beer was brewed over 100 years ago in the on-site museum.



▲ **STONE CELLARS** The highlight for any visitor has to be a walk into one of the dimly lit, ice-cool sandstone cellars, where filtered and non-pasteurized Pilsner Urquell can be sampled straight from the barrel.



**REGENT**

Trocnovské náměstí 124, 379 01 Třeboň, Czech Republic  
www.pivovar-regent.cz

The brewery's name was inspired by an accountant who became a knight, then regent and uncrowned king of the entire Bohemia kingdom. Today's brewery was created in the mid-19th century, and delivery trains exporting Regent beer soon traversed Europe. Owners have included the ubiquitous Schwarzenbergs and, from 2000, brothers Ferdinand and Václav Stasek.

**STAROBRNO**

Hlinky 160/12, 661 47 Brno, Czech Republic  
www.starobrno.cz

Brewing around Brno began in monasteries and convents, notably those of the Augustinian Brothers and Cistercian Sisters. The highest production and technical standards – features of its Mandell and Huzak family ownership since 1872 – have earned Starobrno a coveted “Czech Made” quality certificate. It is now owned by Dutch firm Heineken.

**STAROPRAMEN**

Nádražní 84, 150 54 Prague 5, Czech Republic  
www.staropramen.com

Far-sighted developers situated the Smíchov Brewery in Prague's future industrial area, where demand for beer was assured. From the start, Staropramen – Prague's biggest brewer – was perceived as a Czech beer for Czech people, which gave it an advantage amongst nationalist-leaning consumers. Today it is owned by global giant InBev.

**SVIJANY**

Svijany 25, 463 46 Píšiovice, Czech Republic  
www.pivovarsvijany.cz

Beer was crucial to the region's economy long before this brewery's foundation in 1564, and family dynasties have marked Svijany's long history. That stopped in the mid-20th century with nationalization, but further changes of ownership followed the brewery's privatization in 1998, and under current ownership Svijany is seeing a revival in fortunes.

**BOHEMIA REGENT PREZIDENT**

PREMIUM LAGER 6% ABV  
Flamboyant hop aromas prepare the palate for a well-rounded malt sweetness of flavour.

**BOHEMIA REGENT PALE LAGER**

PILSNER 4.8% ABV  
The floral aroma leaves traces of cinnamon then a toffee palate with hints of honey.

**STAROBRNO PREMIUM LAGER**

PREMIUM LAGER 4% ABV  
A nose of hay, melon, and malt, then heightening traces of caramel on the palate.

**STAROBRNO REZÁK**

DARK BEER 4% ABV  
A deep amber Vienna-style lager unveiling slight bitter hop and joyous caramel mouthfuls.

**STAROPRAMEN DARK BEER**

DARK BEER 4.5% ABV  
Its light body loops around malty caramel, liquorice, and aniseed notes to a floral finale.

**STAROPRAMEN PREMIUM LAGER**

PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV  
A rich floral bite unveils a full-bodied satisfier with a riz (“just right”) finish.

**SVIJANSKÝ RYTÍŘ 12°**

PILSNER 5% ABV  
Pilsner-style with a yeast-rich, sweet malt aroma and high levels of fruit vitality.

**SVIJANSKÝ KNÍŽE 13°**

PILSNER 5.6% ABV  
Fragrantly hoppy “special light” lager with a full sweet malt body and bitter finale.



### U MEDVÍDKŮ

Na Perštýně 7, 100 01 Prague 1,  
Czech Republic  
[www.umedvidku.cz](http://www.umedvidku.cz)

The restaurant and brewhouse date back to 1466, though the brewery has been reinstalled in recent years – along with extensions and additions to the *pension*, which retains its original Gothic rafters and Renaissance painted ceilings. This is one of the biggest beer halls in Prague, and it hosted the city's first cabaret.

#### OLDGOTT BARIQUE LEŽÁK

PILSNER 5.2% ABV

Earthy and melon-fruity aromas, yeasty characteristics developing into a roasted malt, caramel infusion.

#### X-BEER

SPECIALITY BEER 12.6% ABV (VARIABLE)

Matured for 28 weeks in oak vessels for an elaborate, sweet flavour, and indulgent complexity.



### ŽATEC

Žižkovo náměstí 81, 438 01 Žatec,  
Czech Republic  
[www.zateckypivovar.cz](http://www.zateckypivovar.cz)

There is no escaping it in Czech beer production – every brewery uses the town's succulent hops, and, as far back as 1585, Žatec beer was praised for "its essence, strengths, and virtues".

**BREWING SECRET** Significant recent investment has upgraded its yeast plant, restored open fermenters, and introduced state-of-the-art keggling.

#### ŽATEC BLUE LABEL

PREMIUM LAGER 4.6% ABV

Hints of grassy hop and sweet malt, then banana with biscuit malt on the palate.

#### ŽATEC EXPORT

PILSNER 4.6% ABV

Bready aroma with herbal notes, some sweet malt, delicate spicy hop, and appropriate apple sourness.



### ZLATOPRAMEN

Dráždanská 80, 400 07 Ústí nad Labem,  
Czech Republic  
[www.zlatopramen.cz](http://www.zlatopramen.cz)

Modernization may have accelerated in recent years, but this brewery's history is as long as the existence of brewing privileges. The use of Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph II's eagle for its emblem was granted in the early 20th century, while the Zlatopramen trademark was adopted in 1967. It is now owned by Drinks Union.

#### ZLATOPRAMEN 11°

PILSNER 4.7% ABV

A faint, earthy hop aroma unfolds into a full biscuit flavour with a potent bitterness.

#### ZLATOPRAMEN 11° DARK

DARK BEER 4.6% ABV

Aromatically floral, its sweet palate, composed from inventive blends of barley malts, edges towards toffee.



### ZUBR

Komenského 35, 751 52 Pířerov,  
Czech Republic  
[www.zubr.cz](http://www.zubr.cz)

The Zubr (buffalo) label is a well-regarded one, with more than 20 national and international brewing awards to its name. It also has a "mark of quality" certificate for best food product. It is one of the country's largest volume producers, with 12 per cent of its output going for export throughout Europe.

#### ZUBR CLASSIC 10° LIGHT

PILSNER 4.1% ABV

A good-quality hop aroma and sweetly malty, driving its medium body to a flinty bitterness.

#### ZUBR PREMIUM 12°

PREMIUM LAGER 5.1% ABV

Golden, with a glass-embracing froth throughout its rounded mouthfeel and a medium bitterness.

## MORE BEERS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic has a long and proud brewing heritage. Unlike the new wave of brewing that has swept through the USA and parts of Europe in recent years, most of these Czech breweries have been around very much longer, largely supplying a local market.

BREWERY	<p><b>FERDINAND</b> Táborská 306, 256 01 Benešov, Czech Republic www.pivovarferdinand.cz</p> <p>Brewing is entrenched in Benešov, as is evident by street names such as Na Chmelnici ("At The Hop Garden"). The core of today's brewery dates from 1897, while extensive 1970s reconstruction stimulated steady growth. The trademark Ferdinand, adopted in 1992, triggered a series of national awards for the range.</p>	<p><b>KLÁŠTER</b> 294 15 Klášter Hradiště nad Jizerou, Czech Republic www.pivovarklaster.cz</p> <p>Unpasteurized beers are fermented and aged here in caves hewn out of solid rock deep beneath the handsome brewery in 1570. Traditional brewery methods and maturation processes have elevated Klášter's award-winning beers to connoisseur status.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> Medieval recipes are used for some of the beers.</p>	<p><b>LOUNY</b> Husova 64, 440 01 Louny, Czech Republic www.pivovarlouny.cz</p> <p>Encircled by impressive ramparts, the royal town in which Louny resides was once known for its vineyards and hop gardens. The brewery was founded in 1892 by a Schwarzenberg prince. It is now owned by the Drinks Union group.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> The brewery was the first in Austro-Hungary to use artificial cooling. It has its own maltings.</p>	<p><b>PLATAN</b> Pivovarská 1, 398 12 Protivín, Czech Republic www.pivo-platan.cz</p> <p>The avenue leading to the brewery is explanation enough that Platan means "plane tree". Brewing has taken place here since 1598, and the Schwarzenberg family – who have owned it since 1711 – built a new plant in 1876.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> Its Schwarzenberske Knižecí 21° (10.5% ABV) is one of the nation's strongest beers.</p>
	<p><b>LEŽÁK SVĚTLÝ FERDINAND</b> PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV Medium-bodied, vigorous, and fragrantly hoppy, with a finely balanced malt and bitter integrity.</p> <p><b>LEŽÁK TMAVÝ FERDINAND</b> DARK BEER 4.5% ABV Dark amber in colour, with a sweet and slightly spiced flavour and lengthy sweet finish.</p>	<p><b>LEŽÁK 11° SVĚTLÉ PIVO</b> PREMIUM LAGER 4.6% ABV A fine, grainy, generous malt texture performs effectively with a faint hoppiness and bittersweet finale.</p> <p><b>LEŽÁK 11° TMAVÉ PIVO</b> DARK BEER 4.3% ABV Deep amber is reflected in its head, with a caramel sweetness and delicate hop bitterness.</p>	<p><b>LOUNY SVĚTLÉ VÝČEPNÍ</b> PREMIUM LAGER 4.3% ABV An impressive head and a medium, vibrant maltiness, with dried fruit nuances and bittersweet finale.</p> <p><b>LOUNY TMAVÉ VÝČEPNÍ</b> DARK BEER 4.15% ABV Hoppily bitter aromas introduce a fine caramel malt centre with hints of spice and liquorice.</p>	<p><b>PLATAN JUBILEJNÍ</b> PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV Distinct hop aromas with fruit, grainy malt, toasted nut, and vanilla flavours, then honey sweetness.</p> <p><b>PLATAN JEDENÁCT</b> PILSNER 4.9% ABV A lightness of aroma steadies a maize-like delicate palate that finishes sharp and clean.</p>
BREWERY	<p><b>POLIČKA</b> Pivovarská 151, 572 14 Polička, Czech Republic www.pivovar-policka.cz</p> <p>The small walled town of Polička began brewing in the 16th century and has never stopped. Some of the equipment still in use at the brewery today date back to a 1865 rebuild.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> Beer is bottled unpasteurized, as is some cask production – well worth seeking out in its wide-ranging sales territory.</p>	<p><b>POUTNÍK</b> Pivovarská 856, 393 17 Pelhřimov, Czech Republic www.pivovar-poutnik.cz</p> <p>Centuries of brewing in Pelhřimov have earned this brewery a reputation for quality through progress, but it wasn't until 2003 that the new owners – the DUP Coop, adopted Poutník (Pilgrim) as the brewery's brand name. New methods, strategies, and recipe alterations were also introduced to concentrate output on unpasteurized beers in distinctive styles.</p>	<p><b>RYCHTÁŘ</b> Resslova 260, 539 01 Hlinsko v Čechách, Czech Republic www.rychtar.cz</p> <p>Beginning life in 1913 as the "Social Brewery", Rychtar has undergone impressive modernization at the hands of its current Czech investment group owners.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> A new fermenting cellar and microfiltration plant have improved levels of production quality, particularly for unpasteurized beers.</p>	<p><b>U FLEKŮ</b> Křemencová 11, 110 01 Prague 1, Czech Republic www.ufleku.cz</p> <p>A brewpub of wide renown, its restoration has remained true to its 1499 origins. The atmosphere is heightened by stained glass, stylish furniture, a picturesque courtyard, and Gothic vaulted beer halls.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> Traditional oak fermenters and stacked cooling vats are among the unusual brewery features.</p>
	<p><b>HRADEBNÍ SVĚTLÉ VÝČEPNÍ</b> PILSNER 3.9% ABV A bready aroma, thin body, but surprising level of caramel malt.</p> <p><b>OTAKAR SVĚTLÝ LEŽÁK</b> PREMIUM LAGER 4.2% ABV Microbiologically filtered to retain natural flavours of floral-to-fruity hop and bittersweet malt.</p>	<p><b>POUTNÍK PRÉMIUM 12°</b> PREMIUM LAGER 4.8% ABV Unmistakably malty, but well balanced with earthy notes, then a bittersweet aftertaste.</p> <p><b>POUTNÍK SPECIÁL 14°</b> PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV Fully rounded with plum-like aromas complementing a superbly malty body and bitter finish.</p>	<p><b>KLASIK 10°</b> PILSNER 4% ABV Often described as the brewery's "daily drinker", it is typically pale but malty and bittersweet.</p> <p><b>PRÉMIUM 12°</b> PREMIUM LAGER 5% ABV Distinctly malty, with a light natural carbonation and a developing, sharply-defined hop finish.</p>	<p><b>FLEKOVSKY TMAVÝ LEŽÁK</b> DARK BEER 5.5% ABV A classic dark lager – and one of the world's greats – unfiltered and complex, with roasted coffee and cream aromas meeting a bitter palate via spiced hop, then liquorice and coffee influences.</p>
BEER				



**Folk musicians** frequently entertain drinkers in the traditional bar-restaurants of Prague's Old Town.

## BEER TRAIL

# PRAGUE

The city of Prague is one of the world's greatest beer destinations. And where better to start a beer trail than in the Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí), location of the famous 15th-century Astronomical Clock – one of the world's oldest clocks still in working order. Many bars edge the square, each spilling out onto the pavements with seating and canopies.

A short walk away is the dramatic Powder Tower, built in 1475 on the site of one of Prague's 13 city gates. Nearby is the impressive 14th-century Charles Bridge. Walk over it and see Na Kampe, where Hollywood actor Tom Cruise, as Special Agent Ethan Hunt, blew up a car in the film *Mission Impossible 3*. Less frenetic than the Old Town side of the bridge, Na Kampe is home to several new bars that have recently opened in the area.



### OLD TOWN SQUARE

Here it is possible to sit outside and savour a beer, while watching the thousands of visitors who now flock to the Czech capital. Displays of folk dancing and music can often be enjoyed here too.



### U ZLATÉHO TYGRA

One of the Old Town's most atmospheric and oldest bars, U Zlatého Tygra is crowded with small tables, which always seem to be full with locals deep in energetic conversations – so be prepared to stand. It's a favourite of the writer and former Czech President Václav Havel, and President Clinton has also drunk here. The unfiltered Pilsner Urquell is said to be the best in Prague. *Husova 17, Prague*

## JOURNEY STATS

1 hour, plus drinking time  
3 miles (5 km)



### U PINKASŮ

In 1843 U Pinksů was the first bar in Prague to serve Pilsner Urquell, and it is still available today. The bar was saved from extinction in 2000, when it was extensively refurbished. A more recent refurbishment has opened up more of the building. *Jungmannovo nám, 16/15, Prague*



#### 4 NOVOMĚSTSKÝ PIVOVAR

An Art Deco-style entrance leads visitors down an alleyway of shops to this wood-paneled brewery, pub, and restaurant. Unfiltered light and dark beers are available. The food is unashamedly Czech, with specialities such as a goulash, tripe soup, and roast knuckle of pork. *Vodickova 20, Prague*

#### 15 PIVODUM

The Pivodum restaurant and bar is dominated by gleaming coppers. Traditional Czech beers are served, as well as other interesting brews, including a sour cherry beer, a coffee beer, and Samp – a beer champagne. Groups can order eight beers for the price of seven, and they are served in a large Giraffe-like container. A sample tray of eight beers is available too. *Ječná/Lípová 15, Prague*



#### 6 U FLEKŮ

Crowded it may be, a haunt of many tourists it certainly is, but U Fleků should not be missed. Brewing began here in 1499, and it is said to be the world's oldest brewpub. It comprises many large rooms, including one for a booming oompah band. It has a small museum and daily brewery tours. The superb house beer is Flekovsky tmavy lezáck, which comes in dark and light versions. *Kremencova 11, Prague*





BEERS TO TRAVEL FOR

**REST OF  
THE WORLD**

EUROPE • THE AMERICAS • ASIA • AUSTRALASIA • AFRICA



## REST OF THE WORLD

### EUROPE

- AUSTRIA** pp261–267
- CROATIA** p297
- CYPRUS** p303
- DENMARK** pp278–283
- ESTONIA** p300
- FINLAND** pp287–289
- FRANCE** pp256–260
- GREECE** p303
- HUNGARY** pp293–294
- ITALY** pp248–253
- LATVIA** p300
- LITHUANIA** p299
- LUXEMBOURG** p270
- MALTA** p303
- NETHERLANDS** pp272–276
- NORWAY** pp283–285
- POLAND** pp291–292
- PORTUGAL** pp302–303
- ROMANIA** p295
- RUSSIA** pp298–299
- SERBIA** p295
- SLOVAKIA** p293
- SLOVENIA** p297
- SPAIN** p302
- SWEDEN** pp285–287
- SWITZERLAND** pp268–269
- UKRAINE** pp297–298

### THE AMERICAS

- ARGENTINA** pp314–315
- BRAZIL** p315
- CANADA** pp306–311
- CUBA** p313
- JAMAICA** p313
- MAURITIUS** p313
- MEXICO** p314
- PERU** p314
- TRINIDAD** p313

### ASIA

- CHINA** p323
- INDIA** p326
- INDONESIA** p326
- JAPAN** pp317–321
- LAOS** p325
- MONGOLIA** p324
- SINGAPORE** p325
- SOUTH KOREA** p324
- SRI LANKA** p326
- THAILAND** pp324–325
- VIETNAM** p325

### AFRICA

- SOUTH AFRICA** p327

### AUSTRALASIA

- AUSTRALIA** p328–333
- NEW ZEALAND** p333–336



Beba, Italy



Hue, Vietnam



Stiegl, Austria



Fat Cat, Canada



Desnoes and Geddes, Jamaica



Quilmes, Argentina



# REST OF THE WORLD

The world of beer is expanding. Markets are growing in territories less associated with brewing, but of more interest are the nations where craft brewing is burgeoning. Italy is one of the most interesting of these: not only are its brewers producing flavour-rich, experimental beers, but they are also showing how to market beer in elegantly designed bottles. This is true, to some extent, in Denmark and Scandinavia too, while over in East Asia, Japan is developing great variants of European beers, with their own, quirky take on classic design.



**32 VIA DEI BIRRAI**

Via Cal Lusent 41, 31040 Onigo di Pederobba (TV), Italy  
www.32viadeibirrai.com

Born into a brewing family, Belgian-Italian Fabiano Toffoli founded his microbrewery in 2006 after working as a brewer and a brewing consultant.

**BREWING SECRET** Toffoli brews with pure water from several sources to lend distinct characteristics to different beers; the hops are from Poperinge.

**ALMOND 22**

Via Dietro le Mura 36/38, 65010 Spoltore (PE), Italy  
www.birraalmond.com

This microbrewery was founded in 2003, in the seaside town of Pescara, by Swedish-Italian Jurij Ferri. He brews highly praised ales inspired by British and Belgian styles, as well as some original, experimental beers that use local ingredients.

**LE BALADIN**

Piazza V Luglio 15, 12060 Piozzo (CN), Italy  
www.birreria.com

Charismatic, pioneering Teo Musso is internationally known as one of the most creative brewers in the world. He has turned beer into a type of wine and created beer truffles – not even he knows what he will do next.

**BREWING SECRET** Musso plays music to his yeasts during the fermentation process, believing that they respond.

**BARLEY**

Via C. Colombo, 09040 Maracalagonis (CA), Sardinia, Italy  
www.barley.it

Skilful home brewer Nicola Perra established this microbrewery in 2006 in southern Sardinia, challenging the mass-market lagers so popular in the region (consumption here is the highest in Italy).

**BREWING SECRET** Local ingredients such as Sardinian wine wort and organic honey are used in the ales.

**OPPALE**

BELGIAN BLOND ALE 5.5% ABV  
Refreshing, easy-to-drink, cloudy ale with a very pleasant dry, bitter finish of chives.

**AUDACE**

BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE 8.4% ABV  
Strong golden ale, rich in ester flavours. Warming, spicy, and dry, with a long, bitter, citrusy finish.

**TORBATA**

BARLEY WINE 8.7% ABV  
Peated ale with a smoky flavour similar to a Scotch whisky. Easy to drink despite its strength.

**FARROTTA**

SPELT WHEAT ALE 5.7% ABV  
Cloudy golden ale brewed using barley and locally grown spelt; easy-drinking and thirst-quenching.

**XYAUYÙ**

BARLEY WINE 12% ABV  
Radical oxidation gives “solera” sherry-like favours. A flat, warming, velvety nightcap. A masterpiece.

**NORA**

SPICED ALE 6.8% ABV  
Inspired by ancient Egypt, using kamut grains, ginger, and myrrh. A balsamic bitterness comes from Ethiopian resins.

**TOCCADIBÒ**

GOLDEN STRONG ALE 8.4% ABV  
A warming ale; spicy, hoppy and dry, with intriguing bitter-almond notes of amaretto.

**BB 10**

BARLEY WINE 10% ABV  
A unique brew made with *sapa*, the boiled wort of local Cannonau grapes. A highly distinctive nightcap.

**BEBA**

Viale Italia 11,  
10069 Villar Perosa (TO), Italy  
[www.birrabeba.it](http://www.birrabeba.it)

Pioneering brothers Alessandro and Enrico Borio brew a wide range of regular and seasonal lagers at their microbrewery founded in 1996 near Turin. The adjoining tap-room serves all the house beers on draught along with excellent food. The local speciality is *gofri*, a crisp unleavened bread stuffed with cheeses, cured meats or preserves.

**MOTOR OIL**

STRONG DARK LAGER 8% ABV  
Ebony-coloured, with strong notes of liquorice and roasted coffee, beans and a long, bitter finish. As viscous as its namesake.

**TALCO**

RYE LAGER 4.2% ABV  
Seasonal "rye weizen-lager" is a thirst-quenching treat on a hot summer afternoon.

**BIRRA DEL BORGO**

Via del Colle Rosso,  
02021 Borgorose (RI), Italy  
[www.birradelborgo.it](http://www.birradelborgo.it)

Birra del Borgo was founded in 2005 by former homebrewer Leonardo Di Vincenzo. Having learned his trade at a brewpub in Rome, he established his own in a small village around 100 km (60 miles) from the capital. Here, he brews fine ales, often inspired by British styles, and also experiments with unusual ingredients such as tobacco, tea leaves, and gentian roots.

**KETO REPORTER**

TOBACCO PORTER 5.5% ABV  
Kentucky Toscano tobacco leaves are infused in this smoky, peppery porter. Surprisingly easy to drink.

**RE ALE EXTRA**

IPA 6.4% ABV  
Generously hopped with Amarillo and Warrior; well balanced, with sweet caramel and fruity notes.

**BIRRIFICIO ITALIANO**

Via Castello 51, 22070 Lurago  
Marinon (CO), Italy  
[www.birrificio.it](http://www.birrificio.it)

Agostino Arioli founded his renowned brewpub in 1994 with his brother Stefano and other friends. His pils and bock soon became cult favourites. He brews a large range of seasonal beers such as a sparkling blackcurrant lager and a cask-conditioned ale spiced with cinnamon and ginger. The restaurant serves great regional food and has live music.

**SCIROS**

CHERRY ALE 7% ABV  
Whole black Vignola cherries, lactic bacteria, wild yeast, and wood chips create this fantastic sour beer.

**FLEURETTE**

FLAVOURED LIGHT ALE 3.7% ABV  
Made with barley, wheat, and rye, and flavoured with rose and violet petals, elderberry juice, black pepper, and citrus honey.

**THE BEST-KNOWN ITALIAN BEERS**

Despite the booming micro market, Italy's most popular beers are still mass-market, multinational lagers from foreign-owned groups.

Heineken Italia owns the Dreher, Von Wunster, and Prinz brands, as well as Birra Moretti from Udine, with its classic Moretti, pure malt Baffo d'Oro, and deep amber La Rossa. SAB Miller controls Whürer and, most importantly, the renowned Peroni brewery in Rome, home to the iconic Birra Peroni, Nastro Azzurro, the most famous Italian beer, and the acclaimed pure malt Peroni Gran Riserva.

Carlsberg Italia has Splügen and Birra Poretti, brewing Poretti Premium and both Blonde and Red Bock 1877.

The only large independent Italian producer is Forst, a family company that brews straightforward lagers as well as quality beers such as VIP Pils and the doppelbock Sixtus. Forst also controls the renowned Menabrea brand, with its flagship Menabrea 150° Anniversario.

Unionbirrai, the Italian union of small craft brewers, was formed in 1998 to help small brewers survive as independents.

**BIRRA PERONI (LAGER)**

4.7% ABV *left*

**PERONI NASTRO AZZURRO (PREMIUM PILSENER)**

5.1% ABV *centre*

**BIRRA MORETTI (LAGER)**

4.6% ABV *right*

**MORETTI LA ROSSA (AMBER STRONG LAGER 7.2% ABV)****MENABREA 150° ANNIVERSARIO (PREMIUM LAGER 4.8% ABV)**

**BRÜTON**

Via Lodovica 5135, 55100 San Cassiano di Moriano (LU), Italy  
www.bruton.it

Named, they say, after the beer made by the Minoans of ancient Crete, this stylish Tuscan brewpub offers good regional food and interesting ales, bearing a logo of the minotaur, created by young former home brewer Alessio Gatti.

**CITABIUNDA**

Via Moniprandi 1/a Fraz. Bricco di Neive, 12052 Neive (CN), Italy  
www.birrificiocitabiunda.it

Brewpub Citabiunda ("blonde girl" in the local dialect) is set in a charming former village schoolhouse in high Piedmont. It offers original, intriguing beers and home-cooked food.

**BREWING SECRET** Marco Marengo, who was taught the art of brewing by Teo Musso of Le Baladin, uses Champagne yeasts to create his distinctive brews.

**CITTAVECCHIA**

Z.A. Stazione di Prosecco 29/E, 34010 Sgonico (TS), Italy  
www.cittavecchia.com

Cittavecchia was founded in 1999 in this wine-producing village between Trieste and the Slovenian border. Former home brewer Michele Barro was compelled by his passion for good beer to leave his job as designer and take up brewing full time. Now his lagers and ales are sold in the region's best restaurants and bars.

**DUCATO**

Via Strepponi 50/A, 43010 Roncole Verdi di Busseto (PR), Italy  
www.birrificiodelducato.it

Young brewer Giovanni Campari set up his microbrewery in 2007 near Giuseppe Verdi's birthplace, not far from Parma. He proved his skills from the outset, brewing four beers full of character. Further new lines are confirming Ducato as one of the most promising Italian craft breweries.

**MOMUS**

**STRONG AMBER ALE 7.5% ABV**  
Inspired by Belgian abbey ales with a touch of local *millefiori* (thousand-flower) honey. An easy-drinking ale despite its strength.

**LILITH**

**AMERICAN PALE ALE 5.5% ABV**  
Well balanced, rich in caramel notes, with grapefruit flavours from a generous amount of Cascade hops.

**BIANCANEIVE**

**BELGIAN WITBIER 4.8% ABV**  
Strongly spiced wheat beer, easy to drink, refreshing, and thirst-quenching, with flowery notes from the Champagne yeasts.

**SENSUALE**

**BELGIAN ABBEY AMBER ALE 7% ABV**  
Well-balanced strong ale, rich in vinous and citrus fruit notes; sweet right through to the aftertaste.

**FORMIDABILE**

**STRONG DARK ALE 8% ABV**  
Strong, fruity, Belgian-style ale with liquorice notes. George Simenon's sleuth Maigret drank his beer from a *formidabile* litre (two-pint) tankard.

**SAN NICOLÒ**

**SPICED ALE 6% ABV**  
Amber ale, generously spiced with cardamom, brewed once a year for Saint Nicholas's Day.

**NEW MORNING**

**SAISON 5.6% ABV**  
Amazing *saison*, flavoured with camomile flowers. Easy-drinking and thirst-quenching, with lovely earthy notes.

**AFO**

**AMERICAN PALE ALE 5.2% ABV**  
AFO means "Ale For the Obsessed" and is dedicated to hop lovers. Nice citrus fruit aromas, caramel notes.



**GRADO PLATO**

Viale Fasano 36/bis,  
10023 Chieri (TO), Italy  
[www.gradoplato.it](http://www.gradoplato.it)

This brewpub near Turin was founded in 2003 by former home brewer Sergio Ormea. His son Gabriele helps him run the pub, which is well known for its food – notably snails cooked in over 20 different ways!

**BREWING SECRET** Regional produce, such as chestnuts and barley, feature strongly in these inventive, eclectic ales.

**LAMBRATE**

Via Adelchi 5, 20131 Milano, Italy  
[www.birrificiolambrate.com](http://www.birrificiolambrate.com)

The first (and still the best) brewpub in Milan, founded in 1996 by brothers Davide and Giampaolo Sangiorgi and their friend Fabio Brocca after a visit to 't IJ Brewery in Amsterdam. They have recently expanded production, adding some new interesting ales. The menu features some creative beer-influenced dishes, such as pork cooked in beer mash.

**L'OLMAIA**

Strada Foce e Fornace 22,  
Podere Olmaia, 53042  
Chianciano Terme (SI), Italy  
[www.birrificiolmaia.com](http://www.birrificiolmaia.com)

A tiny, pretty microbrewery founded in 2005 near Siena, in the green and leafy Val d'Orcia. Young, enthusiastic brewer Moreno Ercolani creates intriguing, natural ales with passion, often using local produce, such as honey from the elms that grow profusely here (*olmaia* means elm).

**MALTUS FABER**

Via Fegino 3,  
16131 Genova-Rivarolo, Italy  
[www.maltusfaber.com](http://www.maltusfaber.com)

This brand new microbrewery is located on the industrial archeological site of a former brewery in Genoa. It was founded by two friends, Fausto Marengo, a former home brewer, and Massimo Versaci, a well-known collector of "breweriana". Inspired by a love of Belgium, they brew clean, interesting, and promising ales.

**CHOCARRUBICA**

COFFEE-CHOCOLATE STOUT 7% ABV  
An original brew, featuring cocoa and carob beans from Sicily. Soft and velvety on the palate.

**STRADA SAN FELICE**

CHESTNUT STRONG LAGER 8% ABV  
Dark, strong lager made with local nuts, giving a gentle smoked aroma and a marked taste of chestnuts, with a slightly bitter finish.

**GHISA**

SMOKED ALE 5% ABV  
Ebony in colour with a "cappuccino" foam; lighty smoked, easy to drink, and balanced, with plum notes and a long, hoppy finish.

**MONTESTELLA**

BLOND ALE 4.9% ABV  
Their flagship ale; pale, with fresh aromas of hay and hops with a long, dry finish cleansing the palate.

**PVK**

BELGIAN WITBIER 6% ABV  
Easy-drinking blond ale brewed with durum wheat, barley, oats, red pepper, coriander, and orange rind.

**CHRISTMAS DUCK**

BELGIAN STRONG DARK ALE 8.5% ABV  
Remarkable seasonal winter warmer using local elm-tree honey that gives bittersweet and fruity notes.

**AMBRATA**

BELGIAN AMBER ALE 6.5% ABV  
Rich in caramel and nutty notes, well balanced, with a long, dry, and bitter finish.

**BRUNE**

BELGIAN STRONG DARK ALE 8% ABV  
Complex dark ale with strong coffee, chocolate, and liquorice. Dry enough to be easily drinkable despite its strength.

**MONTEGIOCO**

Frazione Fabbrica 1,  
15050 Montegioco (AL), Italy  
[www.birrificioMontegioco.com](http://www.birrificioMontegioco.com)

Riccardo Franzosi, who left a secure job in the family building firm to assemble his own beers, is one of the most eclectic brewers in Italy. He brews a wide range of regular and seasonal ales, using local products – cherries, peaches, and blueberries.

**BREWING SECRET** The coriander he uses comes from his neighbour's garden.

**PANIL (TORRECHIARA)**

Strada Pilastro 35/a,  
43010 Torrechiara (PR), Italy  
[www.panilbeer.com](http://www.panilbeer.com)

Renzo Losi, a biology graduate, got his brewing break in 2000, when his winemaker father gave him permission to make beer at the family's vineyard estate, south of Parma.

**BREWING SECRET** The links with the family winemaking tradition are retained in the use of oak barrels and *spumante* yeasts.

**PICCOLO BIRRIFICIO**

Via iv Novembre 20,  
18035 Apricale (IM), Italy  
[www.piccolobirrificio.com](http://www.piccolobirrificio.com)

This microbrewery, founded in 2005, is housed in a former olive-oil mill in the lovely medieval village of Apricale, near the French border. Brewer Lorenzo Bottoni produces a range of fine ales under the brand name of Nüa ("naked"), including some amazing brews using unusual local fruits and plants.

**SCARAMPOLA**

Loc. Monastero 9,  
17017 Millesimo (SV), Italy

Founded in 2004 in the cellars of an old mansion, this brewpub has now moved to a charming nearby abbey. Brewer Maurizio Ghidetti likes to use local ingredients such as chestnuts and chinotto fruits. Beers are available on draught in the tap room Osteria del Vino Cattivo in nearby Cairo Montenotte.

**DOLII RAPTOR**

STRONG ALE 8.5% ABV

Matured in Barbera wine barrels for over six months, then re-fermented with white wine yeasts.

**QUARTA RUNA**

SOUR PEACH ALE 7% ABV

Volpedo peaches are heated in an oven before fermentation for extra "peachiness". The sourness comes from wild yeasts on the peach skins.

**PANIL BARRIQUÉE SOUR**

FLEMISH SOUR RED 8% ABV

The flagship ale, barrel-aged for three months. Sour, vinous, and uncompromising.

**DIVINA**

WILD BEER 5.5% ABV

Spontaneously fermented by being left, uncovered, on the back of a truck in a field overnight. Sweet-sour, yeasty, and citrusy.

**SESONETTE**

BELGIAN SAISON 6.5% ABV

Matured in Chardonnay barrels with spices and local chinotto peel (from a small, bitter citrus fruit).

**CHIOSTRO**

SPICED ALE 5% ABV

Spiced with *Artemisia absinthium* (wormwood), then fermented with Trappist yeasts, giving complex and unique aromas and flavours.

**IPA**

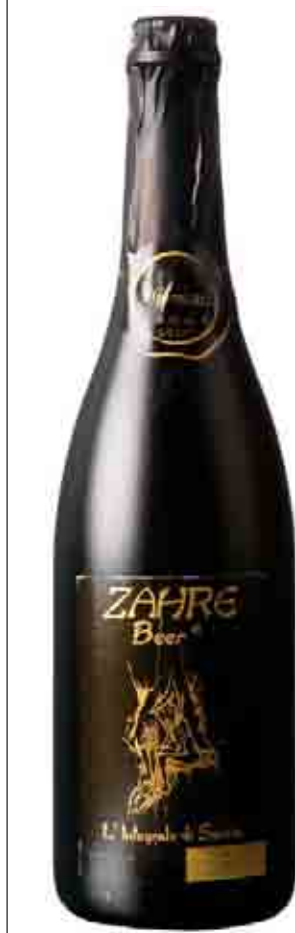
FRUIT BEER 7.6% ABV

In this case IPA doesn't mean India Pale Ale but Italian Pompelmo (grapefruit) Ale. Grapefruit peel and Cascade hops are used.

**NIVURA**

CHESTNUT ALE 7.5% ABV

A new style, very popular in Italy. Smoked notes from chestnuts dried in traditional stoves called *tecci*.



## MORE BEERS OF ITALY

Italy has a growing band of small-batch, craft producers who are experimenting with many ingredients and methods.

### BI-DU

Via Confine 26,  
22070 Rodero (CO), Italy  
[www.bi-du.it](http://www.bi-du.it)

This brewpub was founded in 2002 in the tiny village of Rodero, close to the Swiss border. It takes its name from a Sumerian beer used to pay workers. Beppe Vento is one of the best, and most awarded, brewers in Italy.

**BREWING SECRET** Vento brews beers only in styles that he personally loves.

### MOSTO DOLCE

Via Fra' Bartolomeo 211,  
59100 Prato, Italy  
[www.mostodolce.it](http://www.mostodolce.it)

This microbrewery was founded in 2003 by Francesca Torri and Elio Dall'Era. Francesca is the brewer, creating her successful range of lagers and ales with passion. There are two beautiful tap rooms in which to sample her brews, one in Prato (Via dell'Arco 6) and the other in Florence (Via Nazionale 114 R).

### KÖLSCH

KÖLSCH 5% ABV

A cloudy, fresh digestif with a lovely touch of bitterness; typical of the brewer's philosophy.

### ARTIGIANALE

BITTER ALE 6.2% ABV

A celebrated strong bitter ale, with a good balance between malts and hops, and a long, bitter finish.

### BOCK

BOCK 6.3% ABV

An award-winner, brewed with five different malts and generously hopped for a good balance.

### MARTELLINA

CHESTNUT HONEY ALE 7.3% ABV

Uncompromising, strong, but very drinkable amber ale with a great punch coming from the flavour of local chestnut honey.

### TROLL

Strada valle Grande 15/A,  
12019 Vernante (CN), Italy  
[www.birratroll.it](http://www.birratroll.it)

Beer enthusiast Alberto Canavese transformed his bar, set in a charming alpine village, into a brewpub in 2002. Brewer Daniele Meinero is well known for the unusual herbs and spices he adds to his ales.

**BREWING SECRET** Meinero was trained by radical brewer Teo Musso of Le Balandin in Piozzo.

### ZAHRE

Via Razzo 50,  
33020 Sauris di Sopra (UD), Italy  
[www.zahrebeer.com](http://www.zahrebeer.com)

Sauris, a mountain village in the Friuli region close to the Austrian and Slovenian borders, was known as Zahre in ancient times. Sandro Petris who founded his microbrewery in 1999, is able to use the purest, freshest mountain spring water for his highly appreciated lagers.

### VECCHIO BIRRAIO

Via Caselle 87, 3510 Marsango di Campo S. Martino (PD), Italy  
[www.vecchiobirraio.it](http://www.vecchiobirraio.it)

Beer enthusiast pioneer Stefano Sausa founded his family brewery in 1995 not far from Padua with the goal to brew tasty, natural, and genuine craft beers without any adjunct. Good food alongside fine lagers and ales seem to be the secret of this successful brewpub.

### VILLA POLA

Via Batt. S. Pomini 3,  
41050 Barcon di Vedelago (TV), Italy  
[www.villapola.com](http://www.villapola.com)

This brewpub, founded in 2002 not far from Treviso, is in the spectacular setting of an 18th-century villa. Skilful brewer, Paolo de Martin, is a great lover of German beers, and brews his ales accordingly.

**BREWING SECRET** De Martin was the first Italian brewer to produce a chestnut beer.

### PALANFRINA

CHESTNUT ALE 9% ABV

Intense flavour from local chestnuts, used in several different ways, such as dried, smoked, and in the form of chestnut honey.

### SHANGRILA

SPICED ALE 8.5% ABV

A deep amber ale enlivened with a Himalayan blend of spices, giving exotic aromas and flavours.

### AFFUMICATA

SMOKED LAGER 6% ABV

A deep red, well rounded lager full of smoked barley malt aroma. Perfect with the acclaimed local crudo ham.

### CANAPA

FLAVOURED LAGER 5% ABV

A surprisingly elegant, delicate, easy-drinking lager flavoured with local Carmagnola hemp flowers.

### SAUSA PILS

PILSNER 5% ABV

Flagship of the brewery, awarded pils from Bohemian inspiration, with dry and long hoppy finish.

### BLACK HORSE

FOREIGN EXTRA STOUT 6.5% ABV

Full-bodied strong stout with pleasant notes of coffee, chocolate and dried fruit.

### POLA PILS

PILSNER 4.7% ABV

Lovely, well-balanced, quenching, clean pils in the German style, with a long, dry, and hoppy finish.

### SOCI'S SCHWARZ

GERMAN SCHWARZBIER 4% ABV

Based on a recipe from the Soci dea Bira home-brew society. Well hopped, with coffee, dried fruits, plums, chocolate, and liquorice.

BREWERY

BEER

BREWERY

BEER



## ALL ABOUT ...

## FLAVOURINGS

The *Reinheitsgebot* dictates that German brewers use only malt, hops, yeast, and water for their beers. But cross the border into Belgium and the shelves of a native brewhouse will groan under the weight of jars of spices and herbs. Crushed coriander seeds and dried orange peel add spicy and rich citrus notes to a witbier such as Hoegaarden, while ginger, aniseed, cumin, and star anise also find their way into

various brews. Eclectic brewer Dany Prignon at Fantôme plays around with oregano – no doubt that beer is great with pizza.

There are even Belgian beers brewed with tea, honey, and mustard.

Herbal flavourings have a long history in brewing: before hops, brewers in the British Isles experimented with sweet gale, wild rosemary, ground ivy, and bog myrtle. In northern Europe, the mixture of herbs used for flavouring beer was called “gruit”.

And, as European countries colonized the world, all sorts of spices were brought back, and it was only natural that some, such as ginger, ended up in the brewing kettle.

Contemporary use of flavourings is on the increase, and is no longer confined to Belgian mavericks like Prignon. For example, Scottish brewmaster Bruce Williams has brought back to life heather ale – an ancient style of beer that was brewed by the Picts, while Italian brewers are experimenting with chestnuts, myrrh, and tobacco.



## HEATHER

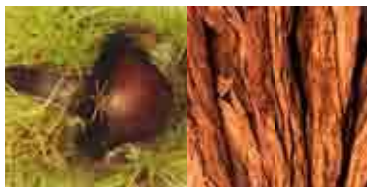
Scottish heather flowers are used in the boil alongside a minimum of hops to create the Williams Brothers' Fraoch. The ale has an almost peaty, floral nose and dry, astringent finish.



## GINGER, MYRRH, AND HONEY

Brewers in Italy are getting somewhat spicy with the fruits of their labours. Le Baladin's Nora contains ginger root and myrrh, while heather honey goes into the brewery's Erika. Honey is also a traditional ingredient of some Belgian beers, such as Binchoise's Bière des Ours.





### CHESTNUTS AND TOBACCO

Strada San Felice from Grado has chestnuts in their brew, while Birra del Borgo's Keto Reporter uses Kentucky Toscano tobacco leaves to help give their porter a peppery character.



### COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE

The ever-inventive Meantime Brewery of London has produced beers with Fairtrade coffee beans in the mix. In the USA, Rogue Ales Chocolate Stout is a chocoholic's delight. Both coffee and chocolate harmonize beautifully with similar notes in the malts of these dark beers.



**GOOSEBERRIES, PINE, AND SEAWEEED** Williams Brothers of Scotland brews beers made with gooseberries and bog myrtle; Scots pine and spruce shoots; and bladderwrack seaweed.



**NOUGAT** France's Bourganell Brewery produces artisan beers using regional ingredients, such as chestnuts and bilberries, and nougat from Montélimar, which lends an almond flavour to the beer.

**ANNOEULLIN**

5 Grand Place,  
59112 Annoeullin, France  
brasserie.annoeullin@wanadoo.fr

Established in 1905, this tiny brewery is run by the Lepers family, brewers for five generations. Their most well-known beer features a reproduction of Jean-François Millet's masterpiece *L'Angelus* (1857) on its label. It is a jewel of the northern French style of long-matured beers known as *bière de garde* (beer for keeping).

**AU BARON**

2 rue du Piémont,  
59570 Gussignies, France  
aubaron@wanadoo.fr

Set on a riverbank in a charming valley, this microbrewery and restaurant has been owned by the Bailleux family since the 1970s. It's a delightful place, where you can take a tour of the brewery, dine on grilled meat or fish, and sample beers such as the *Cuvée des Jonquilles* – a brew as golden as the daffodils after which it is named.

**BOURGANEL**

7 avenue Claude Expilly,  
07600 Vals les Bains, France  
www.bieres-bourganel.com

In 1997 Christian Bourganel, a drinks distributor in the Ardèche, decided to develop a range of blonde artisan beers flavoured with regional produce.

**BREWING SECRET** Unusual ingredients include chestnuts (*marrons*), bilberries (*myrtilles*), nougat from Montélimar and Verveine du Velay liqueur, which is flavoured with verbena.

**CASTELAIN**

13 rue Pasteur,  
62410 Bénifontaine, France  
www.chti.com

Founded in 1926, this family brewery was passed into the hands of Yves and Annick Castelain from their parents in 1978. Under the name of Ch'ti (local patois for a northerner), they have developed a range of strong, mellow lager beers with a long, cold secondary fermentation period.

**L'ANGELUS**

WHEAT BEER 7% ABV

Rich, smooth, and wonderfully aromatic, with hints of coriander and a syrup sweetness.

**CUVÉE DES JONQUILLES**

ALE 5% ABV

Strong but thirst-quenching, this ale is packed with delicious flavours of citrus and exotic fruits.

**BOURGANEL AU NOUGAT**

FLAVOURED LAGER 5% ABV

An amazing nougat bouquet and, in the mouth, the flavour of grilled almonds.

**BOURGANEL AUX MARRONS**

FLAVOURED LAGER 5% ABV

An amber beer; elegant, very fruity and refreshing, with a hint of vanilla as well as chestnut.

**MALTESSE**

PREMIUM LAGER 7.7% ABV

Blonde, rich, and strong, with a taste of barley, and an appealing hint of bitterness in the finish.

**CH'TI BLONDE**

LAGER 6.4% ABV

Full-bodied, with just enough bitterness to be very refreshing. Mellow and tasty.



### LA CHOULETTE

18 rue des Écoles,  
59111 Hordain, France  
[www.lachoulette.com](http://www.lachoulette.com)

Founded in 1885, this farmhouse brewery is a rare survivor from the thousands of breweries that existed in the region in the late 19th century. Alain Dhaussy, the current brewer, has succeeded in creating artisan beers of real quality, faithful to the traditions of northern France, but with a real sense of innovation too.

#### CHOULETTE FRAMBOISE

FRUIT BEER 6% ABV

Refreshing, with a slight sourness. The note of ripe raspberries is present, but not too intrusive.

#### PORTE DU HAINAUT AMBRÉE

AMBER ALE 7% ABV

Medium-bodied fruity beer, with flavours of cooked apples, pears, and caramel; slight bitterness.



### COREFF

2 place de la Gare,  
29270 Carhaix, France  
[www.coreff.com](http://www.coreff.com)

This Breton brewery's foundation, in Morlaix in 1985, pioneered the revival of artisan breweries in France. Now in Carhaix, in central Brittany, it produces British-style real ales (stout and porter are in the range), but wheat and blonde beers are also made here. BREWING SECRET All of Coreff's beers are unpasteurized and unfiltered.

#### COREFF AMBRÉE

AMBER ALE 5% ABV

Deep, appealing ale with notes of brown sugar, toasted malt and caramel, and a good bitterness in the finish. A classic since 1985.



### DUYCK

113 route Nationale, 59144 Jenlain, France  
[www.duyck.com](http://www.duyck.com)

Originally a farmhouse brewery, Duyck was established in 1922, producing beers in the northern *bière de garde* style – brewed and bottled in the winter for laying down and drinking in the summer. In the 1950s, the family began bottling their beers in recycled champagne bottles. Raymond Duyck, the present manager, is the fourth generation of this family of brewers.

#### JENLAIN AMBRÉE

AMBER ALE 7.5% ABV

Full bodied, with a hint of bitterness, the mellowness of roasted malt and aromas of stewed prunes and caramel. A perfect accompaniment to food, but also an ingredient in rustic local dishes such as *Carbonnade Flamande* (beef cooked in beer).



### FISCHER

7 route de Bischwiller,  
67300 Schiltigheim, France  
[www.heineken-entreprise.fr](http://www.heineken-entreprise.fr)

Founded in 1822, this industrial brewery has for many years been an icon of Alsace beer, with its logo of a little fisherman drinking from a huge glass. Fischer was acquired by Heineken in 1996, and lost its autonomous status ten years later. Malt whisky, which is avidly consumed in France, is a key flavouring in Fischer's Adelscott beer.

#### ADELSCOTT

LAGER 5.8% ABV

Reddish-brown in colour, combining caramel notes with the aroma of peat smoke, and with a sweet finish. Refreshing, however.

**GAYANT**

63 Faubourg de Paris,  
59500 Douai, France  
[www.brasseurs-gayant.com](http://www.brasseurs-gayant.com)

Established in 1919, this independent, family-owned brewery has always embraced and pioneered new styles of brewing, from ales made using the top-fermentation technique, to Celta, the first non-alcoholic beer.

**BREWING SECRET** Brasseurs de Gayant brews the strongest beer in France, called Bière du Démon (12% ABV).

**KRONENBOURG**

67 route d'Oberhausbergen,  
67037 Strasbourg, France  
[www.brasseries-kronenbourg.com](http://www.brasseries-kronenbourg.com)

A tiny Strasbourg brewpub, opened in 1664, grew to become France's largest brewery in the 20th century, a feat achieved by selling refreshing lager beer at low prices all over the world. Nowadays its sales have declined somewhat, and it is owned by the Danish Carlsberg group.

**1664**

**SPECIAL LAGER** 5.5% ABV  
A smooth, golden, and refreshing lager: slightly bitter on the palate and with hints of malt.

**BLANC**

**WHEAT BEER** 5% ABV  
Fresh and fruity notes and a touch of coriander make for a crisp and refreshing beer.

**LANCELOT**

La Mine d'Or,  
56460 Le Roc Saint-André, France  
[www.brasserie-lancelot.com](http://www.brasserie-lancelot.com)

Established in 1990, and now housed in the buildings of a 19th-century gold mine, Lancelot creates beers that are – in their names and imagery on the labels at least – linked to Breton and Celtic traditions, and Arthurian legends. Lancelot's production methods, however, are very much in the mould of Belgian beermaking.

**MORGANE**

**ALE** 5.5% ABV  
This organic beer is pleasantly refreshing and light in style.

**CERVOISE**

**ALE** 6% ABV  
The colour is amber, the flavour fruity and malty beer, with hints of honey and spices.

**BRASSEURS DE LORRAINE**

3 rue du Bois le Prêtre,  
54700 Pont à Mousson, France  
[www.brasseurs-lorraine.com](http://www.brasseurs-lorraine.com)

In 2003, three dynamic young partners opened a new brewery in the heart of the Lorraine region, in northeast France. Their aim was to revive a regional tradition of beermaking that had almost entirely died out there. The brewery now produces six main brands, all of them in distinct styles.

**ABBAYE DES PRÉMONTRÉS**

**ABBEY BEER** 6% ABV  
Amber, malty in taste, but with a delicate bitterness. Stewed fruits and caramel in the finish.

**DUCHESSE DE LORRAINE**

**RED BEER** 5.5% ABV  
Malty, spicy, and with a hint of dried fruits, this beer is made using an 18th-century recipe.

**METEOR**

6 rue du Général Lebocq,  
67270 Hochfelden, France  
[www.brasserie-meteor.fr](http://www.brasserie-meteor.fr)

Brewing on the same site since 1640, Meteor is now the longest-established independent family brewery in France. Alsace traditions are in evidence, but Meteor also develops new beer styles.

**BREWING SECRET** Meteor was the first French brewery to be granted the rights to use the term "Pils", by the Czech authorities in 1927.

**METEOR PILS**

PILS LAGER 5% ABV

A classic blond Pilsener beer. Unpasteurized, it is smooth, very malty, and has a good bitterness. Very refreshing.

**MICHARD**

6 place Denis Dussoubs,  
87000 Limoges, France

Jean Michard was a pioneer in the revival of artisan brewing in France, opening his first brewpub in 1987 in Limoges. Using Bavarian styles, he and his daughter Julie develop fine beers in traditional ways, by hand, and with no use of electronics. Rare and hard to acquire, these beers are sold only at the brewpub.

**MICHARD AMBRÉE**

BAVARIAN 5.5% ABV

Brilliant copper colour; very smooth on the palate, with a light sourness and bitterness in the finish.

**PIETRA**

Route de la Marana,  
20600 Furiani, France  
[www.brasseriepietra.com](http://www.brasseriepietra.com)

The first Corsican brewery in history opened in 1996. Brewers Armelle and Dominique Sialelli use raw materials native to the island, such as *maquis* herbs and chestnut flour, which forms an ingredient rather than just a flavouring in their Pietra beer. *Biera Corsa* has been a great success, both in Corsica and overseas.

**COLOMBA**

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV

Very fresh and sharp, with unusual aromas of arbutus, myrtle, and juniper. A refreshing summer beer.

**PIETRA**

AMBER LAGER 6% ABV

Elegant flavours of toasted malts, nuttiness, and a slight bitterness.

**ROUGET DE LISLE**

Rue des Vernes,  
39140 Bletterans, France  
[www.larougetdelisle.com](http://www.larougetdelisle.com)

Opened in 2002, and named after the locally born composer of *The Marseillaise*, this brewery develops up to 15 new beers each year, some of them using local ingredients instead of hops for their bitter notes.

**BREWING SECRET** Among the ingredients used to replace hops are wormwood, dandelion, blackcurrant, and gentian.

**FOURCHE DU DIABLE**

LAGER 5.4% ABV

Amber in colour; aromas of spring flowers and an unusual bitter note contributed by gentian roots.

**ABISINTHE**

LAGER 6% ABV

Golden and very refreshing, with aromas of mint, balm, and the special bitterness of wormwood.

**SAINT GERMAIN**

26 route d'Arras,  
62160 Aix-Noulette, France  
[www.page24.fr](http://www.page24.fr)

Two young but experienced brewers opened this brewery in 2003, with top-fermentation beers in the *bière de garde* style. One takes its name from Saint Hildegard, a German abbess of the 11th century, who is often (though incorrectly) credited with the introduction of hops into the beer-making process.

**ST-SYLVESTRE**

121 rue de la Chapelle,  
59114 St-Sylvestre-Cappel, France  
[www.brasserie-st-sylvestre.com](http://www.brasserie-st-sylvestre.com)

There has been a brewery in this small Flemish village since 1789. The Ricour family has brewed traditional beers, using barley malts and hops, for many generations.

**BREWING SECRET** Three different strains of yeast are used to develop strong and rich aromas in the beers.

**THEILLIER**

11 rue de la Grande Chaussée,  
59570 Bavay, France

In this small town near Valenciennes, the Theilliers have been brewing since 1832. Very little has changed since then, in fact – from the equipment used to the art of brewing one of the most splendid French beers.

**BREWING SECRETS** A very long cooking time, in old copper kettles, is one of the secrets of Michel Theillier, the current brewer.

**THIRIEZ**

22 rue de Wormhout,  
59470 Esquelbecq, France  
<http://brasseriethiriez.iffrance.com>

From working as a manager in a food distribution company, Daniel Thiriez changed his life to become an artisan brewer. He established his brewery on an old farm in Flanders in 1996, and uses traditional brewing methods.

**BREWING SECRET** Thiriez's unfiltered beers have a second fermentation in the bottle, on their lees.

**RESERVE HILDEGARDE AMBRÉE**

ALE 6.9% ABV

Golden, with a rich nose of cereals, spices, and honey. Very smooth with a good bitterness and a long finish.

**PAGE 24 RHUBARBE**

ALE 5.9% ABV

Gold in colour, with floral aromas. Very refreshing, with a special acidity contributed by rhubarb.

**3 MONTS**

ALE 8.5% ABV

Brilliant gold, with a rich and malty nose. Very fruity, it has good bitterness and a long finish.

**GAVROCHE**

AMBER ALE 8.5% ABV

Deep amber, with aromas of toasted malts and stewed red fruits; a little bitterness and a long finish.

**LA BAVAIENNE**

AMBER ALE 6.5% ABV

A hue of amber, and with cereal aromas on the nose, this is a complex, deep, and malty beer, with notes of brown sugar and caramel, and a rich bitterness. Wonderful.

**ÉTOILE DU NORD**

BLOND ALE 5.5% ABV

The moment the bottle is opened, an extraordinary smell of fresh hops comes to the nose. The beer's refreshing bitterness is in perfect harmony with its fine malt aromas.

**1516 BREWING COMPANY**

Schwarzenbergstrasse 2,  
A-1010 Vienna, Austria

Essentially, this is an American-style brewpub in downtown Vienna. Not all the beers are brewed in accordance with the German Purity Law passed in 1516 – the date that lends this establishment its name – but then the brewpub was only founded in 1998.

**BREWING SECRET** 1516 specializes in extremely hoppy brews, most of which are extremely strong.

**YANKEE STICKE**

STICKE 7.3% ABV

Sticke is a bock-strength altbier – and this one comes with great bitterness, derived from whole hops.

**HOP DEVIL**

IPA 6.5% ABV

Orange of hue, with an intense grapefruit aroma and a full body. Distinct flavour of Cascade hops.

**EGGENBERG**

Eggenberg 1, A-4655 Vorchdorf, Austria  
[www.schloss-eggenberg.at](http://www.schloss-eggenberg.at)

Schloss Eggenberg is a small castle in Upper Austria that has been brewing for more than 500 years. A broad range of lagers (including a non-alcoholic one) are produced for the local market, and some fine bock beers are brewed for export; these include an urbock and even a blond version of the traditionally dark Samichlaus beer.

**SAMICHLAUS**

DOPPELBOCK 14% ABV

Intense malt aroma, with noticeable alcohol. Sweet and fruity (dried cherries, figs, and plums); very little hop character present.

**HOPFENKÖNIG**

PILSNER 5.1% ABV

Very pale, with a firm head and hay-like spicy hop aromas. Light body followed by some dry bitterness.

**FORSTNER**

Dorfstrasse 52, A-8401 Kalsdorf  
bei Graz, Austria  
[www.hofbraeu.at](http://www.hofbraeu.at)

One of the more adventurous new brewers, Gerhard Forstner has recently made inroads into brewing Belgian and American-style ales. His brewery is in an old farmhouse building that has also served as a school. Some of his beers are endorsed by the Slow Food movement and are sold at Slow Food festivals.

**STYRIAN ALE**

BITTER ALE 5.6% ABV

Very dark burgundy; roasty and fruity (grapefruit?) aromas; slightly tart and very refreshing, with a medium bitterness.

**TRIPLE 22**

BELGIAN STYLE TRIPLE 9.5% ABV

Copper, with firm head and aroma of pawpaw and mango. Sweet and full-bodied; spicy and bitter finish.

**FREISTÄDTER**

Promenade 7, A-4240 Freistadt, Austria  
[www.freistaedter-bier.at](http://www.freistaedter-bier.at)

The town of Freistadt lies close to Austria's border with the Czech Republic, and its brewery is owned by the townspeople. Since 1777 every owner of a building inside the old city walls automatically owns a certain number of shares of the brewery; those shares can be sold only along with the building itself.

**RAUCHBIER**

SMOKED LAGER 5.3% ABV

Pale amber, with a smoky nose; dry and aromatic, with a nice balance of smoked malt and hops.

**RATSHERRN TRUNK**

EXPORT 5.1% ABV

A firm head and a full body. Low hop bitterness, with a hint of grass in the aftertaste.



**GÖSSER**

Brauhausgasse 1,  
A-8707 Leoben-Göss, Austria  
[www.goesser.at](http://www.goesser.at)

Part of the Heineken group, Gösser is one of the most popular and most valuable brands in Austria, and its best-selling beer is a *märzen*.

**BREWING SECRET** Head brewer Andreas Werner uses locally grown Fuggles hops, known as Styrian Goldings, for the Reininghaus Jahrgangspils.

**GUSSWERK**

5020 Salzburg,  
Söllheimer Strasse 16, Austria  
[www.brauhaus-gusswerk.at](http://www.brauhaus-gusswerk.at)

Established in 2007 in a former bell foundry, Brauhaus Gusswerk is a very small operation. There is a stylish brewery tap, but the bottled beers can be found in organic shops nationwide.

**BREWING SECRET** Brewer Reinhold Barta adheres strictly to the standards of organic beer production issued by the international Demeter organization.

**HIRT**

Hirt 9, A-9322 Micheldorf, Austria  
[www.hirterbier.at](http://www.hirterbier.at)

This old brewery, founded in 1270 in the southern province of Carinthia, offers a broad variety of beer styles. The fame it has won, however, is focused on the pilsner beers – these are widely available nationwide and through export. Hirter's *weizen* and *märzen* beers, on the other hand, are much harder to find.

**KALTENHAUSEN**

Salzburgerstrasse 67,  
A-5400 Hallein-Kaltenhausen, Austria  
[www.edelweissbier.at](http://www.edelweissbier.at)

Though its history stretches back to 1475, Kaltenhausen is best known for its wheat beer, which came into production only in the 1980s. The brewery's Edelweiss is now the best-selling wheat beer in the country.

**BREWING SECRET** Fissures in a nearby mountain cause a stream of cold air that's used to cool the fermenters.

**GÖSSER MÄRZEN**

AUSTRIAN MÄRZEN LAGER 5.2% ABV  
Malty nose, with notes of hay and hops; sweet, malty, well-balanced flavour, with a robust bitterness.

**REININGHAUS JAHRGANGSPILS**

PILSNER 4.9% ABV  
Herbal and hay-like aromas; dry and hoppy, with some fruity (ripe red apples?) aromas in the aftertaste.

**KATHARSIS**

OLD ALE 6.6% ABV  
Very low head and carbonation. Fruity nose (dried apricots) and a rich, full body; tart finish.

**EDELGUSS**

BLONDE ALE 5.1% ABV  
Golden and slightly hazy. Some grainy aromas and a hint of sponge cake. Herbal notes in the aftertaste.

**HIRTER PRIVAT PILS**

BOHEMIAN-STYLE PILSNER 5.2% ABV  
Pale golden, with a faint floral hop aroma and an overall mild bitterness that is embedded in an almost sweetish, malty body.

**BIO HANF**

FLAVOURED LAGER 4.8% ABV  
Locally-grown hemp gives this pale lager a nutty aroma.

**EDELWEISS HOFBRÄU**

BAVARIAN-STYLE HEFEWEIZEN 4.5% ABV  
Spicy, clove-like aromas, with a little hint of banana. Very spritzzy and refreshing, with a rather slight body.

**GAMSSBOCK**

WEIZENBOCK 7.1% ABV  
Intense banana aromas, and dangerously refreshing for such a strong beer. Extremely dry finish.

**MOHRENBRÄU**

Dr Waibel Strasse 2,  
A-6850 Dornbirn, Austria  
[www.mohrenbrauerei.at](http://www.mohrenbrauerei.at)

Austria's westernmost brewery has won fame for brewing strong beers. The brewery building is also home to a small museum, which showcases the brewing traditions of the province of Vorarlberg.

**BREWING SECRET** The soft palate of the Mohrenbräu's Kellerbier is due to a small amount of wheat in the mash bill.

**KELLERBIER**

LAGER 5.7% ABV

Very fruity and yeasty on the nose; soft on the palate and with hardly any bitterness.

**BOCKBIER**

BOCK 7% ABV

Intense hay-like hop aromas. Full-bodied and well-balanced, with not too much sweetness or bitterness.

**SCHWECHATER**

Mautner Markhof-Strasse 11, A-2320  
Schwechat, Austria  
[www.schwechater.at](http://www.schwechater.at)

A large brewery that claims to have brewed the first lager beer in 1840, though, to be precise, it was the Vienna lager that was invented here by Anton Dreher. Production of that beer was discontinued in the early 20th century. Nowadays the brewery is part of Heineken and produces golden lagers.

**SCHWECHATER ZWICKL**

UNFILTERED PILSNER 5.5% ABV

Herbal hop aromas and a hint of lemon zest. A lot of wheat in the mash bill. Dry and hoppy finish.

**SCHWECHATER BIER**

PALE LAGER 5% ABV

Golden colour, malty aromas. Full bodied with hops being noticeable from the start to the finish.

**SIEBENSTERNBRÄU**

Siebensterngasse 19,  
A-1070 Vienna, Austria  
[www.7stern.at](http://www.7stern.at)

Siebensternbräu was the first brewpub in Austria to brew speciality beers – IPA, chilli, and fruit flavoured. Owner Sigi Flitter also helped re-introduce many of Austria's indigenous but forgotten beer styles.

**BREWING SECRET** The range varies with each season, but expect a wheat beer in summer and a smoked in winter.

**RAUCHBOCK**

SMOKED BOCK 7.9% ABV

Intense smoky nose; full, almost sweet, body, with hints of chocolate and liquorice, and a smoky finish.

**PRAGER DUNKLES**

DARK LAGER 4.5% ABV

While most dark beers in Austria are terribly sweet, this one is dry. Intense toasty notes, very little hop aroma. Roasty finish.

**STIEGL**

Kendlerstrasse 1,  
A-5017 Salzburg, Austria  
[www.stiegl.at](http://www.stiegl.at)

Austria's largest independent brewery produces Austria's single most successful beer, Goldbräu. The brewery itself dates back to 1492 and, over time, has built up a splendid collection of beer-related exhibits for the "Brauwelt" – the largest museum on the continent entirely devoted to brewing.

**GOLDBRÄU**

AUSTRIAN MÄRZEN-TYPE

LAGER 4.9% ABV

Relatively low bitterness and a hint of malty sweetness in the aroma and on the palate.

**PARACELSUS ZWICKL**

ORGANIC LAGER 5% ABV

Unfiltered, so hazy orange in hue; aromas of malt and yeast; medium body and very low bitterness.

## ALL ABOUT ...

## BEER AND FOOD

Even though beer is great on its own, it is also a perfect companion at the dining table. In the past, wine has garnered all the culinary kudos, while beer has been dismissed as of little consequence when it comes to fine dining. Yet beer is a natural friend of food, as an increasing number of chefs, brewers, and drinkers are discovering.

European beer nations such as Belgium, Germany, Austria, and Hungary have been in on this great secret for centuries, and their bars and restaurants have never had qualms about cooking with beer or serving it alongside their dishes. In Belgium, *cuisine à la bière* includes the likes of rabbit cooked in cherry beer, and Flemish beef stew. Visit the Czech Republic and a glass of Budvar or Bernard is an essential accompaniment to Bohemian staples such as potato pancake stuffed with spicy pork. The same goes for Bavaria, where pork dishes share table space with a dark and delicious dunkel or doppelbock.

This approach is now spreading throughout the rest of the world, as chefs and brewers catch on to the pleasures of matching beer with food. For example, American brewpubs take great delight in pairing up adventurous beer styles with creative modern cuisine, as well as splashing their brews about in the kitchen.

both dining room and kitchen, beer is at last beginning to vie for space with wine, and has earned the right to be regarded with equal respect.



**ACIDITY** Sour beers such as lambics and Flemish reds can hold their own in partnership with pickled dishes; perhaps surprisingly, they also work superbly with a big-flavoured, ripe, pungent cheese.

## BEER AND OYSTERS

In the British Isles, an affinity between stout and oysters has long been appreciated, and brown ale traditionally plays a part in steak-and-kidney pudding.





**MALT FLAVOURS** The sweet flavours of malt harmonize with the natural sweetness of a meat such as pork, making this a winning combination. Roast malts deliver smoky, roasted notes, so beers made with them are ideal partners for grilled meats and barbecues.



**HOP FLAVOURS** Beers that have a spicy, peppery finish chime exquisitely with aromatic Asian dishes, while the citrus and orange-marmalade notes in a hoppy beer elevate the great cheeses of the world to another plateau. Hop bitterness also cuts through fat and cleanses the palate for the next mouthful.

**“DIFFICULT” FLAVOURS**

Beer wins the day when it comes to those foods that experts consider difficult to pair with a suitable wine: chocolate and asparagus are notable examples. A sticky chocolate dessert and a Belgian kriel are divine together, while a Bavarian-style weissbier, with its trademark custard-and-cream aroma and palate, is perfect with steamed asparagus. A smoky rauchbier sits well with a Bavarian dish like sausages and asparagus.



**TASTING BOARDS** In Sydney, Australia, the stylish Redoak Boutique Beer Café serves tasting boards that offer small plates of inventive culinary delights, each one accompanied by a different, complementing beer.





### STIFTSBRAUEREI SCHLÄGL

Schlägl 1, A-4160 Schlägl, Austria  
www.stift-schlaegl.at

The small village of Schlägl, close to the Czech and Bavarian borders, is home to the only Austrian brewery wholly owned by a monastery – in this case the Premonstratensian order. In recent years the product range has grown considerably and now includes several ales.

#### STIFTER BIER

RED ALE 5.7% ABV

Malty sweetness with a refreshing fruit (peach and melon) undertone. Just a faint hint of hops.

#### DOPPELBOCK

DOPPELBOCK 8.3% ABV

A big, malty nose. Fruity (pears and apples) and sweet from the start, but very well balanced finish.



### UTTENDORFER

Uttendorf 25, A-5261 Uttendorf, Austria  
www.uttendorf-bier.com

Small and family-run, Uttendorfer is based in a 100-year-old tavern building on the road between Salzburg and Braunau. The tavern itself is worth a visit because it offers local food, including game – the brewer is a passionate hunter – in a rustic setting.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery has built a good reputation for brewing distinctively hopped beers.

#### EINHUNDERT

GERMAN PILSNER 5% ABV

Reputedly the hoppiest pilsner in the world, this beer has 100 IBUs and an extremely dry aftertaste.

#### DUNKLER BOCK

BOCK 7% ABV

Bottom-fermented Bock, with roasty aromas, full body, and little sweetness. Finish: dry; quite bitter.



### VILLACHER

Brauhausgasse 6, A - 9500 Villach, Austria  
www.villacher-bier.at

Austria's southernmost brewery was founded in 1858. It began as a strictly regional brewery, but has become a national one in the last 25 years and has even developed an export market in Italy. The beers are branded as Villacher, though the brewery's official name is Vereinigte Kärntner Brauereien. It now owns Schleppe (a speciality brewer) and Piestinger near Vienna.

#### VILLACHER EDITION 07

VIENNA LAGER 4.9% ABV

Sweet aroma, with hints of fruit (red apple). Refreshing yet full bodied and almost sweet, but then balanced with some hops.

#### VILLACHER GLOCKNER PILS

PILSNER 4.9% ABV

Pale golden; intense carbonation. Grassy hop aroma. Crisp and dry on palate, with hoppy aftertaste.



### DIE WEISSE

A-5020 Salzburg, Rupertgasse 10, Austria  
www.dieweisse.at

Founded in 1901, Die Weisse could be considered Austria's oldest brewpub. Until the early 1990s, its modest output was sold exclusively in the two-room pub, but, since then, it has become fashionable, and its beers are now served in bars and restaurants across the country. The range has broadened too, and now includes seasonal bocks and a *märzen*.

#### DIE WEISSE

BAVARIAN HEFEWEIZEN 5.2% ABV

Gold and cloudy, with a large pillowy head, intense spicy aromas, and a surprisingly dry, bitter finish.

**WEITRA BRÄU**

Sparkassaplatz 160,  
A-3970 Weitra, Austria  
[www.bierwerkstatt.at](http://www.bierwerkstatt.at)

Weitra claims to hold Austria's oldest brewing privilege, issued in 1321. In medieval times most of the buildings around the town square exercised their right to brew, now there is only one brewpub and this brewery left.

**BREWING SECRET** This organic speciality brewery, bought by Zwettler in 2002, still brews using open fermenters.

**HADMAR**

ORGANIC VIENNA LAGER 5.2% ABV  
Sweet and malty on the nose and palate; hints of roatyness, bitterness; variable from batch to batch.

**WEITRA HELL**

LAGER 5% ABV  
Straw coloured, with estery aroma and very little carbonation. Soft on the palate, with a mild hoppyness.

**ZILLERTAL BIER**

Umfahrungsstrasse 3,  
A-6280 Zell am Ziller, Austria  
[www.zillertal-bier.at](http://www.zillertal-bier.at)

This brewery in the small Zillertal valley in Tyrol has been around for more than 500 years. Each May it celebrates the Gauderfest, a festival that dates back to 1428, with a beerfest that lasts for four days.

**BREWING SECRET** A special bock beer is brewed for the festival, and is available only on that weekend.

**GAUDER BOCK**

MAIBOCK 7.4% ABV  
Aromas of vanilla and alpine herbs. Unusually intense bitterness helps balance the malt to give a dry finish.

**ZILLERTAL WEISSBIER**

HEFEWEIZEN 5% ABV  
Aromas of citrus and banana. Refreshing and prickly, light and aromatic (cloves), rather than sweet.

**ZIPFER**

A-4871 Zipf, Austria  
[www.zipfer.at](http://www.zipfer.at)

A mass production brewery now owned by Heineken, Zipfer creates beers that tend to be extremely pale and show a distinct hop aroma due to the use of whole hops. The flagship beer is the crisp Urtyp, introduced in 1967, which should not be confused with the Pils. Head brewer Günther Seeleitner finds time to occasionally brew one-off beers.

**PILS**

PILSNER 5.2% ABV  
Pale, with stable white head. Intense floral hop aromas (Tettninger); extremely dry and hoppy.

**STEFANIBOCK**

Bock 7.1% ABV  
Citric and hay-like aromas dominate. Malty, but hardly sweet on the palate; lighter and more easy-drinking than other bock beers.

**ZWETTLER**

Syrnauer Strasse 22 – 25,  
A-3910 Zwettl, Austria  
[www.zwettler.at](http://www.zwettler.at)

A large, family-owned brewery, Zwettler grew to its present size over the last 40 years when owner Karl Schwarz decided first to mass-produce relatively cheap lager and then subsequently to establish more prestigious brands of speciality beers.

**BREWING SECRET** Zwettler introduced the first unfiltered Zwickl in the late 1970s.

**ORIGINAL**

PILSNER 5.1% ABV  
Malty and quite full-bodied; balanced with a mild bitterness from locally grown Perle and Select hops.

**ZWETTLER ZWICKL**

UNFILTERED LAGER 5.5% ABV  
Yeast and lemon in the nose. Refreshing, smooth, and balanced, with a moderate hop bitterness.

**CALANDA**

Kasernenstr. 36, CH-7007 Chur,  
Switzerland  
www.calanda.com

Heineken has turned Calanda into the largest brewery in eastern Switzerland. Apart from brewing ubiquitous international brands for the Swiss market, Calanda still produces five traditional, local beers, as well as Ittinger, originally created by Actienbrauerei Frauenfeld, but which was sold off in 1994.

**EICHHOF**

Obergrundstrasse 110, CH-6005 Luzern,  
Switzerland  
www.eichhof.ch

Founded in 1834, Eichhof has been listed on the Zurich stock exchange since 1927. Their general assembly sees more than 1000 beer-loving investors showing support for the largest independent Swiss brewery.

**BREWING SECRET** This brewery uses water from the Pilatus, a landmark mountain in the central Swiss alps.

**FALKEN**

Brauereistrasse 1, CH-8201  
Schaffhausen, Switzerland  
www.falken.ch

The Falken Brewery is located in Schaffhausen, where the river Rhine forms the border with Germany. Founded in 1799, it is one of the larger independent breweries in Switzerland. Although slightly hoppier than many other Swiss beers the "falcon" beers give a very smooth overall impression that resembles traditional Czech lagers.

**LOCHER**

Industriestrasse 12, CH - 9050  
Appenzell, Switzerland  
www.appenzellerbier.ch

Appenzell is Switzerland's smallest province (kanton), but the beer produced by the local brewery has won it a lot of fame.

**BREWING SECRET** In the 1990s, the Locher family found out that beers brewed on the full moon ferment more easily; they have, therefore, created a line of "Vollmond-brews".

**CALANDA**

LAGER 5% ABV

Sweetish-estery nose; an almost fruity and refreshing first impression that gives way to a mild bitterness.

**ITTINGER KLOSTERBRÄU**

AMBER LAGER 5.8% ABV

Malty, slightly roasted aroma. The flavour is sweet with grains, caramel, and bitter hops. Short, dry finish.

**BÜGEL BRÄU**

LAGER 4.9% ABV

Pale golden, with a somewhat yeasty nose. Full-bodied, with hints of vanilla, and very mildly hopped.

**BARBARA**

LAGER 5.9% ABV

Slightly sweetish, toffee-like nose and very balanced on the palate. Fruity (red apple) notes in the finish.

**FIRST COOL**

LAGER 4.5% ABV

Very little aroma. Sweet and soft on the palate due to a generous portion of maize on the mash bill.

**FALKEN PRINZ**

LAGER 5.5% ABV

Butterscotch and herbal aromas; full body, with lots of carbonation, sweet and spicy (perhaps ginger) notes, and butterscotch in the finish.

**VOLLMOND**

ORGANIC LAGER 5.2% ABV

An aroma of hops and lemon zest; medium body – chewy; hoppy, but not excessively bitter.

**HOLZFASS-BIER**

LAGER 5.2% ABV

Aromas of sweetcorn, very little carbonation, and a distinctive note from the oak in which it is matured.



**BIERVISION MONSTEIN**

Monstein, CH-7278 Davos, Switzerland  
[www.biervision-monstein.ch](http://www.biervision-monstein.ch)

Andreas Aegerter and Christian Ochs started this village brewery high up in the mountains near Davos in 2001, together with 756 small investors (each of them a devoted customer). They all shared the vision that there is a market for unusual beers, as well as beer-related products, such as cheese crusted with malt and spirits distilled from beer.

**MUNGGA**

Kölsch 3.5% ABV  
 Brewed from organic Swiss ingredients, Mungga ("groundhog") has aromas of violets, a dry taste, and an elegant bitterness.

**ROYAL 11**

SPICED BEER 6.5% ABV  
 Reddish, with pleasant cherry aromas (from the local liqueur Röteli); fruity and only faintly bitter.



**RUGENBRÄU**

Wagnerenstrasse 40, CH -3800 Matten, Switzerland  
[www.rugenbraeu.ch](http://www.rugenbraeu.ch)

This family-run brewery is located in the tourist resort of Interlaken, close to the Eiger and Jungfrau mountains – landmarks of Berner Oberland. Owner-president Bruno Hofweber promotes beer and gourmet cuisine in cooperation with the chefs of the larger hotels in the vicinity, most notably the Victoria-Jungfrau.

**ALPENPERLE**

LAGER 4.8% ABV  
 Pale golden, with a sweetish nose and a light body. Some sweetness but very little hops in the aftertaste.

**ZWICKEL BIER**

UNFILTERED LAGER 4.8% ABV  
 Straw coloured and slightly hazy; a faint aroma of lemon zest; dry and balanced, with a herbal bitterness in the finish.



**SONNENBRÄU**

Alte Landstrasse 36, CH-9445 Rebstein, Switzerland  
[www.sonnenbraeu.ch](http://www.sonnenbraeu.ch)

This is the only surviving brewery of 34 that once existed in the Rhine valley on Switzerland's eastern border. It has been quick to introduce new beers to the market – including Switzerland's first "Light" beer in 1978.

**BREWING SECRET** It focuses on local produce, and uses corn from the region in the brewing process.

**RHEINTALER MAISBIER**

LAGER 5% ABV  
 Grassy hops hide the maize aromas. Very smooth mouthfeel and late, not very intense, hop bitterness.

**FIRST SWISS ALE**

BROWN ALE 5.4% ABV  
 Aroma of caramel, bread, toasted malt and fruit. Medium body and medium bitterness in the finish.



**BRAUHAUS STERNEN**

Hohenzornstrasse 2, CH-8500 Frauenfeld, Switzerland  
[www.brauhaussternen.ch](http://www.brauhaussternen.ch)

This is an intriguing brewpub, set up on the site of the Aktienbrauerei Frauenfeld, where Martin Wartmann created Ittinger (now brewed at Calanda). The present brewery was built in 2003 with financial help from many prominent European brewers eager to see Martin brew interesting beers, some in limited editions ("Nur für Freunde" – "for friends only").

**WARTMANN'S NUR FÜR FREUNDE NO1**

BELGIAN DUBBEL 9.6% ABV  
 Chocolate, slightly sweet aroma. Full-bodied and fruity (ripe plums); very mild bitterness in the finish.

**HONEY BROWN ALE**

BROWN ALE 6% ABV  
 Sweet and fruity. Quite refreshing for its strength. Very low bitterness and a hint of honey in the finish.







**Stiegl** is Austria's largest independent brewer, and its Goldbräu lager is one of the country's biggest-selling beers.

**3 HORNE**

Marktstraat 40, 5171 GP Kaatsheuvel, Netherlands  
www.de3horne.nl

Founded in his garage by homebrewer Sjef Groothuis in 1991, De 3 Horne was transferred to the larger premises of a former shoe factory in 1993. The building also houses a tasting room and a shop. Most of the beers are Belgian-inspired, and some are produced for third parties, such as Kandinsky Bier, which is made for a Tilburg beer café.

**ALFA**

Thull 15-19, 6365 AC Schinnen, Netherlands  
www.alfa-beer.nl

One of the few independent, family-run breweries left in the Netherlands, Alfa has been controlled by the Meens family since its foundation in 1870. The beers are brewed from spring water, each bottle numbered to keep tabs on the amount used.

**BREWING SECRET** One of the few Dutch brewers to adhere to the *Reinheitsgebot*.

**BRAND**

Brouwerijstraat 2-10, 6321 AG Wijlre, Netherlands  
www.brand.nl

Despite being incorporated into the Heineken empire in 1989, Brand has managed to maintain its reputation and identity. Dating back to 1340, it's easily the oldest Dutch brewery.

**BREWING SECRET** It brews a highly varied range of bottom-fermented beers: pilsners, a dubbelbock, an amber bock, Imperator, and the pale Meibock.

**BROUWERIJ 'T IJ**

Funenkade 7, 1018 AL Amsterdam, Netherlands  
www.brouwerijhetij.nl

Amsterdam's favourite micro is now the city's oldest brewery, even though it was founded only in 1985. Strong Belgian-style ales form the backbone of the output, though there's also a pils and a witbier. Set in an old windmill, the taproom is thronged on warm summer afternoons, its outdoor seating taken up by drinkers enjoying the lowest beer prices in Amsterdam.

**TRIPPELAER**

ABBEY-STYLE TRIPLE 8.5% ABV  
A biscuity, bready aroma is followed by lots of sweet malt and a touch of bitter orange.

**DOBBELAER**

ABBEY-STYLE DOUBLE 6.5% ABV  
Malty, sweetish beer, with a nutty finish. Clean, flavourful, and as good as most Belgian dubbels.

**ALFA EDEL PILS**

PILS 5% ABV  
Tobacco and citrus hop aromas overlay a buttery maltiness. One of the most distinctive Dutch pils.

**ALFA SUPER DORTMUNDER**

DORTMUNDER EXPORT 7.5% ABV  
A bitter Export, that combines grassy hops, honey, and vanilla with the trademark Alfa butteriness.

**BRAND IMPERATOR**

AMBER LAGER 6.5% ABV  
Dried fruit, toffee, and spicy hops fight for supremacy in this beautifully-balanced amber beer.

**BRAND URP**

PILS 5% ABV  
Aromatically hoppy; lemon, pepper, and pine notes predominate. First brewed in 1952 and still one of Holland's best pils beers.

**TURBOCK**

DOBBELBOCK 9% ABV  
Packed with dark fruits and molasses sweetness, the trademark ij spiciness adds a dimension not found in German bocks.

**COLUMBUS**

STRONG ALE 9% ABV  
A balance of biscuity malt, coriander, lemon, and resinous, minty hops. Assertive, but not overpowering.

## THE BEST-KNOWN DUTCH BEERS

The vast majority of beer drunk in Holland is pils out by one of four large brewing groups: Heineken, Bavaria, Grolsch, and InBev.

Between them, these brewing companies control about 95 per cent of the Dutch beer market – Heineken leading the way with 50 per cent, and its three competitors following with around 15 per cent each. Heineken's main offerings are their ubiquitous Pils, Amstel Pils, the better-quality Amstel 1870 (another pils) and witbier Wieckse Witte. During the autumn bock season, sweet Heineken Tarwebock and the surprisingly-good Amstel Bock are available. Bavaria, now the largest wholly Dutch-owned brewer, concentrates on the cheaper end of the market. In addition to their branded Bavaria Pils, they also produce several own-label beers for supermarket chains. InBev closed their largest Dutch brewery, Oranjeboom, in Breda, in 2002. Dommelsch, their largest remaining plant, is much smaller, and large quantities of Jupiler Pils are imported from Belgium. Dommelsch Pils, strong lager Dommelsch Dominator, and autumn seasonal Dommelsch Bokbier Primeur are the main Dutch-brewed brands.

HEINEKEN PILS (PILS 5% ABV) *left*  
 HEINEKEN TARWEBOCK  
 (BOCK 6.5% ABV)  
 AMSTEL PILS (PILS 5% ABV) *centre*  
 AMSTEL 1870 (PILS 5% ABV)  
 AMSTEL BOCK (BOCK 7% ABV)  
 BAVARIA PILS (PILS 5% ABV) *right*



### BUDELS

Nieuwstraat 9,  
6020 AA Budel, Netherlands  
[www.budels.nl](http://www.budels.nl)

Budels is among the few established, predominantly bottom-fermenting Dutch breweries. Started in 1870, the business is currently run by the fourth generation of the founding Aerts family. **BREWING SECRET** In recent years Budels has diversified into top-fermenting beers, such as kölsch, altbier, and an abbey-style dubbel.

### BUDELS LAGER

PILS 5% ABV

A gentle, piney hop aroma is followed by fruity, sweetish taste; perhaps closer to a helles than a pils.

### BUDELS CAPUCIJN

ABBAY-STYLE DOUBLE 6.5% ABV

Sweet toasted malt aromas are complemented by bitterness, dates, and the merest hint of smoke.



### GROLSCH

Brouwerslaan 1, Boekelo, 7548 XA  
Enschede, Netherlands  
[www.grolsch.nl](http://www.grolsch.nl)

Now owned by SABMiller, Grolsch used to operate two breweries, one in Groenlo (from which the name derives) and one in Enschede. In 2004 a new hypermodern plant was opened in Boeklo, just outside Enschede, and the two older breweries were closed. The bulk of Grolsch's sales are pils, though it has tried, with varied success, to diversify its product range.

### GROLSCH PREMIUM WEIZEN

HEFEWEIZEN 5.5% ABV

Hazy golden, with the orange, cloves, and basil aromas typical of a German-style wheat beer.

### GROLSCH PREMIUM PILSNER

PILS 5% ABV

Good aroma of noble hops and a pleasant spiciness in the finish; a little too much sweetness perhaps.



### GRUNN

Boumaboulevard 55,  
9723 ZS Groningen, Netherlands  
[www.grunn-speciaalbier.nl](http://www.grunn-speciaalbier.nl)

The brewery was established by Jaap van der Weide and Egbert Timmerman in 2000, with their beers being brewed under contract. The eventual aim is to build a brewery and pub close to the FC Groningen football stadium; for now, though, the beers are being brewed in Belgium and Germany.

### GRUNN DREIDUBBEL

TRIPLE ALE 5% ABV

A sweet, honeyish tripel in which biscuity, even sugary, malt is complemented by a tart fruitiness reminiscent of pears.

### GRUNN HOAGELWIT

WITBIER 5% ABV

An unsuited wheat beer with subtle hopping and delicate elderflower, lemon, butter, and pepper aromas.

**GULPENER**

Rijksweg 16, 6271 AE Gulpen, Netherlands  
www.gulpener.nl

Like the majority of the country's older brewers, Gulpener is located in the south of the country. A wide range of both top- and bottom-fermented beers are produced.

**BREWING SECRET** Gulpener's Mestreechs Aajt is a blend of sour beer that has been aged for at least a year in wood and freshly-brewed beer.

**HERTOG JAN**

Kruisweg 44, 5944 EN Arcen, Netherlands  
www.hertogjan.nl

A management buyout in 1981 saved this old brewery from closure when it was part of the Oranjeboom group. A clause in the agreement prohibited brewing bottom-fermented beer, however, and so a range of Belgian-style ales was developed. Oranjeboom bought back the brewery to get hold of its speciality brands, before selling it on to Interbrew (now InBev) in 1995.

**JOPEN**

Minckelersweg 2a, 2031 EM Haarlem, Netherlands  
www.jopen.nl

Jopen was founded in 1995 with the intention of recreating old beer styles specifically from the Haarlem locale – once an important brewing centre. This is Holland's only brewery to concentrate on local recipes, and no other in the world produces beer in these styles. A brewpub to showcase the beers is due to open soon.

**KLEIN DUIMPJE**

Parallelweg 2, 2182 CP Hillegom, Netherlands  
www.kleinduimpje.nl

This is the brewery of a prize-winning amateur brewer, Erik Bouman, whose porter was chosen as the best of more than 400 entries at the Dutch Homebrewing Championship of 1997. Bouman's competition success prompted him to start brewing professionally. His extensive range of top-fermenting ales includes his celebrated porter.

**GULPENER KORENWOLF**

WITBIER 5% ABV

A Belgian-style white beer packed with orange, ginger, wheat and coriander flavours. It's brewed from barley, wheat, spelt, and rye.

**GULPENER GLADIATOR**

STRONG LAGER 10% ABV

A big bruiser of a beer. Apple, grapes, and caramel flavours are wrapped in a blanket of sweetness.

**HERTOG JAN GRAND PRESTIGE**

STRONG DARK ALE 10% ABV

A big, fruity strong ale, overflowing with caramel, liquorice, toffee, and apple flavours topped off with hops.

**HERTOG JAN PRIMATOR**

PILS 5% ABV

Though quite sweet for a pils, there are plenty of grassy hop aromas to provide a spicy backbone.

**JOPEN KOYT**

GRUIT BEER 8.5% ABV

A recreation of a pre-hop beer brewed from three grains and herbs. Fruity, spicy, and delicious.

**JOPEN HOPPENBIER**

AMBER ALE 6.5% ABV

Based on a recipe from 1501 using barley, wheat, and oats; hints of coriander, ginger, and cloves complement spicy hops.

**HILLEGOMS TARWE BIER**

WITBIER 5.5% ABV

Flavoured with coriander and orange peel, this wheat beer is spicy, citric, and just ever so slightly sweet.

**PORTER**

PORTER 5.5% ABV

Espresso-like roast malt combines with a chocolate sweetness, backed up with liquorice and toast.



### LINDEBOOM

Engelmanstraat 52-54, 6068 BD Neer, Netherlands  
[www.lindeboom.nl](http://www.lindeboom.nl)

Established by farmer Willem Geenen in 1870, Lindeboom is the country's smallest surviving lager brewery. Still owned by members of the Geenen family, it's a modest producer of mostly pils. It does also produce altbier, and further diversification into top-fermentation came with the development of the Gouverneur family of ales in the late 1990s.

#### VENLOOSCH

ALTBIER 5% ABV

The sugary fruit aroma is deceptive as the taste is dry and hoppy. A reasonable try at the altbier style.

#### LINDEBOOM OUD BRUIN

OUD BRUIN 3.5% ABV

A fruity and very sweet low-alcohol dark lager, in a style that is unique to the Netherlands.



### DE MOLEN

Overtocht 43, 2411 BS Bodegraven, Netherlands  
[www.brouwerijdemolen.nl](http://www.brouwerijdemolen.nl)

Since starting Molen in 2004, brewer Menno Olivier has quickly gained an enviable reputation. This is one of only a handful of Dutch micros to export; its cask-conditioned beer, Engel, is designed especially for the UK market.

BREWING SECRET Aficionados regard Tsarina Esra, an Imperial porter, as one of Europe's very finest beers.

#### BOREFTS BLOND

BLOND ALE 6.5% ABV

Unlike many blonds, hops dominate here. Orange, pine, resin, and grass flavours fill the mouth.

#### BOREFTS STOUT

STOUT 7% ABV

Packed with all the roasty malt flavours you expect from a stout. Complex, characterful, harmonious.



### MOMMERIETE

Holthonerweg 9, 7779 DE Holthone, Netherlands  
[www.mommeriete.nl](http://www.mommeriete.nl)

Homebrewers Gert and Karina Kelder were delighted when they discovered that a local restaurant had a spare, unused room. It was the perfect location to finally brew professionally after 15 years as amateurs, and they set to work in 2004. Mommeriete beers are available on tap in De Ganzenhoeve restaurant and in bottles through specialist Dutch beer shops.

#### SCHEERSE TRIPLE

TRIPLE 9.5% ABV

Biscuit and yeast aroma, honey on the tongue, and a spicy hop finish with notes of tobacco and pepper.

#### VROUWE VAN GRAMSBERGH

STRONG DARK ALE 10% ABV

Black toffee, bread, plum aromas, and a honey sweetness slip into a resinous, roasty, bitter finish.



### DE PRAEL

Helicopterstraat 13 - 15, 1059 CE Amsterdam, Netherlands  
[www.deprael.nl](http://www.deprael.nl)

Set up with the help of government grants, Amsterdam's smallest brewery has a workforce made up of recovering psychiatric patients. The first choice of name – De Parel ("The Pearl") – had to be changed when Budels complained that it infringed on the copyright of their Parel beer. The solution was simply to shuffle the letters of the name around.

#### HEINTJE

WITBIER 5.4% ABV

Unspiced, but with prominent citrus aromas, a touch of fruit, and an unexpectedly hoppy finish.

#### MARY

BARLEY WINE 9.6% ABV

Neither malt nor hops dominate this fruity strong ale, laced with pepper, toffee, and caramel.

**DE SCHANS**

De Schans 17, 1421 BA Uithoorn, Netherlands  
www.schansbier.nl

Guus Rooijen started up De Schans when he began brewing professionally in 1998. Though objections from the Catholic church opposite prevented Guus from opening a sampling room, there is a shop on site.

**BREWING SECRET** More adventurous than most Dutch micros, De Schans also produces a *saison* and a *schwarzbier*.

**SCHELDEBROUWERIJ**

Rangerstraat 1, 4431 NL 's-Gravenpolder, Netherlands  
www.scheldebrouwerij.nl

One of the oldest and largest Dutch micros, Scheldebrouwerij has been through many changes since opening in 1994. The current owners, brothers Frans and Jan Ooms, are keen to expand the business further; with that in mind, they have moved the beer production over the border into neighbouring Belgium.

**ST CHRISTOFFEL**

Metaalweg 10, 6045 JB Roermond, Netherlands  
www.christoffelbier.nl

Operating since 1986, St Christoffel is one of the oldest Dutch micros, founded (but no longer run) by Leo Brand, a member of the Brand brewing dynasty. It produces the very best lagers brewed in the Netherlands.

**BREWING SECRET** The Robertus beer is a rare example of a Münchner dark lager that's true to the Bavarian style.

**LA TRAPPE**

Eindhovenseweg 3, Berkel-Enschot, Netherlands  
www.latrappe.nl

There are just seven genuine Trappist breweries in the world; Koningshoeven (better known as La Trappe) is the only one outside Belgium. The monastery had problems recruiting new monks, and that was one of the factors that prompted the sale of the brewery to Bavaria. Brewing still takes place within the monastery grounds under the supervision of the monks.

**VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S STOUT**  
STOUT 7% ABV

A complex yet light-bodied stout, combining espresso roastiness with dark fruit and chocolate flavours.

**SCHANSBIER 6**

ABBNEY-STYLE DOUBLE 5.8% ABV  
Thick and chocolatey but not sickly sweet. Black toffee, chicory, and coffee complete the complexity.

**SCHOENLAPPERTJE**  
FRUIT BEER 6.5% ABV

Locally-grown blackcurrants give this ale an unusual bright red hue and a sweet, fruity taste, with just a touch of balancing acidity.

**STRANDGAPER**

AMBER ALE 6.2% ABV  
The aroma of biscuit, orange, and elderflower is interlaced with grass and pepper notes from the hops.

**CHRISTOFFEL BLOND**  
PILS 6% ABV

Spicy hop flavours burst from the glass – basil, mint, ginger, grapefruit, and cloves are all there.

**CHRISTOFFEL ROBERTUS**

MÜNCHNER 6% ABV  
The nutty flavour of Munich malt runs right through this beer, flanked by biscuit, toast, and toffee.

**LA TRAPPE WITTE TRAPPIST**  
WITBIER 5.5% ABV

Unspiced, but a subtle use of aromatic hops more than compensates, providing delicious citrus and pepper flavours.

**LA TRAPPE TRIPLE**

STRONG ALE 8% ABV  
Sweetness and fruit give way to coriander, orange, and hop bitterness in this supremely balanced beer.



**The Dutch city of Amsterdam** is said to have a bar for every 500 citizens – 1,200 in total.



**BØGEDAL BRYGHUS**

Høllundvej 9, DK-7100 Vejle, Denmark  
[www.boegedal.com](http://www.boegedal.com)

This farmhouse is the world's only commercial brewery producing the old Danish style of "Goodbeer", a strong, rich beer dating back to before the industrial age. The same recipe is always followed, and yet no two beers are alike, hence they are numbered rather than named.

**BREWING SECRET** Bøgedal is Scandinavia's only all-gravity brewery.

**BREW NO. 127**

**DARK ALE 6.3% ABV**

Smells of prunes and citrus. Fills the palate and lingers on with a faint smoky aftertaste.

**BREW NO. 121**

**PALE ALE 5.9% ABV**

Light amber in colour with compact carbonation. Aromatic sweetness reveals notes of honey, citrus, and fine wine.

**BREW PUB**

Vestergade 29, DK-1456 Copenhagen, Denmark  
[www.brewpub.dk](http://www.brewpub.dk)

This successful microbrewery with restaurant is located in the heart of Copenhagen, in a beautiful 17th-century building. It brews 11 varieties of beer. The pub offers a five-beer sampler menu and the chefs draw inspiration from the beer on tap to create their dishes. Advice on pairing beer with food is also provided.

**AMARILLO**

**RED ALE 5.5% ABV**

Fresh aroma and flavours of plum and citrus. Balanced bitterness from caramel and red ale malt.

**COLE PORTER**

**PORTER 5.2% ABV**

Deep black in colour, with a rich, creamy head. Seven malts give a well-balanced depth of flavour.

**BRØCKHOUSE**

Høgevej 6, DK-3400 Hillerød, Denmark  
[www.broeckhouse.dk](http://www.broeckhouse.dk)

A fast-growing and popular microbrewery to the north of Copenhagen, established in 2002. It was the goal of owner Allan Poulsen, a former IT engineer, to create something different from ordinary Danish pilsner.

**BREWING SECRET** Poulsen uses quality ingredients and British, German, and Belgian brewing traditions to create exciting and memorable brews.

**BRØCKHOUSE IPA**

**INDIAN PALE ALE 6% ABV**

Top-fermented ale brewed with three varieties of hops to achieve a sweet, balanced complexity.

**BRØCKHOUSE ESRUM KLOSTER**

**ABBAY ALE 7.5% ABV**

Developed with the monks of Esrum Abbey. Strong nose; sweet, spicy flavour with hints of aniseed, lavender, rosemary, and juniper.

**CARLSBERG**

Vesterfælledvej 100, DK-1799 Copenhagen V, Denmark  
[www.carlsberg.com](http://www.carlsberg.com)

Denmark's leading brewing company was founded in 1847 by the visionary brewer JC Jacobsen. Carlsberg is a pioneer of steam-brewing, refrigeration techniques, and the propagation of a single yeast strain. The company has a wide portfolio of beers and sells to more than 150 countries. It has recently moved all of its production, with the exception of speciality beers

**CARLSBERG ELEPHANT**

**STRONG PILSNER 7.2% ABV**

High alcohol lager with high hop and malt content, resulting in a rich and bitter character.

**CARLSBERG PILSNER**

**PILSNER 4.6% ABV**

Another bottom-fermented lager with flavours of hops, grains, pine needles, sorrel, and Danish apples.



and the Jacobsen brand, from its original brewery in Copenhagen to Fredericia, located 200 km (125 miles) from its former home. In its place, a new city district is being developed, which will conserve the historic brewery buildings, and be the site of the Carlsberg Visitors Center.

#### CARLSBERG SEMPER ARDENS

BELGIAN ABBEY ALE 7.3% ABV  
Unfiltered; brewed with Münchener and chocolate malt, and featuring burnt undertones and a hint of blackcurrant on the palate.

#### TUBORG PILSNER

PILSNER 4.6% ABV  
Denmark's favourite beer. Bottom-fermented lager, lightly roasted, with aroma of flowers and grain.



#### GOURMETBRYGGERIET

Bytoften 10-12,  
DK-4000 Roskilde, Denmark  
[www.gourmetbryggeriet.dk](http://www.gourmetbryggeriet.dk)

One of the largest microbreweries in Denmark, "The Gourmet Brewery" creates speciality beers that are designed to be paired with food. The brewery's partner is a trained chef who works together with a local restaurant to create recipes that are attached to 66cl bottles for sharing. The company recently acquired the Ølfabriken Brewery.

#### ØLFABRIKEN PORTER

PORTER 7.5% ABV  
Black as the night, with a thick head of foam. Intense body with coffee, chocolate, and liquorice notes.

#### GOURMETBRYGGERIET BOCK

DOPPELBOCK 7.2% ABV  
Deep reddish in colour, with a heavy aroma of malt and caramel backing up the strong body.



#### HERSLEV BRYGHUS

Kattingevej 8, Herslev,  
DK-4000 Roskilde, Denmark  
[www.herslevbryghus.dk](http://www.herslevbryghus.dk)

This small microbrewery, established in 2004 by Tore Jørgensen, is part of a family farmhouse located in Herslev, a small village outside Roskilde. The beer here is unfiltered, unpasteurized, and naturally carbonated.

BREWING SECRET Four kinds of grain are the foundation of the brewing process, creating beers with unique character.

#### HVEDE

WHEAT BEER 5.8% ABV  
Southern-German inspired, with Bamberg wheat and buck malt. Sweet with fruity nuances, balanced with bitterness.

#### PALE ALE

PALE ALE 5.9% ABV  
Combines English barley and oats, and Amarillo hops. Golden colour, fresh and fruity aroma and flavour.



#### JACOBSEN BREWHOUSE

Gamle Carlsberg Vej 11,  
DK-2500 Valby, Denmark  
[www.jacobsenbeer.com](http://www.jacobsenbeer.com)

Named after Carlsberg's founder, Jacobsen was established in 2005 to produce high-quality speciality beers with a Scandinavian touch. This brewhouse will remain in the original 1847 Carlsberg brewery complex.

BREWING SECRET Jacobsen also brews an exclusive Vintage series, matured in oak barrels.

#### JACOBSEN SAAZ BLONDE

PALE ALE 7.1% ABV  
Extract of angelica adds a juniper-like flavour that complements the fruity taste of the yeast.

#### JACOBSEN EXTRA PILSNER

PILSNER 5.5% ABV  
A premium lager using Nordic ingredients such as Danish organic pilsner malt and Swedish sea buckthorn juice.

## ALL ABOUT ...

## BOTTLE SHAPES

Brewing folklore has it that we have a little-known 16th-century Tudor clergyman to thank for the advent of bottled beer. It is said that Alexander Newell, dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London, liked to fish, taking with him some home-brewed beer in an old medicine bottle. At the end of one trip, he left the bottle behind. On his return to the river bank, some time later, he found the bottle and opened it. There was a satisfying pop and hiss, and he realized that the beer had remained in good condition. Although glass bottles were probably used for storing beer before Newell's time, this piscatorial (and quite possibly apocryphal) anecdote has survived to mark the beginnings of bottled beer.

Due to the high cost of its labour-intensive production, bottled beer remained a luxury for the next couple of centuries. Matters changed for the better in the British Isles in 1845, when the abolition of a Glass Tax helped to boost the availability of glass bottles. To make sure that the beer didn't escape, they were stoppered with corks, then screw tops, and finally the crown corks (more commonly known as just bottle-tops), that are still in use today.

**ELEGANT** Recent years have seen some brewers reconfigure the aesthetics of beer bottles by looking to the world of wine and Champagne for inspiration. Italian craft brewers, such as Le Baladin and 32 Via dei Birrai, are at the cutting edge with stylish and graceful bottles that owe more to wine than beer.

**PAPER-WRAPPED** Bottles wrapped in paper, such as those of Belgium's Corsendonk Agnus from Booc Brewery, and Italy's Birrifico Montegiooco beers, add a touch of mystique to the beer's presentation.

**OVAL-SHAPED**

England's St Peter's Brewery uses bottles that hark back to an oval-shaped design of the late 18th century.

**COMMON SHAPES**

Most bottle profiles favour either a slender design with a long, tapering neck or a fatter form with a short neck and rounded, slumped shoulders, like that of Sierra Nevada ale from the USA.

**ARTISAN** Some artisanal brewers are keen on corks, especially for their stronger beers. After all, these are beers that have been hand-crafted and are the beer equivalent of wine – why not make them special? The use of corks has been prevalent in northern France and Belgium for a long time, but new wave brewers such as the Danish Bogedal Brewery are also embracing the technique.



**STUBBY** Several Belgian brewers use a distinctive stubby bottle. Strong and heavy, it can withstand the high pressure created by secondary fermentation in the bottle, a crucial element of beers like Duvel and Steenbergs Gulden Draak.



**SWING TOP** On the European mainland, many bottles are sealed with swing tops rather than with crowns. They are famously used for Grolsch in the Netherlands and by German breweries such as Berg. They are also popular with home-brewers.



**MIDTFYNS BRYGHUS**

Marsk Billesvej 24,  
DK-5672 Broby, Denmark  
[www.midtfyns-bryghus.dk](http://www.midtfyns-bryghus.dk)

This microbrewery is on the island of Fyn off the eastern Danish mainland. Founded in 2005, it was bought by American entrepreneur Eddie Szweda in 2007. It has since found success with its quality, hand-crafted brews.

**BREWING SECRET** It first gained much appreciative attention for the now-discontinued Braveheart beer.

**IMPERIAL STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT 9.5% ABV  
Dark, almost black, stout with a nice cream-coloured head, good body, and some sweetness.

**DOUBLE INDIA PALE ALE**

DOUBLE PALE ALE 9.2% ABV  
American-inspired dark amber coloured ale with a complex profile of hops. Intense and powerful taste.

**MIKKELLER**

Slien 2, 2.tv,  
DK-1766 Copenhagen, Denmark  
[www.mikkeller.dk](http://www.mikkeller.dk)

An innovative brewery producing an eclectic range of beer. Mikkelser adopts an American rule-breaking approach to brewing and has achieved significant international recognition with several of its brews.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery recently introduced Black, the strongest beer ever made by a Danish brewer.

**BEER GEEK BREAKFAST**

OATMEAL STOUT 7.5% ABV  
An award-winning stout with a rich nose, smooth and balanced taste, and coffee and chocolate notes.

**BLACK**

IMPERIAL STOUT 17.5% ABV  
Exceptional body of sugars, roasted coffee beans, and black chocolate; a complex and lingering aftertaste.

**NØRREBRO BRYGHUS**

Ryesgade 3,  
DK-2200 Copenhagen N, Denmark  
[www.noerrebrobryghus.dk](http://www.noerrebrobryghus.dk)

Opened in 2003, this brewpub serves up to 10 hand-crafted beers. Founder-brewmaster Anders Kissmeyer aims to serve the best and most varied beer in Denmark. The beers he brews are also an integral part of the whole dining experience in the restaurant. The Nørrebro bottle won a Danish design award in 2004.

**BOMBAY PALE ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.5% ABV  
English Marris Otter malt gives a deeply intense malt character. Fruity aromas, high bitterness, and some sweetness.

**LITTLE KORKNY ALE**

BARLEY WINE 12.25% ABV  
Made with Pale Ale and Crystal malt. A strong, sweet beer with hints of plums and caramel.

**RAASTED BRYGHUS**

Hobrovej 358,  
DK-8900 Randers, Denmark  
[www.raastedbryghus.dk](http://www.raastedbryghus.dk)

This small, award-winning micro in the little town of Raasted is housed in an old dairy dating from 1888. The youngest brewmaster in Denmark, Martin Jensen founded it in 2005 when he was just 24 years old.

**BREWING SECRET** Jensen designed the brewing system himself and had it built to his specifications.

**RAASTED TRIPPEL**

ABBEY TRIPLE 8% ABV  
Flavoured with generous amounts of light cane sugar, with a delicate smell and taste of citrus.

**RAASTED CASCADE IPA**

INDIA PALE ALE 5.5% ABV  
Fruity and full-bodied; a mix of American Cascade, and Centennial hops gives a spicy, citrusy touch.



### REFSVINDINGE BREWERY

Nyborgvej 80,  
DK-5853 Ørbæk, Denmark  
[www.bryggerietrefsvindinge.dk](http://www.bryggerietrefsvindinge.dk)

Since 1885, four generations have run this farmhouse brewery. It was among the first to brew ales in Denmark and is credited with developing Danish white beer (*hvidtøl*) and the old-style smoked "ship's beer" (*skibssøl*), as well as two varieties of beer for children (not entirely alcohol free!).

#### ALE NO. 16

**BROWN ALE 5.7% ABV**  
Well rounded, typical dark ale using original English yeast to produce a sweet, fresh taste.

#### MORS STOUT

**PORTER 5.7% ABV**  
Dark, smooth porter brewed using malt that has been roasted with cocoa beans.



### ROYAL UNIBREW

Faxe Allé 1, DK-4640 Faxe, Denmark  
[www.royalunibrew.com](http://www.royalunibrew.com)

Formerly The Danish Brewery Group, Royal Unibrew is Denmark's second largest brewery and Scandinavia's largest exporter. The company owns two regional breweries, Faxe and Albani, Danish brands such as Ceres, Thor, and Maribo, and a number of international breweries. The Royal brand is its most popular in Denmark.

#### ROYAL EXPORT

**PREMIUM LAGER 5.6% ABV**  
The best-selling beer in the range has mild, aromatic, and balanced taste. It uses a special yeast to give a smooth, vinous character.

#### CERES JULEHVIDTØL

**WHITE BEER 1.9% ABV**  
A classic low-alcohol Christmas brew with dark malts and sugar giving a sweet, full-bodied taste.



### THISTED BRYGHUS

Bryggerivej 10,  
DK-7700 Thisted, Denmark  
[www.thisted-bryghus.dk](http://www.thisted-bryghus.dk)

Thisted Brewery is in the town of the same name on the second largest island in Denmark. Owned by the town's current and former residents, it has made traditional lagers since 1899 and is famous for its all-malt organic brews.

**BREWING SECRET** Thisted's malt mill was first used at the Carlsberg brewery as early as 1902.

#### LIMFJORDS PORTER

**BALTIC PORTER 7.9% ABV**  
Almost black in colour; rich and complex. Bottom-fermented and brewed with smoked malt and liquorice for rich flavour and aroma.

#### PORSE GULD

**PALE LAGER 5.8% ABV**  
A classic Thisted brew. Fruity and sweet golden lager flavoured with locally gathered bog myrtle.



### AASS BRYGGERI

Postboks 1530,  
N-3007 Drammen, Norway  
[www.aass.no](http://www.aass.no)

Norway's oldest brewery dates back to 1834. Named after Poul Lauritz Aass (pronounced "ouse"), it is a family-owned business run by four generations since 1860.

**BREWING SECRET** Aass brews according to the strict 1516 Bavarian Law of Purity, drawing its water from the nearby lake of Glitre.

#### AASS BOCK

**DUNKLER BOCK 6.5% ABV**  
Smooth and creamy; brewed using Munich malt and Hallertau hops. Lagered for at least three months.

#### AASS JULEØL

**DUNKLER BOCK 6.2% ABV**  
The most sought-after Christmas beer in Scandinavia. Thick and malty with a smooth, rich flavour.

**BERENTSENS BRYGGHUS**

Jernbaneveien 28,  
N-4370 Egersund, Norway  
[www.berentsens.com](http://www.berentsens.com)

This regional brewery uses fresh and natural raw materials to produce high-quality ales as well as cider, spirits, and soft drinks. Managing director Harald Berentsen is the fourth generation to run the company, which was founded by his great grandfather, Captain Wilhelm Berentsen in 1895.

**BERENTSENS RAV AMBER ALE**  
AMBER ALE 5.5% ABV

This over-yeasted ale features a generous amount of American Cascade hops, giving a clear bitterness and complex character.

**ROGLANDSPILS**

LAGER 4.7% ABV

Made with Czech hops and Scottish malt. Rich and deeply flavourful with well-balanced bitterness.

**HAANDBRYGGERIET**

Thornegaten 39,  
N-3015 Drammen, Norway  
[www.haandbryggeriet.net](http://www.haandbryggeriet.net)

This small brewery is known for its hand-made brews and for keeping Norwegian brewing traditions alive. Housed in a 200-year-old wooden building, it is run by volunteers, and experimentation is encouraged.

**BREWING SECRET** As well as using old oak wine barrels, they are now ageing beer in former Akevitt spirit casks.

**DARK FORCE**

WHEAT STOUT 9% ABV

Uses wheat and dark roasted malts and house wheat yeast. High hop aroma and ample bitterness.

**NORWEGIAN WOOD**

TRADITIONAL ALE 6.5% ABV

Made from naturally smoked Munich, Crystal, and chocolate malts; spiced with locally gathered juniper twigs and berries.

**HANSA BORG BRYGGERIER**

Kokstaddalen 3, Kokstad,  
N-5863 Bergen, Norway  
[www.hansa.no](http://www.hansa.no)

Norway's second-largest brewing company also runs as a brewpub (Kalfaret Brygghus) in Bergen. Founded in 1891, Hansa merged with Borg Breweries in 1997. Its original name reflects Bergen's history as a member of the Hanseatic League, a historic Baltic regional trading alliance.

**HANSA PILSNER**

PILSNER 4.5% ABV

The brewery's most popular beer, this is a crisp, light lager with a citrusy finish.

**HANSA BAYER**

DARK LAGER 4.5% ABV

Semi-dark Munich-style beer. Dark malts give it a toffee-like finish.

**LERVIG AKTIEBRYGGERI**

Vierveien 1, Hillevåg,  
N-4016 Stavanger, Norway  
[www.lervig.no](http://www.lervig.no)

Established by an enthusiastic group of brewers in 2003, the brewery began as a protest against the closure of the region's local brewery, Tou. Today, it is an established independent and industrial craft brewery, which supplies local beer-lovers, as well as bars and restaurants, with quality brews and non-alcoholic beverages.

**FIINE LERVIG PREMIUM**

PILSNER 4.7% ABV

Dark and elegant, with deep and aromatic malt character and a complex freshness of hops.

**HERLIGE LERVIG PILSNER**

PILSNER 4.7% ABV

The brewery's flagship beer is an easy-to-drink, light, and refreshing pilsner. Pale golden with a lacy head and floral hop aromas.



### MACK'S BREWERY

Storgata 4, N-9291 Tromsø, Norway  
www.mack.no

This brewery and soft drinks company was founded by Ludwig Markus Mack in 1877. It is best known for its highly popular pilsner, originally introduced in 1891. The brewery produces beer to honour special occasions and has a Party and a Seasonal series. Despite claims, it is not the world's northernmost brewery, since a microbrewery was set up in Honningsvåg in 2000.

#### ARCTIC BEER

PALE LAGER 4.5% ABV

A pale golden beer, with a hint of hops on the nose and a dry finish.

#### MACK HAAKON

LAGER 4.75% ABV

A commemorative beer launched to celebrate the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer. Rich-tasting and amber in colour.



### NØGNE Ø

Gamle Rykene Kraftstasjon,  
Lunde N-4885 Grimstad, Norway  
www.nogne-o.com

Kjetil Jikiun launched Nøgne Ø ("naked island") in 2003 after learning home-brewing in the USA. Now his brewery is Norway's largest supplier of bottle-conditioned ale.

**BREWING SECRET** Nøgne mixes British Marris Otter malt with American C-hops, including Cascade, Centenneal, Chinook, and Columbus.

#### SAISON

SAISON 6.5% ABV

East Kent Goldings and Crystal hops and Belgian ale yeast produce a light and refreshing brew, available all year but ideal in summer.

#### IMPERIAL STOUT

IMPERIAL STOUT 9% ABV

A dark, rich ale with a generous sweetness and bitterness coming from the roasted malts.



### RINGNES

Thorvald Meyersgate 2,  
N-0555 Oslo, Norway  
www.ringnes.no

Norway's largest brewery was founded by brothers Amund and Ellef Ringes in 1876. Through a long succession of mergers, this historic brewery is now owned by the Carlsberg Group. As well as Carlsberg and Ringnes, its brands include Tuborg Lysholmer, Dahls, and Frydenlund.

#### DAHLS PILS

PILSNER 4.5% ABV

Golden, smooth, aromatic lager with a rich taste, malty, and fruity flavour, and lingering bitterness.

#### RINGNES PILS

PILSNER 4.5% ABV

Fresh and pure, with a slightly dry character, light sweetness, low fruitiness, and a well-balanced hop bitterness.



### CARLSBERG SWEDEN AB

Bryggerivägen 10  
SE-161 86 Stockholm, Sweden  
www.carlsberg.se

Sweden's largest brewing company, and fifth-largest worldwide, brews beer in Stockholm, Goteborg, and Falkenberg. It was established in 2001 through a merger of the Falcon and Pripps breweries. Its main beer brands in Sweden include Pripps, Falcon, Eriksberg, Carlsberg, and Tuborg.

#### CARNEGIE STARK-PORTER

PORTER 5.5% ABV

The oldest active brand, dating from 1836. Fruity flavour with elements of caramelized sugar, coffee, and chocolate.

#### FALCON EXPORT

LAGER 5.2% ABV

Brewed since 1896; it has a rich and malty taste with a well-balanced bitterness.



**ÅBRO BRYGGERI**

SE-598 86 Vimmerby, Sweden  
www.abro.se

Sweden's oldest family-run brewery is located in the southern Småland region. Lieutenant Per W. Luthander founded Åbro in 1856. Axel Herman Johansson purchased the brewery in 1898, and it is still owned and operated by his descendants today.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery is located beside the source of fresh spring water that it uses in its brewing.

**DUGGES ALE & PORTERBRYGGERI**

Möbelgatan 3, SE-43133 Mölnådal, Sweden  
www.dugges.se

The brewery was founded in 2005 by Mikael Dugge Engström. His series of beers include Gothenburg, marrying old Swedish traditions with British and American inspiration, and Express Yourself, a collection of speciality brews with names like Holy Cow (an IPA) and Fuggedaboutit! (a brown ale).

**GOTLANDS BRYGGERI**

St Hansgatan 47,  
SE-621 56 Wisby, Sweden  
www.gotlandsbryggeri.se

Gotland is the largest island in the Baltic sea. This experimental microbrewery, owned by Spendrups, is in the old Hanseatic town of Visby, housed in a brewery and church dating from the 1700s. It is known for its speciality and seasonal beers.

**BREWING SECRET** The range includes an authentic Maclay's Scotch Ale.

**JÄMTLANDS BRYGGERI**

Box 224, SE-831 23 Östersund, Sweden  
www.jamtlandsbryggeri.se

This innovative small microbrewery was established in 1996 in the capital of the Jämtland region of central Sweden. It brews a wide variety of beer, including a strong English ale, Baltic Porter, and Vienna lager. It consistently wins awards at the Stockholm Beer Festival.

**BREWING SECRETS** It draws from British, German, and Alsace beer styles.

**SMÅLAND**

PILSNER 5.2% ABV

Brewed with Czech yeast. Full-bodied, moderately bitter taste, with elements of hops and apricot.

**ÅBRO ORIGINAL**

PREMIUM LAGER 5.2% ABV

A full-bodied, light lager; rounded bitterness and sweetness, and an aromatic hoppy character.

**DUGGES AVENYN ALE**

AMERICAN PALE ALE 5% ABV

Aromas of hops, flowers, and citrus fruits; flavours of grapes, pine, and a hint of caramel.

**HIGH FIVE!**

INDIAN PALE ALE 7.5% ABV

Dark amber. Intense hop aroma; notes of strawberry jam, pine, and chocolate, and a dry bitterness.

**WISBY KLOSTERÖL**

ALE 5% ABV

Scottish yeast plus Pilsner, Munich, and wheat malts give an orange fruitiness and a honeyed flavour.

**WISBY WEISSE**

WEISSBIER 5.2% ABV

A Bavarian-style wheat beer containing 60 per cent wheat and caramel malt. Unfiltered and unpasteurized.

**PRESIDENT**

PORTER 4.8% ABV

This bottom-fermented beer has a medium bitterness and the soft aroma of Czech Saaz hops.

**OATMEAL PORTER**

PORTER 4.7% ABV

An unfiltered and top-fermented porter with a ruby-black colour. Espresso in a glass!



**NYNÄSHAMNS  
ÄNGBRYGGERI**

Box 186, Lövlundsvägen 4,  
SE-149 22 Nynäshamn, Sweden  
[www.nyab.se](http://www.nyab.se)

Nynäshamns Ängbryggeri, meaning "steam brewery", produces mainly ales, stouts, and porters using British and American methods. Founded in 1997 by four enthusiasts, all of its beers are named after places in the archipelago and the harbour town of Nynäshamn.

**NILS OSCAR**

Fruängsgatan 2, SE-611 31 Nyköping,  
Sweden  
[www.nilsoscar.se](http://www.nilsoscar.se)

This microbrewery and distillery was established in 1996 and makes well-balanced beers that go well with food. It has won many awards, including four medals in the World Beer Cup. **BREWING SECRET** Nils Oscar has its own maltings, and a farm where barley and other cereals for malting are grown.

**SPENDRUPS BRYGGERI**

SE-143 03 Vårby, Sweden  
[www.spendrups.se](http://www.spendrups.se)

The largest Swedish-owned brewing company was founded in 1897. It owns three breweries in Grängesberg, Vårby, and Gotlands. Its CEO and brewmaster, Johan Spendrup, is the fourth generation of his family to run the brewery. **BREWING SECRET** This is the only brewer in Sweden to produce beer according to the 1516 Bavarian Purity Law.

**FINLANDIA**

Suokulmantie 237, Matku,  
Forsaa FI-31110, Finland  
[www.finlandiasahti.fi](http://www.finlandiasahti.fi)

Finlandia is a specialist brewer of *sahti*, a traditional Finnish home-brew made with rye and other grains, flavoured with juniper twigs and berries. Beer enthusiasts can sample Finlandia Sahti in Helsinki at St Urho's Pub and the Restaurant Savotta. The best time to do so is during Helsinki's Sahti Week, which takes place in May each year.

**BEDARÖ BITTER**

PREMIUM BITTER 4.5% ABV  
A well-balanced, hoppy ale with a fruity taste and a bitter, dry finish.

**FATLAGRAD SMÖRPUNDET**

PORTER 5% ABV  
A full-bodied porter with chocolate notes and a mild bitterness.

**IMPERIAL STOUT**

IMPERIAL STOUT 7% ABV  
Well balanced and rich from ageing. Chocolate aromas with caramel giving way to a bittersweet finish.

**INDIA ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 5.3% ABV  
Heavily hopped with Amarillo, giving an aroma of tropical fruits; the fruitiness is balanced by the crystal malt sweetness.

**SPENDRUPS OLD GOLD**

PILSNER 5% ABV  
German-style pilsner made with Czech Saazer hops. Citrus notes, a dry bitter finish and long aftertaste.

**MARIESTADS EXPORT**

PALE LAGER 5.3% ABV  
A Dortmunder-style beer with German hops. Aromas of toasted malt and spicy hop flavours.

**SAHTI STRONG**

SAHTI 10% ABV  
Sweet and somewhat oily on the palate; the juniper nose gives way to a bubblegum aftertaste.

**TAVALLINEN**

SAHTI 8% ABV  
A deep chestnut colour, with a heavy juniper nose and a hint of blackcurrant.

**HARTWALL**

Atomitie 2a, FI-00371 Helsinki, Finland  
[www.hartwall.fi/en](http://www.hartwall.fi/en)

Hartwall, part of the Heineken Group, has breweries in Lahti and Tornio. Brands include Hartwall Jaffa, Hartwall Novelle, Upcider, Lapin Kulta, and Karjala beers. Victor Harwall founded it in 1836 as the first mineral water supplier in Scandinavia. Brewing began in 1966 with Karjala beer – its Karelian name and logo defied the Soviet Union, then occupying much of the region.

**HUVILA**

Puistokatu 4, FI-57100, Savonlinna, Finland  
[www.panimoravintolahuvila.fi](http://www.panimoravintolahuvila.fi)

This craft brewery, making British-style ales, *sideri* (cider), and *sahti*, is located in Savonlinna, a popular tourist area in the Lake Saimaa area. The complex offers good food at the brewery-restaurant Huvila, bed and breakfast, live music, brewery tours, and a brewing school.

**BREWING SECRET** All of Huvila's products are unfiltered.

**LAITILAN**

Sirppukuja 4, FI-23800 Laitila, Finland  
[www.laitilan.com/english](http://www.laitilan.com/english)

This is one of the fastest-growing breweries in Finland. Founded in 1995, it brews a range of full malt beers under the Kukko (rooster) name, Oiva Scandinavian cider, and old-fashioned lemonades.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery uses wind power for all its energy needs, and was the first in the world to develop a gluten-free full malt beer.

**NOKIAN PANIMO**

Nuijamiestentie 17, 37120 Nokia, Finland  
[www.nokianpanimo.fi](http://www.nokianpanimo.fi)

Nokian Panimo was founded in 1991 and specializes in unfiltered lagers sold under the Året Runt, Kommodori, and Jouluolut brands. It also brews filtered lagers including Keisari Pils and Keisari Strong. It produces approximately 2.5 million litres (4,400,000 pints) of beverages per year, including beer, mineral water, and juice-based soft drinks.

**LAPIN KULTA PREMIUM**

LAGER 4.5% ABV

Crisp and smooth; now brewed to a new recipe using only natural ingredients, and with more malts and hops in the mix.

**KARJALA IVB**

STRONG LAGER 8% ABV

Golden, strong lager with a generous head; smooth malts and hops give a robust character.

**HUVILA PORTER**

PORTER 5.5% ABV

English roasted malts give a strong coffee-like, roasted aroma with a hint of chocolate.

**HUVILA ESB**

STRONG BITTER 5.2% ABV

Robustly hopped with a fruity and floral aroma, complex flavours, and a long and bitter aftertaste.

**KUKKO PILS**

PILSNER 4.5% ABV

A German-style pilsner with the strong bite of aromatic hops. Won best beer in Finland three times.

**KUKKO PORTER**

PORTER 6.5% ABV

A Baltic porter that has a powerful, full malt roasted body and the perfect base.

**ÅRET RUNT IV**

STRONG LAGER 5.7% ABV

Deep brown, unfiltered lager. Fruity, slightly sweet, and mildly roasted, with a strong hops flavour.

**KEISARI STRONG IV**

STRONG LAGER 5.7% ABV

A Munich-style dark lager. Amber-coloured, high in aroma with a delicate sweetness; moderate hops.



### OLVI

Olvitie I-IV, FI-74100 Iisalmi, Finland  
www.olvi.fi

Finland's third largest brewer, Olvi is also the only Finnish-owned brewery with national operations. A publicly traded company, founded in 1878, Olvi has subsidiaries in Estonia (A. Le Coq), Lithuania (Ragutis), and Latvia (Cesu Alus). It is a regular sponsor of Oluset, Finland's largest and oldest annual summer beer festival.

#### OLVI TUPLAPUKKI

PALE DOPPELBOCK 8.5% ABV  
Finland's best-selling strong beer, rich in malt and hops. A spicier version is produced for Christmas.

#### OLVI III

LAGER 4.5% ABV  
Olvi's most popular beer, a Pilsner-type full-bodied lager with sweet and malty flavour.



### PLEVNA BREWERY

Itäinenkatu 8, FI-33210 Tampere, Finland  
www.plevna.fi

This brewpub and restaurant was established in 1994 and is situated in the historic Finlayson cotton mills of Tampere, Finland's third largest city. The brewery produces a variety of beer, including dark and pale lager, stout, and wheat beer. Following tradition, all beers conform to the *Reinheitsgebot* purity laws.

#### RAUCHBIER JAMES

SMOKED BEER 5.2% ABV  
Dark copper in colour; a slightly roasted, tarry flavour, and full-bodied with a bite of bitter in the aftertaste.

#### IMPERIAL STOUT SIPERIA

IMPERIAL STOUT 8% ABV  
A strong, rich stout with a typical tar-like flavour combined with a roasted fruitiness.



### SINEBRYCHOFF

Oy Sinebrychoff Ab, Sinebrychoffinaukio I PL 87, FI-04201 Kerava, Finland  
www.koff.fi

Sinebrychoff is part of the Carlsberg Group, and its abbreviated name and main brand range, Koff, is one of the most popular in Finland. It is the oldest Nordic brewery, founded by Russian Nikolai Sinebrychoff in 1819.

BREWING SECRET Karhuanimo, their new microbrewery, is producing a range of hand-crafted lagers.

#### SINEBRYCHOFF PORTER

IMPERIAL STOUT 7.2% ABV  
Robust and brimming with coffee flavours, this beer has a long, warming finish.

#### KARHU III

LAGER 4.6% ABV  
Described by the brewer as "untamed". Full-bodied, with stronger flavours of hops and malt than are usual for a lager.



### TEERENPELI

Hämeenkatu 19, Lahti, Finland  
www.teerenpeli.com

Teerenpeli operates breweries, bars, and restaurants in Helsinki, Lahti, and Tampere. Its first brewery was founded in 1995. A new brewery and whisky distillery opened in 2002, set within the Restaurant Taivaanranta in Lahti. Teerenpeli's beers have won medals at the Helsinki Beer Festival.

#### LAISKAJAAKKO

DARK LAGER 4.5% ABV  
Full-bodied, malty dark lager, brewed with Crystal 50 and Black malt, and Hallertau hops.

#### ONNENPEKKA

Pale Lager 4.7% ABV  
Golden and refreshing. Made with Pilsner barley malt from the Lahti region, and pure water from the Salpausselkä area.

## BEER STYLES

# WHEAT BEER

Little more than a generation ago, Bavarian *weissbier*, or *weizen*, was in sharp decline. Once the privilege of kings and princes, this historic brew had come to be regarded as an old person's drink in comparison to the youthful gloss of lager. In the early 1980s, all this changed. Hip drinkers rediscovered it, and word spread from Bavaria to intrigue and inspire beer-lovers and brewers all over the world. At about the same time, Belgium's spicy *witbiers* (white beers) also appeared on the beer-drinkers' radar, beginning with Hoegaarden, the creation of former milkman Pierre Celis.

The international appeal of these beers has been picked up on by brewers from Britain, the USA, and many other nations. Some are now producing wheat beers in the Bavarian *weissbier* tradition; others favour spicy and zesty brews in the style of Belgian *witbiers*.

**MALT** Wheat beers are a mixture of pale and wheat malt, with the latter making up a sizeable percentage of the grist. This gives the beer a tart and refreshing flavour. Subtle hopping adds a lemony, spritzy fruitiness.

**YEAST** Bavarian *weissbiers* from breweries such as Schneider and Maisels feature banana, clove, and vanilla notes from the yeast, and may be cloudy (*hefeweizen*) with suspended yeast, or clear (*kristall*). Darker wheat beers are called *dunkel*, and stronger ones *weizenbock*.

**SPICES** Belgium *witbiers* tend to be spicy, almost peppery, due to the use of spices such as coriander seeds and rare African grains of paradise, as well as bitter Curaçao orange peel. Some examples, such as St Bernardus Wit, have a luscious silkiness.



**AMBER**

Bielkówek, ul. Gregorkiewicza 1,  
83-050 Kolbud, Poland  
[www.browar-amber.pl](http://www.browar-amber.pl)

Owned by the Przybyło family, this medium-sized brewery is one of the most modern in Poland. Situated close to Gdansk in Pomerania, an area with a rich brewing tradition, the brewery is a supporter of the Slow Food movement, and organizes the Kozłaki Bielskowskie food and drink festival every September.

**KOZŁAK**

DUNKEL BOCK 6.5% ABV

A ruby-red beer, it is rich in malt and yeasty flavours, with a warming aftertaste.

**ZYWE**

PILSNER 6.2% ABV

Pale in colour, it has lemon flavours and uses hops and barley from the Lubin region.

**BROWARMIA**

Ul. Królewska 1,  
Warszawa, 00-065, Poland  
[www.browarmia.pl](http://www.browarmia.pl)

Opened in 2005, this fine brewpub has a vibrant atmosphere – busy, convivial, and loud on music nights. Polish food with a modern twist is a speciality to match the beers on tap. Six beers are currently brewed in the smart cellar brewery, with six more planned for the future.

**PSZENCICZNE**

PALE ALE 4.8% ABV

Not quite a Burton ale, it is strongly hopped in the kettle before being dry-hopped in the lagering tank.

**RASPBERRY WHEAT BEER**

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV

The house wheat beer is in the Bavarian style, with the addition of fresh raspberries. The fruit adds a refreshing, zesty tartness.

**KOSZALIN**

Koszalin ul. Spółdzielcza 8, Koszalin,  
Poland  
[www.royalunibrew.com](http://www.royalunibrew.com)

This brewery has been keeping the beer-drinkers of northwest Poland happy since it was established in 1874. In 2002 it was one of the first in the country to be privatized, and in 2005 was bought by the Danish company Royal Unibrew. Koszalin is one of the region's biggest employers, and its brews are available nationally.

**BROK SAMBOR**

PILSNER 6.2% ABV

Golden in colour, with a thin white head. Sweetcorn and candy flavours predominate, with little hop aroma.

**BROK STRONG**

LAGER 7.2% ABV

A complex, sweet beer with crisp orange overtones. Its recipe dates back more than 120 years.

**OKOCIM**

Ul Browarna 14, 32-8-Bresko, Poland  
[www.okocim.com.pl](http://www.okocim.com.pl)

Built in 1845, the Okocim brewery is one of the finest buildings in Bresko. Much of the original site is well preserved, and it is one of the few remaining breweries left from this period. Now owned by Carlsberg, there has been considerable investment in recent years.

**BREWING SECRET** Closed conical fermenters are a modern addition.

**OKOCIM PORTER**

PORTER 9% ABV

A porter in the Baltic tradition, with a soothing, almost medicinal, taste and hints of cinnamon.

**ZAGŁOBA**

LAGER 4.8% ABV

Pale in colour and light in body, it has a yeasty, biscuity zest with a hint of spicy hops.



### KOMPANIA PIWOWARSKA SA

ul. Sz wajcarska 11, 61-285 Poznan,  
Poland

[www.kp.pl/eng](http://www.kp.pl/eng)

This company has won many brewing awards and has a reputation for quality. Owned by SABMiller, it is expanding quickly. It has recently bought the Browar Belgia Brewery in Kielce and is aggressively marketing its brands in home and world markets. All its beers are bottom-fermentation brews.

### RELAKSPOL

ul. Borkowska 30.32,  
30-438 Kraków, Poland  
[www.relakspol.com.pl](http://www.relakspol.com.pl)

It is unusual in Poland for a small brewery to sell beer both in bottles and on draught, but Relakspol, which opened in 1992, does just that. Krakow is the former capital of Poland and still its cultural heart. There is a small but growing beer culture in the city, and an increasing number of bars sell locally brewed beers.

### WARKA

Gosniewska 655-660 Warka, Poland  
[www.warka.com.pl](http://www.warka.com.pl)

The town of Warka is celebrated as the birthplace of Kazimierz Pulaski (1745–1779), a Polish nobleman who became a hero of the American Revolution. Brewing has taken place here since the Middle Ages, and, in 1478, Warka brewers were granted the exclusive rights to supply beer to the Warsaw royal court. Today, the Warka brewery is owned by Heineken.

### ZYWIEC

ul. Browarna 88, 34-300 Zywiec, Poland  
[www.zywiec.com.pl](http://www.zywiec.com.pl)

Established in 1852 by the Hapsburg family, this brewery fell into state ownership after World War II, and was acquired by Heineken in the mid-1990s. It is home to a lively brewing museum that takes visitors right through the brewing process.

**BREWING SECRET** The Zywiec Porter uses a recipe from 1881.

### TYSKIE GRONIE

LAGER 5.6% ABV

Crisp, clean-tasting beer with a clear yellow hue. Poland's favourite beer, it is sold worldwide.

### DEBOWE MOCNE

DARK LAGER 7% ABV

A strong, German-style doppelbock, its rich taste is the result of being matured in oak barrels.

### PILS

PILSNER 5.7% ABV

An easy-drinking golden beer that is, nevertheless, worth seeking out. It has a soft and pleasant aroma, and a lingering dryness on the palate.

### WARKA

LAGER 5.7% ABV

A deep, rich golden colour, topped with a bold white head. An easy-drinking, if strong, beer.

### WARKA STRONG

LAGER 7% ABV

Copper-coloured, it is light in malt and with a hint of hops. A complex, dry bitterness, but a sweet finish.

### ZYWIEC

LAGER 5.6% ABV

Crisp, bright gold, and easy-drinking, with flowery, hoppy aromas, it is now being exported worldwide.

### PORTER

BALTIC PORTER 9.5% ABV

A dark, strong beer, brewed with Munich and other special malts for sweetness and colour. Aromatic hops provide a rich aroma.

**SLOVENSKO**

Novozámocka 2,  
947 12 Hurbanovo, Slovakia  
[www.heineken.sk](http://www.heineken.sk)

Once Heineken had three breweries in Slovakia, but only the Hurbanovo plant is now left. Heineken leads the Slovak beer market with a share of 45 per cent (nearest rival SABMiller has 38 per cent). Heineken has close relations with the region's farmers as it operates the largest malt-producing plant in the area.

**ZLATY BAZANT / GOLDEN PHEASANT**

LAGER 4.2% ABV  
Clear and golden, with a hint of straw, this is an easy-drinking beer without any complexities. Beers of this type were like "liquid bread" to factory workers. It is also available in a non-alcoholic version.

**TOPVAR**

Krusovska cesta 2092,  
Topolcany, Slovakia  
[www.topvar.sk](http://www.topvar.sk)

The brewery operates at two sites in Slovakia: Topolcany and Velký Šariš. In 2000, the brewery launched a beer called Brigita, named after the Slovak finance minister Brigita Schmögnerová. A popular beer, it remained on sale for some time after her resignation in 2002. The company is now owned by SABMiller.

**TOPVAR SVETLÉ**

LAGER 5.2% ABV  
A sunburst of yellow tones, with a thin white head. This beer has an attractive nose, with plenty of citrus fruit flavours.

**BORSODI SÖRGYÁR**

Rákóczi út 81, Bocs, Hungary  
[www.inbev.com](http://www.inbev.com)

One of the largest breweries in Hungary, Borsodi Sörgyár was privatized in 1991 after the fall of Communism and bought by drinks giant InBev in 1993. Typically, one of the characteristics of state ownership is a lack of investment in quality control, and that's something that has been rectified in recent years.

**BORSODI BIVALY**

LAGER 6.5% ABV  
A bold, golden yellow, this is a strong, grainy beer with an overt sweetness on the palate.

**BORSODI SÖR**

LAGER 4.6% ABV  
A golden-coloured light beer, with a wispy head, it is sweet and easy to drink. A working man's beer.

**BLONDER SÖRGYAR**

Futca 9 Vonyarcvashegy, Hungary  
[www.blonder.hu](http://www.blonder.hu)

One of a handful of microbreweries to have emerged in recent years in Hungary, Blonder Sörgyár is situated close to Lake Balaton, the largest lake in central Europe. As well as beer brewed on the premises, this roadside inn offers accommodation and has a restaurant. The food is very Hungarian – wholesome, and a fine accompaniment to the beer.

**VILÁGOS**

LAGER 5.6% ABV  
Yellow in colour, this is a strong, grainy beer with an overt sweetness. Somewhat rough at the edges but it works well with Hungarian cuisine.



**DREHER**

Magladi ut 17, Budapest, Hungary  
[www.dreher.hu](http://www.dreher.hu)

For many years this brewery was run by Anton Dreher, one of the great beer innovators. In the mid-19th century, he developed the technology to ferment beer at low temperatures and created a new kind of malty amber beer, called Vienna lager. For his achievements, Dreher was dubbed “The King of Beer”. The company is now owned by SABMiller.

**HEINEKEN HUNGÁRIA**

Sörgyárak Nyrt 9400 Sopron,  
 Vándor Sándor st, Hungary  
[www.heinekenhungaria.hu](http://www.heinekenhungaria.hu)

Sopron might be at the heart of Hungary’s wine region, but it has also had a brewery for over 100 years. Founded by Gyula Lenck in 1895, Heineken Hungária (as it is now known) is one of the largest brewers in the country. It also has a production plant at Martfű.

**ILZER SÖRGYÁR**

Ilzer Sörgyár Rt., 2200, Monor, Hungary  
[www.ilzer.hu](http://www.ilzer.hu)

Located 35 km (22 miles) south of Budapest, this brewery was founded in the early 1990s. Its range of brews now includes Alt Bayersicher Dunkel, a dark wheat beer; Diet, a beer that is low in sugar; and a kosher beer called Shalom.

**BREWING SECRET** Ilzer developed and brewed the first Hungarian wheat beer.

**PÉCSI SÖRFÖZDE**

Alkotmány utca 94, Pécs, H-7624,  
 Hungary  
[www.pecsisor.hu](http://www.pecsisor.hu)

This brewery was founded in 1848 by Hirschfeld Lipó. It is now Hungary’s fourth-largest brewery and the largest not owned by a multinational (although most of the equity is owned by the Austrian company Ottakringer). Pécs is known for its warm climate and Mediterranean atmosphere. It will be European City of Culture in 2010.

**DREHER CLASSIC**

PILSNER 5.5% ABV

With a crisp, fresh aroma, this is a bitter, golden-yellow beer with an aroma of hops and a hint of malt.

**DREHER BAK**

DUNKLER Bock 7.3% ABV

A rich, full-bodied dark beer, notes of caramel and malt, reminiscent of bittersweet chocolate.

**SOPRONI ÁSZOK**

LAGER 4.5% ABV

Light to taste, this beer is crisp on the palate. Not a complex beer, but very refreshing.

**STEFFL**

PILSNER 5.3% ABV

A clear, clean, sparkling golden pilsner. A nice level of hops and a sweet aroma.

**ILZER HEFEWEISSBIER**

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV

Cloudy yellow, with a wispy white head. Hints of banana and spice give way to a citrusy finish.

**ILZER ROGGEN ROZS SÖR**

RYE BEER 4.8% ABV

Hazy to the eye, this is a complex rye beer of some originality. The rye imparts rich spice notes.

**SZALON SÖR**

PILSNER 4.6% ABV

Brewed for over 100 years, this is the company’s flagship beer. Golden-yellow with a thick, long-lasting head and barley aromas.

**SZALON BÚZASÖR**

WHEAT BEER 5.2% ABV

Unfiltered, hence its hazy appearance; fruit notes mingle with a yeasty scent.



**BERE ROMANIA**

Str. Manastur Nr. 2-6, Cluj Napoca, Romania  
www.sabmiller.com

Now a subsidiary of SABMiller, this brewery first opened in 1878. Its main brand, Ursus, is advertised under the slogan "The King of Romanian Beers". Each September the town of Cluj Napoca, in the heart of Transylvania, hosts a beer festival.

**BREWING SECRET** These beers are fermented using Bavarian yeast.

**HEINEKEN ROMANIA**

Miercurea Ciuc, Romania 4100  
www.heinekenromania.ro

The former Brau-Union Romania, the country's biggest brewer was taken over by Heineken in 2003. It now controls about 26 per cent of the domestic market. Many Romanians buy beer in plastic bottles and Heineken is investing in the technology to package beer in this way – a worthwhile move given that the per capita consumption is 89 litres (157 pints) per annum.

**APATINSKA PIVARA**

Trg Oslobodenja 5, Apatin, Serbia 25260  
www.inbev.com

The biggest brewer in Serbia and the largest in the Balkans, this InBev-owned company now has 46 per cent of the local market. The town of Apatini, which is on the Danube, is in a fertile barley-growing area called Vojvodina. Records show that brewing has taken place in the town since 1756.

**BIP-BEOGRADSKA**

Bulevar Vojvode Putnika 5, PO Box 21 SCG-11000 Beograd, Serbia  
www.bip.co.yu

Following privatization in 2007, a consortium comprising Swedish brewer United Nordic Beverages, and Lithuania's Alita, plans to invest in the development of the brewery to boost its capacity. Currently, BIP has four breweries – two in Belgrade, one in the town of Cacak in central Serbia, and another in Leskovac, in the south.

**URSUS PREMIUM PILS**

PILSNER 5.2% ABV

Lively carbonation, a malty aroma, hints of fresh hops and bread, and lemony notes in the finish.

**TIMISOREANA**

LAGER 5% ABV

A light yellow, easy-drinking beer that doesn't challenge the senses. Made to a recipe from 1718.

**BUCEGI**

LAGER 4.6% ABV

Blond lager beer, with a soft hint of citrus, unassuming on the palate.

**CIUC PREMIUM**

LAGER 4.8% ABV

Golden lager with a decent head. Dry, without much hop character, but with a sweet aftertaste.

**JELLEN PIVO**

LAGER 5% ABV

Light yellow in colour, with a white, wispy head. It has hints of grass and grain and aromas of hops and malt. *Jelen* means "deer".

**APATINSKO PIVO**

LAGER 5% ABV

A fresh-tasting beer with floral notes and a citrus aroma.

**BG**

LAGER 5% ABV

The sparkling golden beer has a pleasant bitterness and a soft aroma with a hint of sweetcorn and bread. One to enjoy at the Belgrade Beer Festival, which takes place in August.

Ožujsko Pivo, the medium-strength lager produced by Zagrebacka, is one of Croatia's most popular beers.



PIVNICA  
TOMISLAV



### KARLOVAČKA

Dubovac 22, Karlovač, Croatia 47000  
[www.karlovacko.hr](http://www.karlovacko.hr)

Karlovačka is Croatia's second-largest brewery, with about 22 per cent of the domestic beer market. Founded in 1854, it is in the very heart of Croatia, on the delta of four rivers – the Korana, Kupa, Mrenica, and Dobra. Heineken bought the brewery in 2003. The town of Karlovač organizes a beer festival at the end of August in its city square.

#### KARLOVAČKO

LAGER 5,4% ABV

Golden-yellow beer, with yeasty and toasted malt aromas and a refreshing bitterness; the favourite beer of visitors to Croatia.



### ZAGREBACKA

Ilica 224, Zagreb, Croatia  
[www.inbev.com](http://www.inbev.com)

Zagrebacka Pivovara, Croatia's largest brewer, was established in 1893 and is now owned by InBev. After years of falling beer consumption, the market is now growing again, with domestic lager brands being the most popular segment of the market.

**BREWING SECRET** Double-malted dark chocolate barley gives the dark lager its prized aromas, flavours, and colour.

#### OŽUJSKO PIVO

LAGER 5,2% ABV

A golden lager, with a deep, white head. A sweetcorn and malt nose gives way to a fruity finish.

#### TOMISLAV PIVO

DARK LAGER 7% ABV

Croatia's strongest beer; this deep ruby-red lager has aromas of roasted malt and coffee and a dry finish.



### UNION

Pivovarniška ulica 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia  
[www.pivo-union.si](http://www.pivo-union.si)

This brewery was founded in 1864 by the Kozler family, but state-of-the-art technology makes it one of the most modern in Slovenia.

A fascinating museum takes visitors through the brewing process.

However, you have to be there on the first Tuesday morning of the month to enjoy it.

#### UNION LAGER

LAGER 5% ABV

A Slovenian favourite. A sweet, golden beer, it has corn overtones.

#### ČRNI BARON / BLACK BARON

STOUT 5,2% ABV

A dark dessert beer, rich with caramel notes and aromas; its finish is warming but could be longer.



### RIDNA MARKA

71 Mikgorod str. Radomyshl, Ukraine  
[www.etalon-beer.com.ua/en](http://www.etalon-beer.com.ua/en)

Beer making in Radomyshl dates from 1886, when this brewery was founded by the Czech Albrechtam brothers. They found that the soft water here was ideal for brewing. The modern brewery has adapted Bavarian technology to Ukrainian ingredients.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewhouse has been specifically designed to produce unfiltered, genuine wheat beers.

#### ETALON WEISSBIER

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV

Spicy with a rich, creamy malt note and a long, quenching flavour and finish. Hints of bananas and vanilla.

**OBOLON**

3 Bogatyrskaya Str. Kiev, Ukraine  
www.obolon.com

Obolon was built in 1980 by the Soviets, who wanted a world-class brewery. Czech brewers acted as consultants. In 1992, the company was the first in Ukraine to be privatized. Ukraine is the largest beer market in the CIS, the former Soviet Union. Obolon has a 26 per cent share of the market, and is also the country's biggest beer exporter.

**OBOLON PREMIUM**

LAGER 5.2% ABV

Light gold in colour, with a sweet malt taste. The use of rice in the grist gives the beer a softness.

**WEIZEN**

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV

Unfiltered, top-fermented wheat beer, with a pleasant fruity and spicy flavour.

**BALTIKA**

6 Proezd, Parnas 4, St Petersburg, Russia  
www.eng.baltika.ru

The Russian beer market has been going through a period of rapid change as it continues to adjust to a capitalist economy. Baltika's rise has been swift, and it is now the country's largest beer producer. It brews the top two brands – Baltika and Arsenalnoye. The company accounts for more than seven out of ten beer sales, and exports to 46 countries.

**BALTIKA NO 3 CLASSIC**

LAGER 4.8% ABV

A malty nose gives way to a bitter finish. Widely available across Russia.

**BALTIKA NO 6 PORTER**

PORTER 7% ABV

A well-balanced beer. Dark roasted malts, chocolate and molasses flavours fill the glass, overlaid by a good hop finish.

**BOCHKAREV**

Telmana Street, 24,  
St Petersburg, Russia

Bochkarev started life as a soft-drinks manufacturer in 1988 and began brewing in 1999. Owned by Heineken since 2002, it is now the sixth-largest single-site brewery in Europe. St Petersburg is known as Russia's beer capital and has a fast-evolving beer culture. Bochkarev has 17 per cent of the St Petersburg market, and a seven per cent market share in Moscow.

**BOCHKOVOE**

LAGER 4.3% ABV

Its name means "barrelled". Thin, clear yellow, light in body, the nose is light and malty with corn flavours.

**KREPKOE OSOBOE**

LAGER 8% ABV

Full of malt flavours, this strong beer has a warming finish but could do with more balance.

**OCHAKOVO**

44, Riabinivaya, Moscow, Russia  
www.ochakovo.ru

Ochakovo is the last independent Russian brewery, and is trying to remain so. Its original brewhouse has been transformed into a museum, which takes visitors, step-by-step, through the brewing process and features many exhibits from the 19th century.

**BREWING SECRET** In 2005, Ochakovo launched an unpasteurized, unfiltered "live" beer, aimed at the health market.

**OCHAKOVO CLASSIC**

LAGER 5% ABV

Corn-yellow in colour, with intense malt overtones and a hoppy finish.

**OCHAKOVO RUBY**

VIENNA LAGER 3.9% ABV

Pale ruby in colour, with aromas of winter fruits and floral notes, it has strong hints of caramel on the palate.



**SUN INBEV**

Vorontsovsky Park, 6 Moscow, Russia  
[www.suninterbrew.ru](http://www.suninterbrew.ru)

Founded in 1999, the company is an amalgamation of two important players in the Russian and Ukrainian beer markets – Interbrew and SUN Brewing. SUN InBev now owns ten breweries in Russia, and is the second largest brewing company in the country. Brazilian beer is proving popular in Russia now that Brahma, also owned by InBev, is being brewed in Klin.

**TOLSTIAK DOBROYE**

LAGER 5% ABV

A pale beer with a rich, sweet taste and a pleasant, hoppy bitterness.

**KLINSKOYE SVETLOE**

LAGER 4.5% ABV

Straw-coloured, the mild flavour is achieved by the use of maize or rice in brewing. It has a soft hop aroma.



**ŠVYTURYS-UTENOS**

Kuliu Vartu g. 7, Klaipeda, Lithuania  
[www.svyturys.lt/en](http://www.svyturys.lt/en)

Brewing began here in 1784, making this the oldest brewery in Lithuania. The company has a reputation for the quality of its beers and has won several international brewing awards. It is open to the public for tours twice a week for groups of five to 25 (via the tourist office at [www.klaipedainfo.lt](http://www.klaipedainfo.lt)).

**BREWING SECRET** All the employees give their feedback on each new brew.

**ŠVYTURYS EKSTRA**

DORTMUND LAGER 5.2% ABV

Clear and golden, it has a firm white head, an intense aroma of hops and a slight bitterness.

**ŠVYTURIO**

LAGER 5% ABV

Translucent gold in colour, it has a good balance of rich malt and bitter hops. In Lithuania it's known simply as "red", due to its label colour.



**GUBERNIJA**

Dvaro str. 179, LT-76176 Siauliai, Lithuania  
[www.gubernija.lt/en](http://www.gubernija.lt/en)

Lithuania has a long and proud brewing tradition, and records show that beer was being made in Siauliai in the 14th century. The first record of the Gubernija Brewery on its current site dates from 1786. Over the years the brewery has been rebuilt many times, most recently in 2000 when the modern plant was installed.

**GUBERNIJOS EKSTRA**

LAGER 5.5% ABV

Medium-gold in colour. Strong, rich, and warming with caramel and sweetcorn overtones. A dry finish with citrus and hop flavours lingering on the palate.



**KALNAPILIS**

Taikos Avenue 1, LT-5319 Panevezys, Lithuania  
[www.kalnapiilis.lt/en](http://www.kalnapiilis.lt/en)

Over 100 years old, the brewery was founded by German Albert Foight, who named it Bergschlösschen ("little castle on the hill"); later the name was changed to the Lithuanian Kalnapiilis. Now owned by Danish Royal Unibrew, the company prides itself on its innovation – it was the first brewer in Lithuania to use twist caps on bottles and the first to market beer in cans.

**ORIGINAL**

LAGER 5% ABV

A pale golden-yellow with a good foamy head, it has a sweetcorn aroma with a hint of Saaz hops.

**RED**

LAGER 4.8% ABV

Russet hues and malty, sweet overtones, but the aftertaste quickly fades away.

**ALDARIS**

Tvaika iela 44, Rīga, Latvia  
[www.aldaris.lv/eng](http://www.aldaris.lv/eng)

This brewery, which was founded in 1865, became part of Baltic Beverages Holding (a joint venture between Carlsberg and Scottish & Newcastle) in 1992. It is the leading and most advanced brewery in Latvia, producing more than 12 different light and dark lagers, based on traditional recipes.

**CĒSU ALUS**

Aldaru laukums 1, Cēsis, Latvia - 4101  
[www.cesualus.lv](http://www.cesualus.lv)

Cēsu Alus was founded in 1879 and is the oldest brewery in Latvia. In 1999 it was purchased by the Estonian brewer A Le Coq. It is now one of the largest brewers in Latvia. It has a new, state-of-the-art brewhouse, and further huge investment is being planned. The town is renowned for its beer festival, knights' tournaments, and open-air theatre performances.

**A. LE COQ**

Tähtvere 56/62, 50050 Tartu, Estonia  
[www.alecoq.ee/en](http://www.alecoq.ee/en)

This brewery was founded in 1826, and purchased in 1913 by A. Le Coq, a London-based company. At the time, it was looking for a brewery in the Russian Empire where it could produce its Imperial Stout rather than export it from England. Production was halted in the 1960s but revived in 1999. A small museum is housed in the former maltings.

**SAKU**

75 501 Saku, Estonia  
[www.saku.ee/english.php](http://www.saku.ee/english.php)

First documented in October 1820, the brewery was built by Count Karl Friedrich Rehbinder, on his Saku estate. It is now the largest in Estonia and makes Originaal, the country's favourite beer.

**BREWING SECRET** Saku is working on a range of brightly coloured flavoured beers called DLight; some will use pomegranate and lemon.

**GAIŠAIS**

LAGER 4.5% ABV

A light beer with a fresh, hoppy aroma and a softly bitter taste. Not too challenging, it is a refreshing drink.

**ORIGINĀLAIS**

PILSNER 5% ABV

Amber-coloured, with a light aroma of caramel and a pleasantly bitter taste of hops.

**CĒSU BALSAM PORTER**

PORTER 6% ABV

Sweet chocolate taste with hints of aromatic vanilla. In Latvia, balsam is commonly used to flavour drinks.

**CĒSU PREMIUM**

LAGER 5.2% ABV

A pale golden colour, it has hints of sweet grass and hops on the nose.

**LE COQ PORTER**

PORTER 6.5% ABV

A strong, dark beer – a worthy successor to the famous Imperial Extra Double Stout.

**DOUBLE BOCK**

BOCK 8% ABV

A strong and warming light bock, it has a surprisingly mellow finish for a beer of this strength.

**ORIGINAAL**

LAGER 4.6% ABV

A mild-flavoured beer, the colour of pale straw, with pleasant hints of sweetcorn in the aroma.

**HELE**

LAGER 5.2% ABV

A strong hoppy flavour and hints of grass and hops on the nose. Thin in colour, it lacks the body to be a star.



**The cool crispness** of pilsner-type lager is well-suited to the Spanish climate, and this is the most popular style of beer, however wine tends to dominate cultural tastes in Spain, as elsewhere in southern Europe.



**ALHAMBRA**

Avenida de Murcia 1,  
18012 Granada, Spain  
[www.cervezasalhambra.com](http://www.cervezasalhambra.com)

The Alhambra group was founded in 1925 and is named after Granada's famed Moorish palace. Spain's purest water comes from the nearby Sierra Nevada mountain range, and is used in the making of Alhambra beers.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery uses traditional techniques that include fermentation lasting up to 39 days.

**ALHAMBRA PREMIUM**

LAGER 4.6% ABV

A soft gold in colour, its nose is lemony and fresh with a hint of malt. A well-balanced quaffable beer.

**MEZQUITA**

WHEAT BEER 7.2% ABV

A full-bodied, assertive red wheat beer with caramel notes and hints of pepper in the aroma.

**HEINEKEN ESPAÑA**

Carretera Córdoba,  
23005 Jaén, Spain  
[www.heineken.es](http://www.heineken.es)

Heineken España (formerly El Alcázar), in its current form, was created in 1999 when acquisitive Heineken bought the five breweries of the Cruzcampo group to add to the two El Águila breweries it already owned. It was then forced by the competition authorities to sell two breweries in Madrid and Valencia to Damm.

**CRUZCAMPO**

LAGER 5% ABV

Pale gold in colour, light-tasting, with a fine balance of malt and hops and a floral, aromatic aroma. One of Spain's most popular beers.

**DAMM**

Roselló 515, 08025 Barcelona,  
Spain  
[www.damm.es](http://www.damm.es)

Auguste Kuentzmann Damm brought Alsace-style lager brewing to Barcelona in the 19th century. The original brewery operated until 1992, when the production plant was moved to the town of El Prat de Llobregat in order to increase beer production capacity and modernize processes.

**BOCK-DAMM**

STOUT 5.4% ABV

A Munich-style stout, rich with toasty flavours and a warming sweetness on the finish.

**ESTRELLA DAMM**

PILSNER 5.4% ABV

A light, refreshing beer with a creamy head and a rather dry and bitter taste.

**SOCIEDAD CENTRAL DE CERVEJAS**

Estrada da Alfarrobeira – 2625 - 244  
Vialonga, Portugal  
[www.centralcervejas.pt](http://www.centralcervejas.pt)

This brewery has been influenced by the techniques of Germany and Denmark. It produces a wide range of dark and light beers using a spectrum of coloured malts. From a crisp Pilsen to its fruity Bohemian, these are beers of some distinction.

**SAGRES PRETA (DARK)**

LAGER 4.3% ABV

A Munich-style dark lager with a mahogany hue, a creamy head, and a nutty aroma. It tastes slightly chocolatey, with hints of toffee and caramel, but balanced with plenty of bitterness from hops.



**CEREURO – CERVEJEIRA EUROPEIA**

Estrada da Portela n°8,  
2795 – 643 Carnaxide, Portugal  
[www.sumolis.pt](http://www.sumolis.pt)

Part of soft drinks manufacturer Grupo Sumol, this brewery was set up after the revolution of 1974, when the brewing industry was nationalized. It went into private ownership in the 1990s. The company also brews Magna, an interesting German-style dark beer, and markets Grolsch in Portugal.

**TAGUS**

LAGER 5.4% ABV

A clear golden colour, this beer is rich and malty with caramel overtones. Its estery nose hints of its alcoholic strength and its warming finish.

**SIMONDS FARSONS CISK**

The Brewery, Notabile Road, Mriehel,  
BKR 01, Malta  
[www.farsons.com](http://www.farsons.com)

Wherever the British army went, beer was soon to follow, and this brewery was built in lavish Art Deco style at the end of World War II in 1946. The site is being redeveloped, with the old brewing vessels at the heart of a visitor centre.

**BREWING SECRET** It brews the potent XS (9% ABV) for the export market.

**FARSONS LACTO**

MILK STOUT 3.8% ABV

Soft on the tongue, this black beer is a classic milk stout, with lactose added after fermentation.

**HOPLEAF EXTRA**

ALE 5% ABV

English malt, along with Challenger and Target hops, produce a complex beer with a refreshing bitter finish.

**KEO**

Franklin Roosevelt Ave, Limassol, 3602  
Cyprus  
[www.keogroup.com](http://www.keogroup.com)

Limassol is the main port and fastest-growing city on the island of Cyprus. It is also home to the Keo Brewery, and no trip to Limassol is complete without visiting the plant, which lies just beyond the Old Port. During the week there is a daily tour around the brewery – finishing, of course, in the tasting room.

**KEO**

LAGER 4.5% ABV

A pale lager with a thick head and a sweet malt taste, it is easy on the palate and very drinkable.

**FIVE BEER**

LAGER 5% ABV

Deep amber in colour, it is rich in malt and low in bitterness. Sweet in the finish.

**MYTHOS**

570 22 Sindos Thessaloniki,  
Greece  
[www.mythosbrewery.gr](http://www.mythosbrewery.gr)

One of Greece's largest breweries, Mythos is owned by Britain's Scottish & Newcastle. The biggest selling beer is Mythos itself. It is the leading Greek lager brand, and its sales are increasing at an average of 10 per cent each year. Mythos also brews the Greek lager Golden and German beers Henninger and Kaiser.

**MYTHOS**

LAGER 5% ABV

An easy-drinking beer, with a bright blond colour and a thick white head. Light caramel aftertaste.

**MYTHOS RED**

VIENNA LAGER 5.5% ABV

A rich red colour; low in bitterness, its flavour is dominated by sweet notes.



**Portugal's Sociedad Central de Cervejas** produces the Sagres brand, which comprises a range of beers based largely on German lager styles.



BOHEMIA



### AMSTERDAM BREWING

21 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2NG, Canada  
www.amsterdambeer.com

Purity, passion, and revelry are the watchwords for Toronto's first brewpub. Founded in 1986 on John Street in the entertainment area, it was an immediate success. Business was brisk, and it soon moved to another site before finding its current home in 2005. A large retail shop is part of the site, and tours are

organized twice a day throughout most of the year. The brewery stands opposite the historic Fort York, a National Historic site and the 1793 birthplace of modern Toronto. In 2003, when the Kawartha Lakes Brewing Company closed, its brands were sold to Amsterdam Brewing, who continue to brew a range of Kawartha Lakes' (KLB) beers, including a raspberry wheat beer and the KLB Nut Brown Ale.

### BIG ROCK

5555-76th Avenue SE, Calgary, Alberta T2C 4L8, Canada  
www.bigrockbeer.com

Alberta's warm days and cool nights produce the finest two-row malting barley in the world. The most popular variety, Harrington, is the only malt used in Big Rock beers. There are regular brewery tours for visitors.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery shuns the use of adjuncts and other processing aids in its beer making.

### CHURCH KEY BREWING

1678 County Rd 38, Campbellford, Ontario, K0L 1L0, Canada  
www.churchkeybrewing.com

Located in a former Methodist church where it was founded in 2000, Church Key Brewing is the brainchild of John Graham. John has put environmental principles into action here: solar hot water, bio-diesel, radiant floor heating, and heat recovery units are all employed to lower the carbon output of this award-winning brewery.

### KLB NUT BROWN ALE

BROWN ALE 5% ABV

The unmistakable tang of East Kent Golding hops. Sweet to taste, it has hints of honey and chocolate.

### AMSTERDAM WHEAT BEER

WHEAT BEER 4% ABV

Light in colour, with malt sweetness and a hint of fresh bread. Often served chilled with a slice of lemon.

### AMSTERDAM NATURAL BLONDE

LAGER 5% ABV

Crisp and clean with hints of citrus. Canadian malt combines with aromatic Czech and German hops.

### AMSTERDAM SPRING BOCK

LAGER 6% ABV

Mahogany-hued with a rich, mouth-warming body; the three malts provide wonderful fruit flavours.

### GRASSHÖPPER

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV

Crisp, refreshing, and only lightly hopped. Locals drink it with a slice of lemon, which adds assertiveness.

### MCNALLY EXTRA ALE

STRONG IRISH ALE 7% ABV

A strong full-bodied Irish ale. It has a flowery aroma and a rich fruity maltiness.

### HOLY SMOKE SCOTCH ALE

SCOTCH ALE 6.25% ABV

A dark and malty ale, the use of whisky malt giving it an intense smoky aroma and peaty taste.

### NORTHUMBERLAND ALE

ALE 5% ABV

Also known as Church Key, this is a crisp and light brew, with a dry, citrus finish.



### CREEMORE SPRINGS

139 Mill Street, Creemore, Ontario, L0M 1G0, Canada  
www.creemoresprings.com

Ownership by Molsons since 2005 has done little to lessen the independence of this 100-year-old brewery. The town of Creemore nestles between the curiously named Mad and Noisy rivers. Every August the brewery is a sponsor of a town-centre party called the Copper Kettle Festival. Regular brewery tours are run.

#### PREMIUM LAGER

LAGER 5% ABV

Soft malt and fruit flavours give way to nutty overtones and a dry hoppy finish.

#### URBOCK

BOCK 6% ABV

Dark brown, with a sweet, nutty texture; fruit aromas can be found as the beer warms in the glass.



### FAT CAT BREWERY

940 Old Victoria Road, Nanaimo, British Columbia V9R 6Z8, Canada  
www.fatcatbrewery.com

Class and quality exude from this microbrewery, which was founded in 2000. Fat Cat Brewery is part of a new wave of thinking that says that beer is fun and fashionable, and should be made by hands-on brewers who have an affinity with the environment. The beers are distinctive, idiosyncratic, and very well made.

#### POMPOUS POMPADOUR

PORTER 4% ABV

A ruby black porter; very dark and luxurious, with lots of chocolate and cream overtones.

#### FAT CAT INDIA PALE ALE

INDIA PALE ALE 6% ABV

A very well balanced beer; amber in colour and with a lot of hops.



### GRANVILLE ISLAND BREWING

1441 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 3R7, Canada  
www.gib.ca

When the brewery opened in 1984, the owners of Granville Island had an inkling that the British Columbian public was ready for a natural, pilsner-style beer. Sales of the first release, Island Lager, confirmed their thoughts.

**BREWING SECRET** All Granville Island's beers are unpasteurized.

#### ENGLISH BAY PALE ALE

PALE ALE 5% ABV

Copper hued and in the tradition of classic English ales. Smooth and mild, with a caramel malt aroma.

#### CYPRESS HONEY LAGER

LAGER 4.7% ABV

Honey from Fraser Valley gives a crispness and hint of sweetness in the finish. Lightly hopped.

## CANADA'S BEST KNOWN BEERS

In Canada today, the major brewers are either foreign-owned or have been forced to merge with international drinks corporations.

The most recent of these mergers affected Molson, which joined with US rival Coors in 2005.

The Belgium-based giant InBev owns Labatt Breweries and Japan's Sapporo owns Sleeman Breweries, which is currently Canada's third largest beer producer.

The market in Canada for domestic beer is dominated by two brands, Labatt Blue and Molson Canadian, both of which are marketed using strong Canadian imagery of mountains, the great outdoors, and ice hockey. The big two have a long history in Canada. John Molson founded a brewery in Montreal in 1786 and John Kinder Labatt started in London, Ontario, in 1847. Both Molson and Labatt have a wide range of niche brands. Canada has many fine craft brewers and brewpubs, many operated using environmentally responsible brewing methods. The Cheval Blanc exemplifies this spirit. It is one of Canada's best-known brewpubs and was the first to open in Montreal.

A good time neighbourhood tavern, it has been wowing locals and beer lovers from around the globe since 1986.

LABATT BLUE (PILSNER 5% ABV) *left*  
MOLSON CANADIAN  
(LAGER 5% ABV) *centre*  
SLEEMAN CREAM ALE  
(ALE 5% ABV) *right*



**MCAUSLAN**

5080 St-Ambroise, Montréal, Québec, H4C 2G1, Canada  
www.mcauslan.com

McAuslan Brewing began in January of 1989 when its founder Peter McAuslan decided to turn his home-brewing hobby into a business. It quickly established itself as one of the area's best microbreweries and was one of the first in Canada to bottle its products. It produces a challenging range of seasonal beers.

**MAGNOTTA BREWERY**

271 Chrislea Road, Vaughan, Ontario, L4L 8N6, Canada  
www.magnotta.com

Magnotta focuses on brewing lagers using traditional craft-brewing methods. The whole process can be seen by taking a brewery tour.

**BREWING SECRET** Beers are made without adjuncts, such as corn or rice, preservatives, pasteurization, or the "high-gravity process" that requires dilution and blending.

**MOOSEHEAD**

89 Main Street West, Saint John, New Brunswick, E2M 3H2, Canada  
www.moosehead.ca

Canada's oldest independent brewery can trace its roots back to 1867, when Susannah Oland first started brewing in her Dartmouth, Nova Scotia backyard. Today, the company is still owned and operated by the Oland family. Moosehead has stakes in McAuslan and wholly owns the Niagara Falls Brewing Company.

**NIAGARA FALLS**

6863 Lundys Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2G 1V7, Canada

Well, what do you do once you've seen the falls? Have a beer of course. The brewery was founded in 1989, and, through its early brews, it quickly acquired a reputation for being adventurous. Niagara Falls is now wholly owned by Moosehead.

**BREWING SECRET** It is credited with being the first North American brewery to produce a true eisbock.

**ST-AMBRROISE APRICOT ALE**

FRUITY WHEAT BEER 5% ABV  
Apricot essence and malted wheat combine to create an original tasting beer with a clean, fruit nose.

**ST-AMBRROISE OATMEAL STOUT**

STOUT 5% ABV  
Brewed from dark malts and roasted barley, this stout carries strong espresso and chocolate notes.

**TRUE NORTH INDIA PALE ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 6.5% ABV  
Spicy, grassy, and fruity hop flavours are combined with an assertive bitterness. Very fruity.

**TRUE NORTH WUNDER WEISSE**

WHEAT BEER 5% ABV  
Yellow colour with a slight, natural wheat beer haze. Subtle aromas of yeast and delicate ripe banana.

**MOOSEHEAD LAGER**

LAGER 5% ABV  
Pale straw-coloured, clean-tasting session beer, best drunk cold.

**CLANCY AMBER ALE**

ALE 5% ABV  
Top-fermented, Clancy's is a reddish beer, with a distinct malt aroma and overlays of caramel.

**NIAGARA HONEY BROWN**

AMERICAN BROWN ALE 5% ABV  
An inherent sweetness, with hints of honey and caramel. Light to drink, it has a short dry finish.

**NIAGARA EISBOCK**

EISBOCK 8% ABV  
A robust throat-warming beer; each year's vintage has its own unique characteristics. It's a classic!



### PUMP HOUSE BREWERY

5 Orange Lane, Moncton, New Brunswick, E1G 1S9, Canada  
[www.pumphousebrewery.ca](http://www.pumphousebrewery.ca)

Today, the Pump House Brewery is a group of brewing and bar catering businesses. It was opened as a brewpub in downtown Moncton in 1999 by owners Shaun Fraser, a local fire department chief, and his wife Lilia. The couple have won many awards for their beers and for their business skills, and the

brewpub's popularity grew so quickly that expansion was soon necessary. In July 2002, a brewing and bottling plant was built outside the city centre, and production began in the same year. A restaurant called the Barn Yard BBQ was also established on the same site.

**BREWING SECRET** In autumn, the brewery hosts an "Oktoberfest" and creates a special lager in its honour.

#### PUMP HOUSE BLUEBERRY ALE

**FRUIT BEER 5% ABV**  
 Blond, with a blueberry aroma. Sweet flavours of blueberry and malt, with a hint of pepper.

#### FIRE CHIEF'S RED ALE

**RED ALE 5.5% ABV**  
 Reddish brown, with toffee and nut flavours, followed by light chocolate notes and a bitter aftertaste.

#### PUMP HOUSE SCOTCH ALE

**ALE 4.8% ABV**  
 Deep amber, with a smoky aroma. Flavours of caramel are followed by chocolate, then a slight bitter aftertaste of roasted malt.

### SLEEMAN

551 Clair Road West, Guelph, Ontario, N1L 1E9, Canada  
[www.sleeman.com](http://www.sleeman.com)

The Sleeman family started brewing in Canada in 1834, the year John Sleeman, an ambitious young brewer from England, arrived in Ontario. In 1851 he started the first Guelph-based Sleeman Brewery, making small, 100-barrel batches with local well water, prized for its purity and hardness. The company is now owned by Sapporo.

#### HONEY BROWN LAGER

**LAGER 5% ABV**  
 A refreshingly smooth, full-bodied lager, with a subtle touch of honey which creates a slightly sweet finish.

#### SLEEMAN CREAM ALE

**ALE 5% ABV**  
 Designed to combine the refreshing quality of German lager with the distinctive taste of English Ale.

### STEAMWORKS

375 Water Street, Gastown, Vancouver, V6B 5C6, Canada  
[www.steamworks.com](http://www.steamworks.com)

A popular pub and brewery located in the historic Gastown area of Vancouver, Steamworks offers fabulous views of the harbour.

**BREWING SECRET** Steamworks produces a wide range of seasonal brews using a pot pourri of ingredients, including fresh cherries, pumpkin, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and cloves.

#### HEROICA OATMEAL STOUT

**STOUT 8% ABV**  
 Rolled oats and black roasted barley give this beer a warm, roasted nose and distinct dryness.

#### SIGNATURE PALE ALE

**ALE 5% ABV**  
 British Crystal malt gives the beer a rich colour, caramel maltiness, and adds a whiff of toffee to the nose.





### UNIBROUÉ

80 Des Carrieres, Chambly,  
Quebec, J3L 2H6, Canada  
[www.unibroue.com](http://www.unibroue.com)

In the spring of 1992, André Dion launched his first unfiltered, bottled *sur lees* beer. The yeast remains living in the bottle, changing the characteristics of the beer as it ages. The beers are very popular, and the company was bought by Sleeman in 2004. As with Sleeman, it is now owned by Japanese brewer Sapporo.

#### MAUDITE

RED ALE 8% ABV

Deep amber-red, with a rocky foam head and an appealing aroma of wild spices and floral hop notes.

#### BLANCHE DE CHAMBLY

WHITE BEER 5% ABV

Pale golden in colour, with an effervescent foam and a subtle bouquet of spice and citrus notes.



### VANCOUVER ISLAND

2330 Government St, Victoria, British  
Columbia, V8T 5G5, Canada  
[www.vanislandbrewery.com](http://www.vanislandbrewery.com)

The inspiration for this company's formation in 1984 was the absence of locally made beers on Vancouver Island. The brewery believes that brewing should be a perfect blend of art and science, with no short cuts.

**BREWING SECRET** Though the hops and yeast are imported, only the finest Canadian barley is used.

#### HERMANNATOR

EISBOCK 9.5% ABV

Brewed and then frozen, it is a symphony of complex chestnut colours and spicy flavours.

#### HERMANN'S DARK

BAVARIAN LAGER 5.5% ABV

A toasty malt nose with similar flavours on the palate; takes on a somewhat nutty character.



### WELLINGTON BREWERY

950 Woodlawn Road West, Guelph,  
Ontario, N1K 1B8, Canada  
[www.wellingtonbrewery.ca](http://www.wellingtonbrewery.ca)

The brewery is dedicated to Arthur Wellesley, the 1st Duke of Wellington, the British commander who defeated Napoleon's French army at Waterloo in 1815. The building is known for its distinctive conical rooftop, which replicates that of an oast house – a structure traditionally used for drying hops in the English county of Kent.

#### ARKELL BEST BITTER

BEST BITTER 4% ABV

An amber-hued and refreshing beer – light-bodied for a bitter. More malty on the palate than the nose, with caramel notes.

#### WELLINGTON IMPERIAL STOUT

STOUT 8% ABV

A rich, exceptionally complex beer, with an almost coffee-like flavour.



### YUKON BREWING

102A Copper Rd, Whitehorse,  
Yukon, Y1A 2Z6, Canada  
[www.yukonbeer.com](http://www.yukonbeer.com)

Clean water makes clean beer. Yukon beers start with North America's cleanest water. Named by some the Wilderness City, Whitehorse nestles on the banks of the famous Yukon River, surrounded by mountains and clear mountain lakes. Yukon makes eight beers, including one flavoured with coffee beans.

#### LEAD DOG ALE

ALE 7% ABV

Intricate malt flavours predominate. Reminiscent of a porter, it has a slightly darkened, creamy head.

#### DISCOVERY ALE

PALE ALE 5% ABV

Brewed using honey made from Fireweed, the official flower of the Yukon. It finishes dry on the tongue.

# MORE BEERS OF CANADA

Canada has a small, stable core of brewpubs and craft breweries, many of which have a loyal following in the vicinity of their home towns. Some of these brewers do produce bottled beers that travel further afield, but many do not, and sell only draught beer locally.

<p><b>BRICK BREWING</b> 181 King Street South, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 1P7, Canada www.brickbrewery.com</p> <p>Founder Jim Brickman travelled to no fewer than 29 countries and visited 68 breweries for research before achieving his ambition of setting up his own brewery in 1984. At the time, it was the first brewery to open in Eastern Canada for 37 years. The brewery's home town, Waterloo, hosts a Bavarian beer festival every October.</p>	<p><b>CHEVAL BLANC</b> 809 Rue Ontario Est, Montreal, Quebec, H2L 1P1, Canada www.lechevalblanc.ca</p> <p>Montreal's first brewpub – a good time neighbourhood tavern that has been wowing locals and beer lovers from all over the world since 1986. Its small kitchen produces some fine Hungarian hot dogs too. Long regarded as one of the coolest bars in the city, it keeps its decor simple and hosts exhibitions and music evenings.</p>	<p><b>DIEU DU CIEL</b> 29 West Laurier Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, H2T 2N2, Canada www.dieuduciel.com</p> <p>A small brewpub that opened in 1998, Dieu du Ciel is owned by Jean-François Gravel, who turned his passion for making beer into a business. Gravel is constantly pushing at the boundaries of brewing and loves to create new beers. He believes that beer is a wonderful adventure, which brings together both art and science.</p>	<p><b>FERME BRASSERIE SCHOUNE</b> 2075 Ste-Catherine, St-Polycarpe, Quebec, J0P 1X0, Canada www.schoune.com</p> <p>All the beers draw on the Schoune family's Belgian links. All use pure barley malt, and the white uses a proportion of local wheat.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> The beers are unfiltered, so the yeast remains in the bottle to help produce deep, rich fruit flavours to compliment the spiciness.</p>
<p><b>WATERLOO DARK</b> LAGER 5% ABV Roasted malts give this beer a dark ebony colour and an espresso nose. It is surprisingly light to taste.</p> <hr/> <p><b>BRICK BOCK</b> BOCK 7% ABV Seasonal brew, the ingredients change annually, dark and malty with liquorice overtones.</p>	<p><b>AMBER</b> RED ALE 5% ABV A classic caramelized red ale, with a clean, refreshing bitterness. A well-balanced, drinkable beer.</p> <hr/> <p><b>INDIA RED</b> INDIA PALE ALE 6% ABV A reddish American style IPA. Dry hopped with Centennial hops, it has masses of bitterness.</p>	<p><b>CHAMAN</b> IMPERIAL PALE ALE 8% ABV Strong amber hues and dominating hop flavours; very complex and bitter, but always well balanced.</p> <hr/> <p><b>ROUTES DES ÉPICES</b> RYE BEER 5% ABV A rye beer to which pepper has been added during brewing to give a wonderful peppery flavour.</p>	<p><b>LA REB'ALE</b> STRONG ALE 7.5% ABV The rock 'n' roll of the range: copper red, deeply malty, and a powerful caramel mouthfeel.</p> <hr/> <p><b>LA BLANCHE DU QUÉBEC</b> WHITE BEER 4.1% ABV With a spicy character, it refreshes the palate with a citrus caress; an ideal partner with goat's cheese.</p>
<p><b>GRANITE</b> 1662 Barrington Street, Halifax, NS B3J 2A2, Canada www.granitebrewery.ca</p> <p>The Granite Brewery uses wholly natural ingredients in its brewing. They include Canadian two-row barley malt from western Canada, caramel malt, which provides flavour and colour, and English black malt for a deeper colour.</p> <p><b>BREWING SECRET</b> Crushed Canadian wheat flour is employed to enable good head retention on the beers.</p>	<p><b>RUSSELL</b> 202-13018 80 Avenue, Surrey, British Columbia, V3W 3B2, Canada www.russellbeer.com</p> <p>When Russell Brewery was founded in 1995 its owners had a single goal in mind: to brew the best pure natural beer, with no pasteurization and no short cuts taken. Currently the beers are available on draught in the Vancouver area, though there are plans to put the brewery's output into bottles and cans in the near future.</p>	<p><b>SPINNAKERS</b> 308 Catherine Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V9A 3S8, Canada www.spinnaakers.com</p> <p>A must-visit brewpub, and, as it has accommodation, the perfect base to explore other creative craft brewers in the area. Its beers are eclectic, drawing on styles from all over the world. There is also a malt vinegar brewery on the premises, which uses traditional oak barrel ageing methods for its naturally brewed malt vinegars.</p>	<p><b>STORM BREWING</b> St John's, Newfoundland, A1B 3N7, Canada www.stormbrewing.ca</p> <p>The brewery was named Storm to reflect the harsh marine environment of Newfoundland. The brewery recently took part in a zero emissions experiment that saw oyster and shiitake mushrooms and earthworm cultivation on the brewers' spent grains. The beers are unpasteurized and contain no preservatives or additives.</p>
<p><b>PECULIAR</b> ALE 5.6% ABV A dark red ale with a slightly sweet but dry palate.</p> <hr/> <p><b>GIN LANE ALE</b> BARLEY WINE 9% ABV Dry hopped, with an assertive, almost winy character; the bitterness derives from Kent Golding and Fuggles hops.</p>	<p><b>RUSSELL PALE ALE</b> PALE ALE 5.5% ABV Amber in colour, the malts come from Scotland, the hops Yakima. It has soft citrus overtones.</p> <hr/> <p><b>RUSSELL CREAM ALE</b> ENGLISH ALE 5% ABV Made with English malts, it is dark gold and smooth, with Canadian barley married to American hops.</p>	<p><b>SPINNAKERS IMPERIAL STOUT</b> IMPERIAL STOUT 7.75% ABV A strong stout, brewed with all English floor-malted grains; a rich and aromatic brew.</p> <hr/> <p><b>SPINNAKERS HONEY PALE ALE</b> BLOND ALE 4.7% ABV Using English Pale malt and local honey, this is a smooth, light-bodied, slightly sweet, and very refreshing.</p>	<p><b>NEWFOUNDLAND RED ALE</b> RED ALE 5.5% ABV A smooth ale with a deep reddish hue. A sugar sweetness is overlaid with butterscotch.</p> <hr/> <p><b>COFFEE PORTER</b> PORTER 5% ABV A seasonal beer, brewed using imported black malt and dark roasted Arabica coffee beans.</p>

First Stops Here

OPENING HOURS  
MON - SAT  
6:30 am - 9:00 pm



The Carib brand, launched in 1950 on the island of Trinidad, soon enjoyed international success.

**BUCANERO SA**

Circunvalación Sur Km 3.5,  
Holguin, Cuba  
[www.cervezacristal.com](http://www.cervezacristal.com)

A surprisingly modern and sophisticated brewery, which is increasingly gearing production towards the burgeoning tourist trade and exports. You can see the Cristal logo everywhere in Cuba, especially on the popular Cristal Bici-taxis, the drivers of which are always ready to take you to the nearest bar.

**CARIB**

Eastern Main Road,  
Champs Fleurs, Trinidad  
[www.caribbeer.com](http://www.caribbeer.com)

The sole brewery on Trinidad since 1957, Carib has formed business links with InBev, Carlsberg, and Diageo – the owner of Guinness. The company also has breweries in Grenada, and St Kitts and Nevis. The British brought commercial brewing to Trinidad just after World War I; the local taste favours sweet lagers and strong stouts.

**DESNOES AND GEDDES**

214 Spanish Town, Kingston, Jamaica  
[www.jamaicadrinks.com](http://www.jamaicadrinks.com)

Now owned by global drinks giant Diageo, Desnoes and Geddes was established by two friends, Eugene Desnoes and Thomas Geddes, who set up a soft drink plant in 1918 and began brewing in 1927 with Red Stripe.

**BREWING SECRET** Red Stripe was originally produced as an English ale. It didn't become popular until it was offered as a chilled lager instead.

**PHOENIX BEVERAGES GROUP**

The Phoenix House, Pont-Fer, Mauritius  
[www.phoenixbeveragesgroup.com](http://www.phoenixbeveragesgroup.com)

This drinks group was created when Phoenix Beverages (formerly Mauritius Breweries) and Phoenix Camp Minerals merged in 2003. Mauritius Breweries had started brewing under licence in 1961, launching Phoenix Beer, the first Mauritian beer, in 1963. The brewery also brews Guinness and Warsteiner under licence.

**CRISTAL**

LAGER 4.9% ABV

Lightly-hopped, and full of cane sugar sweetness. A drink best suited to a hot day.

**CARIB LAGER**

LAGER 5.2% ABV

Pale, but full-bodied with a rich head formation. Slightly aromatic, balanced between sweet and bitter.

**CARIB STAG**

LAGER 5.9% ABV

European style lager. It has a pale golden straw colour with a rich head formation. Very sweet.

**DRAGON STOUT**

SWEET STOUT 7.5% ABV

Having been primed with sugar on bottling, the flavour is malty, with a distinct note of molasses.

**RED STRIPE**

LAGER 4.7% ABV

Yellow in colour, it has a grainy aroma, a crisp clean taste, and is best drunk very cold.

**PHOENIX BEER**

LAGER 5% ABV

A beer for a hot day on a beautiful beach. Its malty nose gives way to an overt sweetness.

**BLUE MARLIN**

LAGER 6% ABV

Lots of popcorn and bubble gum on the nose; a clear, pale gold body.

**MOCTEZUMA**

Monterrey/Veracruz-Llave, Mexico  
[www.femsa.com](http://www.femsa.com)

Mexico's most innovative brewer, Moctezuma also has operations in Brazil and is an important exporter of beer to the USA. It has a powerful brand portfolio that includes Tecate, Dos Equis, Sol, Indio, Bohemia, and Carta Blanc, many of which are sold in style bars worldwide. Its beers tend to be smooth, with a spritzzy finish.

**DOS EQUIS**

VIENNA LAGER 4.8% ABV  
 Rich and dark red, with chocolate orange flavours; its warming sweetness gives way to a long finish.

**SOL**

LAGER 4.5% ABV  
 A crisp, light-bodied lager with a corn syrup aroma.

**GRUPO MODELO**

Lago Alberto 156 Colonia Anáhuac, Mexico DF, 11320, Mexico  
[www.gmodelo.com](http://www.gmodelo.com)

Founded in 1925, Grupo Modelo is the leader in Mexico, with more than 60 per cent of the local beer market and seven brewing plants throughout the country. Currently, it brews and distributes 12 brands, including Corona Extra, the best-selling Mexican beer worldwide, Modelo Especial, Victoria, Pacifico, and Negra Modelo.

**CORONA EXTRA**

LAGER 4.6% ABV  
 Light straw in colour, it's a refresher on a hot day. Best drunk with lime for taste.

**LEON NEGRA**

VIENNA LAGER 6% ABV  
 Caramel in colour, with malt hints and has a toasty caramel edge. A satisfying sweetness when chilled.

**CERVESUR**

Arequipa, Peru  
 Based in southern Peru in the Andes, the company, which is of German origin, has been brewing since 1898 and is now part of SABMiller. It is currently being merged with SABMiller's other Peruvian company Backus & Johnson. Its main brand, Cusqueña, is Peru's best-selling lager.

**BREWING SECRET** The water for brewing comes from a source high in the Andes.

**CUSQUEÑA**

LAGER 5% ABV  
 Pronounced "Cus-Ken-Ya", the beer is crisp and refreshing, with a lingering lemon aroma.

**ANTARES**

17 Esquina 71, La Plata - P de Bs As, 7600, Argentina  
[www.cervezaantares.com.ar](http://www.cervezaantares.com.ar)

Antares is the brightest star in the Scorpius constellation, and the brewpub that shares its name sparkles too. Stylish and smart, it offers a lively alternative to beers from international brewers. Brews include a kölsch, a Scotch ale, a honey beer, a cream stout, a barley wine, and an imperial stout, with some variations in style.

**ANTARES KÖLSCH**

KÖLSCH 5% ABV  
 A well hopped and highly drinkable ale style. Good fruity overtones make it an ideal partner to food.

**ANTARES STOUT IMPERIAL**

IMPERIAL STOUT 8.5% ABV  
 Intense liquorice and toasted coffee flavours give way to roasted coffee and caramelized orange intensities.



## MORE BEERS OF SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina and Brazil have a smattering of excellent craft brewers, mixing styles from Europe and the Americas. Here are a few more.

### BULLER BREWING COMPANY

RM Ortiz 1827, Buenos Aires,  
Argentina  
[www.bullerpub.com](http://www.bullerpub.com)

Buenos Aires can have few better pub gardens, and this one has the added bonus that at least six beers are brewed on site. Inspiration is drawn from the old and new worlds.

**BREWING SECRET** Argentinean honey, German malts, and American hops vie for attention in a fine array of beers.

### EISENBahn

Cervejaria Sudbrack Ltda, Rua Bahia,  
5181 – Salto Weissbach, 89032-001  
Blumenau SC, Brazil  
[www.eisenbahn.com.br](http://www.eisenbahn.com.br)

Owners Jarbas and Juliano Mendes established this brewery in 2002, and brew without the use of adjuncts or preservatives. They create a wide range of beers, from German-style weizenbier to special Belgian-style ales. Eisenbahn beers are exported to France and the United States.

### HONEY BEER

FLAVOURED BEER 8.5% ABV

Together with the malts used, the Argentinean honey gives the beer an assertive character.

### OKTOBERFEST

GERMAN ALE 5.5% ABV

Vienna and Munich malts impart a strong flavour profile; with little hop bitterness, the malt dominates.

### EISENBahn KÖLSCH

KÖLSCH 4.8% ABV

Four malts, including wheat, combine in this malty, golden beer; slight fruity aroma and low bitterness.

### EISENBahn NATURAL

PILSNER 4.8% ABV

Brazil's first organic beer. Light and golden, and low in bitterness. The nose is malty biscuit.

### BARBA ROJA

Ruta 25 N° 2567, Escobar, 1625  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
[www.cerveceriaabarbaroja.com.ar](http://www.cerveceriaabarbaroja.com.ar)

Part of a leisure park complex in Escobar, Barba Roja is a pirate-themed brewpub. The heritage of the range of beers is unashamedly German, but with a local twist.

**BREWING SECRET** The area is renowned for its flowers and fruit – all of which feature in some of the brewery's seasonal beers.

### QUILMES

Tte. Gral. Juan D. Peron 667 103,  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
[www.quilmes.com.ar](http://www.quilmes.com.ar)

The dominant beer in Argentina, Quilmes is now part of the InBev embrace. Like many breweries in South America, it was begun by a German, the brewery and malt plant being founded in the 1880s by Otto Bemberg. "Quilmes" derives from an indigenous name for the place where the brewery is located.

### SUL BRASILEIRA

BR 392, Km 05, Santa Maria –  
RS, 97000, Brazil

Local folklore says that Sul Brasileira's Xingu beer is the daughter of a beer brewed in ancient times by pioneering Amazonian brewsters. The name Xingu (pronounced "shin-goo") is a tributary of the Amazon River, which is home to the few surviving cultures and species of native Amazonian life.

### TERESÓPOLIS

BR-040 - Km 116, Serra do Capim,  
Teresópolis, RJ, Brazil  
[www.lokalbier.com.br](http://www.lokalbier.com.br)

At an altitude of over 900m (2,800 ft), Teresópolis is surrounded by mountains and verdant rainforest. According to the brewery, its Lokal beer derives from a German word meaning "beer of our land". The name exemplifies the company's proud links with the surrounding environment and the brewery's local community.

### BARBA ROJA NEGRA

DARK LAGER 4.5% ABV

A European-style Münchner, the beer's darkness offset by a white head. Fresh tasting and smooth.

### BARBA ROJA WINNER

DOPELBOCK 4.8% ABV

Hints of chocolate and liquorice in this double bock. Sweet, with a warming finish.

### QUILMES CRISTAL

LAGER 4.9% ABV

Thin, pale and without any aromatic distractions. Surprisingly drinkable, though, with refreshing sweetness.

### QUILMES STOUT

STOUT 4.8% ABV

Three malts clamour for attention – but the expected coffee flavours are overwhelmed by sweetness.

### XINGU BLACK BEER

SCHWARZBIER 4.7% ABV

Dark in colour, but light and sweet to taste. Still in the glass, its head soon disappears.

### LOKAL

PILSNER 4.7% ABV

Pale, yellow, and full of corn flavours. Mildly hopped and refreshing, it has little aftertaste.

### TERESÓPOLIS BLACK PRINCESS

DARK LAGER 4.8% ABV

Lacks the malty overtones expected from a beer of this colour. Refreshing when chilled through.



SUPER  
"DRY"

SUPER  
"DRY"



Asahi Super Dry, underpinned by huge promotional campaigns, has been a Japanese favourite since the 1980s.





**BAIRD BREWING**

9-4 Senbonminato-cho, Numazu City, Shizuoka 410-0845, Japan  
www.bairdbeer.com

Founded by Ohio native Bryan Baird and his wife Sayuri in January 2001, Baird has come to be considered Japan's best brewery. After the six regular beers were established – later augmented by an American-style wheat ale – Baird then focused on many seasonal beers. The Bairds have recently opened a taproom in Tokyo.

**RISING SUN PALE ALE**

Pale Ale 5% ABV

A brilliant American-style Pale Ale made with British Maris Otter malt and with a unique US hop signature.

**ANGRY BOY BROWN ALE**

BROWN ALE 6.2% ABV

Exciting and complex, this strong brown ale has a complex flavour profile and a richly satisfying finish.



**BAYERN MEISTER BIER**

1254-1 Kawaharabata, Inouede-aza, Fujinomiya City, Shizuoka 418-0103, Japan  
www.bmbier.com

Brewmaster Stefan Rager originally came to Japan to brew at several start-up microbreweries which opened after the 1995 liberalization. Later, with his Japanese wife, he founded a boutique-style brewery on the southern face of Mount Fuji, dedicated to German beer styles. The German Embassy in Tokyo is one of his most loyal customers.

**PRINZ PILS**

PILSNER 5.5% ABV

Pale yellow, soft mouthfeel with low carbonation. The subtle flavours are in excellent balance.

**AMADEUS DOPPELBOCK**

DOPPELBOCK 8% ABV

Very deep reddish brown, with coffee, toffee, and caramel aromas. Rich tangy malt and high alcohol suggest rum-soaked fruitcake.



**ECHIGO**

3970 Fukui, Nishiura-ku, Niigata City, Niigata 953-0076, Japan  
www.echigo-beer.jp

The brewers of the venerable Tsurukame saké of Niigata opened Japan's first microbrewery in February of 1995 to great fanfare. Operations have expanded from the original brewpub to a large-scale brewery with canning line today. While the canned products are well regarded, the more expensive small-production bottled products are even more highly prized.

**ECHIGO PILSENER**

PILSNER 5% ABV

This reasonably priced craft beer has a rich malty flavour, moderate bitterness, and a clean, quick finish.

**ECHIGO STOUT**

STOUT 7% ABV (PREVIOUSLY 5%)

Higher gravity and more care in the brewing of this beer results in a brilliant interplay of rich, roasty flavours.

**JAPAN'S BEST-KNOWN BEERS**

On the international market, several Japanese beer names stand out: Asahi, Kirin, Orion, and Sapporo.

Asahi, a major Japanese brewer, came strongly forward in the market with the release of enduringly popular Asahi Super Dry back in the 1980s. Asahi beers are noted for their subdued hop aroma profiles and clean, crisp taste; they are brewed in many locations, nationally and internationally. Asahi Stout is a rare exception to the signature Asahi flavour profile. Kirin once maintained as much as a two-thirds of the Japanese beer market thanks to its classic Kirin Lager. That changed, however, with Asahi's introduction of Super Dry. Orion is based on the island of Okinawa and has more than 50 per cent of the market there, as well as a sizeable export market. Sapporo has dropped to fourth place among the major breweries in sales terms, but many fans love its soft mouthfeel and pleasant drinkability. Founded on the northern island of Hokkaido in the 1870s, it soon became a popular national, then international brand. It is, however, the brewery's Edel Pils that stands out in terms of quality and flavour.

ASAHI (STOUT 8% ABV) left  
KIRIN (LAGER 5.5% ABV) centre  
SAPPORO (PILSNER 5% ABV) right







### FUJIZAKURA HEIGHTS

3633-1 Funatsu, Fujikawaguchiko-machi, Minami Tsuru-gun, Yamanashi 401-0301, Japan  
[www.fuji-net.co.jp/beer/](http://www.fuji-net.co.jp/beer/)

Situated on the north side of Mount Fuji, this small brewery specializes in traditional German beers. While the Pils seems to be the most popular in their restaurant, the Weizen is easily superior, and the smoky Rauch is the brewery's leading award winner.

### HAKUSEKIKAN

5251-1 Hirukawa Tahara, Nagatsugawa, Gifu 509-8301, Japan  
[www.hakusekikan-beer.jp](http://www.hakusekikan-beer.jp)

One of Japan's most distinctive breweries, Hakusekikan pushes the envelope of possible beer styles. Head brewer Satoshi Niwa is brilliant and imaginative, experimenting with wild beers using airborne yeast, while also making use of long fermentation times, barrel ageing, and other methods to produce truly distinctive beers.

### HARVEST MOON

Ikspiari 4F, 1-4 Maihama, Urayasu City, Chiba 279-8529, Japan  
[www.ikspirari.co.jp/harvestmoon/](http://www.ikspirari.co.jp/harvestmoon/)

Set in a festive shopping complex adjacent to Tokyo Disneyland, Harvest Moon owes its strength to the fast developing talents of head brewer Mayumi Sonoda. Flavours are understated but thrillingly complex, with great balance and drinkability. BREWING SECRET Yuzu Ale is often used in traditional Japanese cuisine.

### HIDEJI

747-56 Mukabaki, Nobeoka 882-0090, Japan

Interest in this sleepy little micro was enlivened after the election of maverick prefectural governor Higashikokubaru, whose corruption-fighting efforts have won him immense public support. A cartoon likeness of the governor adorns Hideji's Stout. Interestingly, Hideji beer has also improved recently, together with the fortunes of Miyazaki prefecture.

### DOPPEL BOCK

DOPPELBOCK 8% ABV  
 Brewed only in spring, with a label adorned with stylized cherry blossoms, this rich and restorative lager boasts a long malty finish.

### RAUCH

RAUCHBIER 5.5% ABV  
 A rare rauchbier brewed regularly in Japan, the smoky flavours last long into the finish.

### SUPER VINTAGE

STRONG ALE 14.3% ABV  
 Astonishingly fruity and complex beer; yet boasts a surprisingly dry finish. Permanently on tap at Beer Club Popeye in Tokyo.

### SMOKED PALE ALE

PALE ALE 5% ABV  
 A session pale ale given just a hint of smoked malt, with the smoky flavour appearing only in the finish.

### YUZU ALE

ALE 4.5% ABV  
 An aromatic citrus fruit with a subtle bitterness. The lovely aroma offsets nicely the rich malty backbone.

### SCHWARZ

SCHWARZBIER 4.5% ABV  
 Very dark, with red highlights; chocolate-like flavour, with minimal bitterness and fine carbonation for a smooth mouthfeel.

### HIDEJI STOUT

STOUT 4.1% ABV  
 Dry, with a fair measure of tartness, the beer develops a roastiness and soft texture as it warms.

### SMOKING MOLE ALE

AMBER ALE 4.2% ABV  
 Bright amber gold, with a tangy rich malt flavour, accented by plummy fruit notes. Hops are subdued in a more British interpretation.



**HITACHINO NEST**

1257 Konosu, Naka City, Ibaraki 311-0133, Japan  
www.kodawari.cc

The parent company is an old regional saké brewery that also produces shochu spirits and even wine. Beer was added to the range in 1996, followed by exports to the USA. In fact, half of production is now exported, primarily to the US market. The best beers are Belgian in style.

**WHITE ALE**

WITBIER 5.5% ABV

Modelled on a Belgian wit, but with a pronounced orange flavour, due to the use of real juice.

**EXTRA HIGH**

BELGIAN DARK ALE 8.3% ABV

Similar to a Belgian dark ale, XH (as it is known) is rich and malty, with a characteristic Belgian yeast flavour.



**ISEKADOYA**

6-428 Jingu, Ise City, Mie 516-0017, Japan  
www.biyagura.jp

Said to date back to the 16th century as an enterprise producing miso (fermented soya bean paste) and soy sauce, Isekadoya branched out into brewing in the 19th century for a brief time, supplying foreign ships with ale provisions. They resurrected their beer business in 1997, keeping to the same 19th-century label designs.

**ISEKADOYA PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 5% ABV

Initially produced in a more English style, recent versions have featured more assertive hopping, common to US pale ales. Still, it retains rather subdued characteristics.



**IWATEKURA**

5-42 Tamuramachi, Ichinoseki City, Iwate 021-0885, Japan  
www.sekinoichi.co.jp

Located in a rather remote area of Northern Japan, Iwatekura has been distinguishing itself in recent years with a range of creative beers. They include a flavoured ale with a striking caramel taste.

BREWING SECRET Local oyster beds renowned for their quality are harvested for the oyster stout.

**CARAMEL ALE**

FLAVOURED ALE 5% ABV

The curiously accurate chewy caramel flavour is unmistakable in this ale aimed at female drinkers.

**OYSTER STOUT**

STOUT 7% ABV

The brewery revives this classic English style with a rich yet dry interpretation, minimal hopping, and only a faint hint of oyster flavour.



**KINSHACHI**

1-7-34 Sakae, Naka-ku, Nagoya City, Aichi 460-0008, Japan

Old line sake brewer Morita Shuzo produced beer briefly some 100 years ago for sale primarily to US whaling ships. One of the most internationally famous members of the family was Akio Morita, one of the founders of electronics giant Sony. In 1996, the company reopened a disused soft-drink bottling plant as a small brewery, under the old Kinshachi brand name.

**RED MISO LAGER**

FLAVOURED BEER 6% ABV

Miso is a speciality of the Nagoya region where Kinshachi is located. Only a small amount is used, giving the beer a faintly meaty flavour.

**BLACK MISO LAGER**

DARK LAGER 6% ABV

This newer version is made with very dark "hatcho" miso, and has an even richer, almost nutty taste.



### MINOHAJI

3-19-11 Makiochi, Minoh City, Osaka 562-0004, Japan  
www.minoh-beer.jp

Established by liquor store owner Masaji Oshita, and run by his daughters Kaori and Mayuko, Minoh Aji brewery mostly makes beers based on American craft beer styles.

**BREWING SECRET** Among the more individual beers are two that contain hemp and one that uses Cabernet Sauvignon grape juice.

### NASU KOHGEN

3986 Oaza Takakukoh, Nasu-cho, Nasu-gun, Tochigi 325-0001, Japan

Set in a picturesque forest just off the primary motorway leading north from Tokyo, this brewery is known for its superior quality, with prices to match, and an emphasis on traditional English styles. The brewery is in the vicinity of the Japanese royal family summer villa, and a beer named after Princess Ai upon her birth has become one of Nasu Kohgen's best sellers.

### SANKT GALLEN

124 Kaneda, Atsugi City, Kanagawa 243-0807, Japan  
www.sanktgallenbrewery.com

This enterprise snuck under the radar before the liberalization of microbreweries with their less-than-1 per cent-alcohol brews back in the early 1990s. Now, however, Sankt Gallen seem to be specializing in high-gravity "sweets beers" aimed at women, though their golden, amber, and pale ales remain popular too.

### SHIGA KOGEN

1163 Hirao, Yamanouchi-machi, Shimo Takai-gun Nagano 381-0401, Japan  
www.tamamura-honten.co.jp

In September 2004, saké brewer Tamamura Honten broke a little of their 200-year tradition and began brewing beer. Within three years Shiga Kogen had become one of the most respected Japanese craft beer brands. Clear product identity and superior label designs have contributed to the beer's popularity.

### MINOH AJI STOUT

STOUT 5.5% ABV

Brewed in the Irish style, with lots of roasted flavour and creamy texture, this stout has a subdued bitterness.

### DOUBLE IPA

STRONG IPA 9% ABV

Bold and exciting, this strong beer is only produced as a seasonal so far, but its popularity may lead to it becoming available year-round.

### NINE-TAILED FOX BARLEY WINE

BARLEY WINE 11% ABV

Remarkably subdued flavour profile for a beer with such high alcohol. In 2007 the brewery released a 10-year vertical set, containing years 1998 to 2007 in 330ml bottles, which sold out quickly. These same years are still available separately in large 500 ml ceramic crocks.

### IMPERIAL CHOCOLATE STOUT

IMPERIAL STOUT 8.5% ABV

The most popular of the "sweets beers", this limited edition bottling is released in time for St Valentine's Day and quickly sells out. Lots of rich chocolate and caramel flavours are tempered by a touch of acidity and very low hopping.

### HOUSE DPA / DRAFT PALE ALE

PALE ALE 8% ABV

American in style, with a brilliant orange-gold hue, complex floral hop aroma, and lingering sweetness.

### MIYAMA BLONDE

SAISON-LIKE BEER 7% ABV

Made using the Miyama Nishiki strain of saké rice, along with European hops and barley. Rich and interesting, but with a brisk finish.



# MORE BEERS OF JAPAN

Suntory may be famous for its whisky, but its beer is also worth trying among these other Japanese brewers.

## HELIOS

405 Kyoda, Nago City, Okinawa 905-0024, Japan  
www.helios-syuzo.co.jp

Originally a distiller of rum from Okinawa's abundant fields of sugar cane, Helios branched out into craft beer in 1996. Their flagship product is a rich weizenbier, which goes well in Okinawa's sub-tropical climate, while their Goya Dry is their most "local" and distinctive brew.

## OTARU

3-263-19 Zenibako, Otaru City, Hokkaido 047-0261, Japan  
www.otarubeer.com

Japanese owners, a German brewer, and an American manager combine to make Otaru Beer an international endeavour. The bottom line here is quality. No beer is shipped beyond a 70-mile (100-km) radius of Otaru. The brewery's high production values are a match for those of most German brewers.

## GOYA DRY

FLAVOURED BEER 5% ABV  
Bitter melon, the "national vegetable" of Okinawa, is used alongside hops to bitter this curiously refreshing beer. Naturally, it is ideal with pork-predominant Okinawan cuisine.

## OTARU PILS

PILS 4.9% ABV  
A stellar interpretation of the world's most popular beer style. Otaru's version is perfectly balanced.

## SHONAN

7-10-7 Kagawa, Chigasaki City, Kanagawa 253-0082, Japan  
www.kumazawa.jp

A saké brewing enterprise since 1972, Kumazawa Shuzo began brewing beer in 1996, naming the brand after the Shonan coastal region where the brewery is located. Quality has always been high, and Shonan has garnered many international awards over the past decade.

## YOHO

1119-1 Otai, Saku City, Nagano 385-0009, Japan  
www.yonasato.com

Yona Yona Ale is perhaps the most popular craft beer in Japan, available in brightly coloured cans and on draught all over Japan. While the recipe predates head brewer Toshi Ishii (who previously worked at Stone Brewing in San Diego, USA), he is responsible for their second big success, Tokyo Black, a tasty porter with remarkable flavour and smooth balance.

## OZENO YUKIDOKE

7-3 Nishi Honmachi, Tatebayashi City, Gunma 374-0065, Japan  
www.ryujin.jp

Quality and product stability was a bit uneven in the first few years of this brewery, which was founded in 1997. However, from around 2004 onwards, Ozeno Yukidoke's beer began to improve dramatically and it now produces several tasty brews. The parent company is an old established saké brewer.

## SUNTORY

Daiba 2-3-3, Minato-ku, Tokyo 135-8631, Japan  
www.suntory.com

A long-standing whisky enterprise with recent awards to their credit, Suntory is a relative newcomer to the world of beer. Established in the early 1960s to take advantage of their large distribution network, the brewery has only recently developed a reputation for quality lager.

## LIEBE

SCHWARZBIER 5% ABV  
Surprisingly dry and drinkable for such a dark, richly flavoured beer, Liebe is an award-winning lager of superior depth and complexity.

## WEIZEN BOCK

STRONG WEIZENBIER 7% ABV  
Superb body, aroma, and balance for a high-alcohol beer, though it could be considered a bit staid by some.

## YONA YONA ALE

PALE ALE 5.5% ABV  
Square in the American Pale Ale category. Brisk and citrusy, with Cascade hops giving a sharp finish

## TOKYO BLACK

PORTER 5% ABV  
This tasty roasty beer can best be described as a session porter, with a unique twist. Brewer Ishii recently brewed a batch in England.

## BROWN WEIZEN

HEFEWEIZEN 5% ABV  
Unusual cloudy brown appearance, with a subtle lactic note. Richness suddenly comes in at mid-palate, leaving a long and satisfying finish.

## INDIA PALE ALE

IPA 6% ABV  
Patterned on the US West Coast style of IPA, it is boldly bitter with a quick hoppy finish.

## THE PREMIUM MALT'S

LAGER 5.5% ABV  
Having taken three Monde Selection awards in a row, this superior 100 per cent malt lager is one of the best in Japan.

BREWERY

BEER

BREWERY

BEER



**A man walks past** an illuminated sign at the Tsingtao International Beer Festival in Shandong, China.



### GUANGZHOU ZHUJIANG

Guangzhou PR, China  
www.zhujiangbeer.com

Zhu Jiang is brewed in Guangzhou, in the South of China. Guangzhou is the third largest city in Mainland China with a population of 12 million. InBev has had a 24 per cent stake in the brewery since 2002. Beers from the brewery are widely exported around the world.

### SUN LIK

22 Wang Lee Street,  
New Territories, Hong Kong, China  
www.sunlikbeer.com

Sun Lik is Cantonese for San Miguel, one of the most famous beer brands worldwide. San Miguel Brewery Hong Kong is a non-wholly owned subsidiary of San Miguel Corporation. The brewery holds the franchise to produce and sell San Miguel's beer brands in Hong Kong, Macao, and Hainan province in mainland China.

### TSINGTAO

Hong Kong Road, Central,  
Qingdao, China 266071  
www.tsingtaobeer.com

The Tsingtao Brewery was founded in 1903 by German settlers in Qingdao. Today it is part owned by American giants Anheuser Busch, which is currently undertaking a massive investment in new breweries on the China mainland. The company runs over 40 breweries and malt plants in 18 provinces across China.

### YANJING

9 Shuanghe Road, Shunyi District,  
Beijing, China  
www.yanjing.com.cn

The last remaining large independent brewer in China, Yanjing often rouses the attention of the global brewers. Over the past 25 years Yanjing has developed into one of the largest beer producing enterprises in China. It operates 20 other breweries on the China mainland, and its output is predicted to reach 5 million kiloliters (1,100 million gallons) by 2010.

### ZHU JIANG BEER

LAGER 5.3% ABV

The beer has a pale yellow strawlike appearance, with a subtle malt flavour highlighted by a delicate hop balance that finishes crisp and clean. Czech hops, German yeast, Chinese rice, and Canadian barley malt are used.

### SUN LIK

LAGER 5% ABV

Rice is used in the beer grist, which gives the beer a crisp if somewhat sugary finish. The beer is pale yellow in colour and has a sweetcorn nose.

### TSINGTAO

LAGER 4.8% ABV

Crisp, slightly malty flavour and nutty sweet taste. The colour is a bright yellow; aroma grainy, with a hint of sweetness. A high level of carbonation makes it very fizzy.

### YANJING BEER

LAGER 5% ABV

A sweet, golden syrup nose, it has overlays of biscuits and corn and pours a sun burst yellow into a glass. The brewing water is said to be from unpolluted mineral water deep under the Yanshan mountain.

**HITE**

640, Yeongdeungpo-Dong, Yeongdeungpo, Seoul, South Korea  
www.hite.com

Founded in 1933 as Chosun Breweries, Hite is Korea's leading brewer, with 60 per cent of local sales. Carlsberg is a substantial investor in the brewery. The present production at Hite amounts to approximately seven million hectolitres (150 million gallons) per annum. The company also makes a rice-based wine.

**ORIENTAL BREWERY**

Hanwon Bldg, 1449-12 Seocho-dong, Seocho-gu, 137-070 Seoul, South Korea  
www.ob.co.kr

Founded by the Doosan Group in 1952, this brewery produces several of Korea's most popular beverages, including the OB, Cass, and Cafri lagers; the company also produces Budweiser under licence. InBev became involved in 2003 and took all of its equity in 2006. It is the number two brewer in Korea, with 40 per cent of the market.

**KHAN BRÄU**

Central Post Box 808, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  
www.khanbrau.net

The microbrewery was opened in 1996 as a joint Mongolian and German venture. The company's pub, the Khan Lonkh, offers draft pilsner in a western-style environment. The company says it is brewing beer to comply with the German purity rules.

**BREWING SECRET** Khan Bräu takes its water from the crystal pure Tull River.

**BOON RAND**

999 Samsen Road, Bangkok, Thailand 10300  
www.boonrawd.co.th

Boon Rawd was founded in 1933 by Phraya Bhiron-Bhakdi, who had toured Germany and Denmark to learn about brewing. The brewery is still owned by the Bhiron-Bhakdi family. The company operates three breweries in Thailand.

**HITE**

LAGER 4.5% ABV  
Golden in colour, Hite is a light, easy drinking beer – with an aroma of bubblegum.

**PRIME MAX**

LAGER 4.5% ABV  
Pale orange in colour; with a sweetcorn aroma, it has hints of biscuit and citrus fruits.

**OB BLUE**

LAGER 4.4% ABV  
Originally brewed in 1948. When InBev purchased the company, the recipe was altered to include rice.

**CASS**

LAGER 4.5% ABV  
Pale and golden, Cass was once Korea's biggest selling beer; it now ranks number three.

**BAADOG**

VIENNA LAGER 4.8% ABV  
Reddish brown in colour, it has sweet overtones with hints of caramel and burnt sugar.

**KHAN BRAU**

PILSNER 4.8% ABV  
A crisp beer that uses German malt and hops. The Bavarian hops provide a spicy flavour.

**SINGHA**

LAGER 6% ABV  
A full-bodied barley malt beer with a strong hop character. Clean to taste, it complements spicy food.

**SINGHA LIGHT**

LAGER 3.5% ABV  
Lacks the complexity and vitality of its stronger stablemate. It is pale yellow of hue and thin to taste.

**THAIBEV**

Vibhavadee Rangsit Road, Chomphon, Chatuchak, Bangkok, Thailand

Thailand's other major beer producer is in fierce competition with Boon Rand. Its Chang brand is the best-selling beer within the country and is widely exported. The company also makes the famous Mekhong rice whisky.

**LAO BREWERY**

Km 12 Thadeua Road, Vientiane, Laos  
[www.beer-lao.com](http://www.beer-lao.com)

The Lao Brewery began production in 1973 and was originally known as Brasseries et Glaci è res du Laos. Two years later, in 1975, it became state owned. In 2002, Carlsberg and TCC, a Thai company, each agreed to acquire a 25 per cent stake in Lao Brewery; the remaining shares are still held by the Laos government.

**HUE**

243 Nguyen Sinh Cung Hue City, Vietnam

The Hue Brewery is based in Hue City, the old capital of Vietnam, on the banks of the famous Perfume River in central Vietnam. Carlsberg – which entered Vietnam in 1993 with the acquisition of a 60 per cent stake in South East Asia Brewery, based in the north of the country – now has a 50 per cent share in the Hue Brewery.

**ASIA PACIFIC BREWERIES**

459 Jalan Ahmad Ibrahim, Singapore 639934  
[www.tigerbeer.com](http://www.tigerbeer.com)

Widely available across Asia, AP's beers are now brewed in seven different countries. Tiger Beer – its most famous – was first produced in the 1930s, when the "Time for a Tiger" slogan was first used. Anthony Burgess named the first novel in his *The Long Day Wanes* trilogy *Time for a Tiger*.

**CHANG**

LAGER 5% ABV

The export version is golden and light, aimed at an international palate. The domestic version is stronger (6.4% ABV), slightly darker, and brewed with rice as well as malt and hops.

**BEERLAO**

LAGER 5% ABV

Described as Asia's best beer, Beerlao has a pleasant sweetness. Light bitterness, with hints of honey.

**BEERLAO DARK**

LAGER 6.5% ABV

Reddish brown it is full of sweet toffee and toast flavours. A short but warming finish.

**HUE**

LAGER 5% ABV

A yellow corn colour with a thin white head, and the body seems somewhat thin too. It is an easy-drinking beer, without surprises and a nose with hints of toast. Not much complexity, but a refresher nonetheless.

**TIGER**

LAGER 5% ABV

A golden coloured refreshing lager. It is normally served so chilled that its taste and aromas are masked.

**ABC EXTRA STOUT**

STOUT 8% ABV

A strong but easy-drinking beer. The nose is robust, with roasted coffee and chocolate flavours.





### MULTI BINTANG

Surabaya, Central Java, Indonesia  
[www.multibintang.co.id](http://www.multibintang.co.id)

Indonesia's largest brewery produces and markets a range of drinks, including Bir Bintang, Heineken, Guinness Stout, and the low alcohol Green Sands. It was founded in 1929, with Heineken taking a share of the company in the 1930s. Though taken over by the Indonesian government in 1957, Heineken became involved again in 1967, and today it is largely owned by them.

### BINTANG BIR PILSENER

LAGER 4.8% ABV

A fresh malty aroma gives way to a dry hoppy bitter finish – the beer clearly draws on its Dutch ancestry.

### BINTANG GOLD

LAGER 4.8% ABV

A slightly darker variation of the pilsener, brewed to commemorate the republic's golden anniversary.



### MOUNT SHIVALIK

Mohangram, P.O. Bhankarpur,  
 Distt Mohali, Punjab, India  
[www.mounshivalik.com](http://www.mounshivalik.com)

The brewery was formally incorporated in 1972. It was the first in India to introduce the concept of super strong beer in the country under the name of Thunderbolt Super Strong beer, which at 9 per cent ABV is a bit of a heavyweight. It also brews the US brand Stroh.

### THUNDERBOLT 5.0

LAGER 5% ABV

Thinnish texture, with a hint of hops. It is dry to the finish with a touch of sweetness

### PUNJAB 6000 EXTRA STRONG

BEER 8.75% ABV

Strong in alcohol, the finish is a little harsh but warming. Maltish flavour, with no overlay of hops.



### UNITED BREWERIES

Bangalore, India  
[www.theubgroup.com](http://www.theubgroup.com)

It is said the company's logo – a Pegasus – once carried a cask of beer between its wings as gift to the gods. Its Kingfisher brand is the flying leader in India's soaring beer market, and what once was a company that supplied beer to the troops of the British Empire has now acquired a worldwide reputation.

### KINGFISHER

LAGER 5% ABV

Brewed under licence in many countries. It has a crisp taste with a sweetish overtone.

### LONDON PILSNER 5.0

LAGER 5% ABV

Thin yellow colour, some hop aroma, and a sweetish after taste, it smells of grass.



### LION BREWERY

254 Colombo Road, Biyagama,  
 Sri Lanka  
[www.lionbeer.com](http://www.lionbeer.com)

The company's best-known beer is the bottle conditioned Lion Stout. The beer is brewed from British, Czech, and Danish malts, with Styrian hops and an English yeast strain. All the ingredients are transported along precarious roads to the brewery, located 3,500 ft (1,000 m) above sea level in the midst of tea plantations.

### LION STOUT

STOUT 8% ABV

A world-class beer, with prune, mocha aromas and flavours. It has a tar-like oiliness of body and a peppery, bitter-chocolate finish. The alcohol gives it a long warming finish.



**CASTLE / SAB**

65 Park Lane, Sandown, Sandtona, South Africa  
www.sablimited.co.za

SAB – South African Breweries – was founded in 1895 and began producing its Castle Lager brand in the mining town of Johannesburg. The company soon became the biggest brewer in southern Africa. In 2002, SAB bought Miller Brewing in the USA, and as SABMiller it has become one of the biggest global drinks companies.

**MITCHELL'S**

Arend Street, Knysna Industria, Knysna, South Africa  
www.mitchellsknysnabrewery.com

Founded in 1983 by Lex Mitchell, this microbrewery handcrafts a characterful range of unfiltered draught beers that are predominantly British in style, combined with a German influence. Some Mitchell's ales are bottled and widely available in the Cape region, but the beers are not exported.

**PAULANER**

Clock Tower Precinct, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa  
www.paulaner.co.za

The South African Paulaner is an offshoot of the big Paulaner Bräuhaus in Germany. Brewmaster Wolfgang Ködel brews the Bavarian-style beers on the premises and sells them on draught in the glass-fronted brewpub and beer garden located on Cape Town's busy waterfront. German food complements the beers.

**SHONGWENI / ROBSON'S**

B1 Shongweni Valley, Shongweni, near Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa  
www.shongwenibrewery.com

Shongweni mainly produces bottle-conditioned beers, using the infusion mash technique and fermentation in open-top vessels. All its beers are unfiltered and unpasteurized. The family-owned brewery stands out in a local market dominated by mass-produced lagers. It exports to the UK and elsewhere.

**CASTLE LAGER**

LAGER 5% ABV  
Award-winning lager made from African Gold Barley and Southern Star hops. It is brewed in nine countries and sold in 40.

**CASTLE MILK STOUT**

MILK STOUT 6% ABV  
Dark, highly-hopped, strong stout with a complex taste of roasted black malts, coffee, and caramel.

**OLD 90 / NINETY SHILLING ALE**

SCOTTISH-STYLE AMBER ALE 5% ABV  
Aromatic with Pale, Crystal, and Black malts, bark cinnamon, and caramel. The name refers to an old Scottish tax on a barrel of ale.

**RAVEN STOUT**

MILK STOUT 5% ABV  
Pale and Black malts with lactose and some caramel. Full-bodied and smooth, with a distinct hop aroma.

**PAULANER LAGER**

LAGER 4.9% ABV  
Unfiltered and unpasteurized, golden in colour, smooth, and well balanced.

**MÜNCHNER DUNKEL**

DUNKEL 5% ABV  
An old-fashioned Munich-style dark beer: dark golden, full-bodied, malty, and smooth.

**ROBSON'S DURBAN PALE ALE**

INDIA PALE ALE 5.7% ABV  
Brewed with Pale malt, and Cascade and Challenger hops. Crisp, fruity, and well-balanced.

**ROBSON'S EAST COAST ALE**

GOLDEN ALE 4% ABV  
A smooth and refreshing golden ale, made with a single malt variety along with Brewers Gold and Challenger hops.

**BARONS**

1 Moncur Street, Woollahra,  
New South Wales 2025, Australia  
[www.baronsbrewing.com](http://www.baronsbrewing.com)

“Beer barons” by name and nature, this relative newcomer has its brands produced under contract and is one of the country’s fastest-growing craft beer players; they are also eyeing export markets in Russia and the USA.

**BREWING SECRET** Barons makes use of indigenous “bush tucker” ingredients, such as wattle seed and lemon myrtle.

**J BOAG & SON**

39 William Street, Launceston,  
Tasmania 7250, Australia  
[www.boags.com.au](http://www.boags.com.au)

From a once-moribund regional brewery, Boag’s has ridden a wave of popularity since the launch of James Boag’s Premium Lager in 1994. Lagers comprise the bulk of production, but Boag’s has rolled out some fine limited-edition ales in recent years. The brewery was acquired by the Lion Nathan group in late 2007.

**BOOTLEG**

Corner Johnson & Pusey Roads,  
Wilyabrup, Western Australia 6280  
[www.bootlegbrewery.com.au](http://www.bootlegbrewery.com.au)

“An oasis of beer in a desert of wine” is the mangled metaphor Bootleg use to state that they were the first craft brewery in the Margaret River wine region. Since opening in 1994, four other micros have joined them. Bootleg is housed in a sprawling homestead, with tasting room, restaurant (lunches only), and beer garden.

**BRIDGE ROAD BREWERS**

2 Bridge Road, Beechworth,  
Victoria 3747, Australia  
[www.bridgeroadbrewers.com.au](http://www.bridgeroadbrewers.com.au)

Winemaker-turned-brewer Ben Kraus operates from his home town in regional Victoria – where renegade bushranger Ned Kelly was sentenced to death. Kraus has a wide range of beers on tap at his brewery door bar.

**BREWING SECRET** Ben is one of the few Australian brewers to produce styles such as *saison* and *bière de garde*.

**LEMON MYRTLE WITBIER**

BELGIAN WITBIER 5% ABV  
Moderate carbonation, lime-scented mid-palate with spicy hints, followed by a clean, crisp finish.

**BLACK WATTLE ORIGINAL ALE**

SPICED AMBER ALE 5.8% ABV  
Creamy mouthfeel, malt-driven, with hints of roasted nuts, chocolate, and milky coffee.

**WIZARD SMITH’S ALE**

BITTER ALE 5% ABV  
A solid malt backbone, with toffee and spicy hop notes, is rounded out by a significant bitterness.

**RAGING BULL**

STRONG DARK ALE 7.1% ABV  
Dark mahogany, complex coffee, treacle, and bitter chocolate notes; bristling late bitterness.

**TOM’S AMBER ALE**

ENGLISH BROWN ALE 4% ABV  
Deep garnet-brown; roasty and bitter initially, with treacle notes; dry finish.

**BEECHWORTH AUSTRALIAN ALE**

AUSTRALIAN PALE ALE 4.4% ABV  
Quaffable, easy-drinking cloudy ale, which balances fruity notes with moderate hop bitterness.

**CHEVALIER SAISON**

SAISON 6% ABV  
Lively carbonation, complex palate, with hints of sherbet, wine, fennel, and yeast; a tingling, dry-ish finish.



**BRIGHT**

Great Alpine Road, Bright, Victoria 3741, Australia  
www.brightbrewery.com.au

A relative newcomer, Bright is situated in the regional Victorian town of the same name. The brewery door bar (open Fri-Sun) has a decidedly alpine feel, and is indeed close to ski fields. Flavour and balance have been at the forefront of each new style.

**BREWING SECRET** Bright's seasonal beers are available only at the brewery door.

**HELLFIRE AMBER ALE**

BRITISH PALE ALE 5% ABV  
Amber-gold; toffee and spice notes, dash of roasted malt; balanced, with satisfying bitterness.



**CASCADE**

131 Cascade Road, South Hobart, Tasmania 7004  
www.cascadebrewery.com.au

Australia's oldest operating brewery, complete with on-site maltings, is also the most striking, with the castellated sandstone building nestled in the foothills of the sometimes snow-capped Mount Wellington. Now part of the Foster's empire, Cascade attracts tens of thousands of beer lovers annually to its visitor centre.

**CASCADE STOUT**

MEDIUM STOUT 5.8% ABV  
Coffee notes up front, with milk chocolate on the palate, followed by a moderately bitter finish.

**CASCADE BLONDE**

SUMMER ALE 4.8% ABV  
Clean and crisp, with a hint of citrus hop flavour.



**COOPERS**

461 South Road, Regency Park, Adelaide, South Australia 5010  
www.coopersbrewery.com.au

While most Australian breweries were progressively "lagerized" during the 20th century, this family-run Adelaide brewing dynasty kept knocking out cloudy, bottle-conditioned ales and stouts. Since opening a new expanded brewery in 2001, surging demand for their beers has driven them to become the country's third-largest beer maker.

**COOPERS SPARKLING ALE**

AUSTRALIAN PALE ALE 5.8% ABV  
Cloudy; fruity aromatics with a hint of peaches; rounded, dry, yeasty finish.

**COOPERS EXTRA STOUT**

DRY STOUT 6.4% ABV  
Espresso and bitter chocolate notes, with banana hints too; robustly bitter finish.

**THE BEST-KNOWN BEERS IN AUSTRALIA**

Australia's biggest-seller is Victoria Bitter (produced by the Foster's group), which accounts for roughly one in every five beers consumed.

No one can really explain the phenomenal rise of "VB" over the past two decades, although it did coincide with changes in brewery ownership and an erosion of traditional loyalty to individual state brands. Somewhat ironically, Foster's Lager is one of the largest-selling brands globally and yet accounts for only around one per cent of the domestic beer market. Carlton Draught (another Foster's group brand) remains strong in its Victorian home market, as do Toohey's in New South Wales and Castlemaine XXXX in Queensland. But the latter has been eclipsed recently by XXXX Gold, a "mid-strength" (lower alcohol) version; such mid-strength beers enjoy widespread popularity in the sun-belt states of Queensland and Western Australia, but have yet to make their mark elsewhere. Increasingly Aussie drinkers are turning to local premium and imported lagers, and to craft beers.

The fastest-growing brand in the past couple of years has been Carlton Pure Blonde – a lower-carbohydrate beer that has already attracted a host of copycat brands.

- VB (LAGER 4.9% ABV) left
- CARLTON DRAUGHT (LAGER 4.6% ABV) centre
- TOOHEYS (LAGER 5% ABV)
- XXXX GOLD (LAGER 3.5% ABV) right
- CARLTON PURE BLONDE (LAGER 4.6% ABV)



**FERAL**

152 Haddrill Road, Baskerville,  
Western Australia, 6056  
[www.feralbrewing.com.au](http://www.feralbrewing.com.au)

The Swan Valley wine region outside Perth also boasts a handful of microbreweries, including Feral. The company's logo features a feral pig – many of which roam the Aussie bush and are keenly sought after by hunters. Unusually, the flagship brew is a Belgian witbier which, fortunately, is free of any feral yeasts.

**HOLGATE BREWHOUSE**

79 High Street, Woodend,  
Victoria 3442, Australia  
[www.holgatebrewhouse.com](http://www.holgatebrewhouse.com)

Brewpubs serving hand-pumped real ale are rare in Australia, and Holgate is well worth seeking out. Paul and Natasha Holgate took over the lease of the stately Keatings Hotel in 2002, re-locating their microbrewery there four years later (it had previously been in a large shed beside their home). They produce English-inspired ales.

**KNAPPSTEIN**

2 Pioneer Avenue, Clare,  
South Australia, 5453  
[www.lion-nathan.com.au](http://www.lion-nathan.com.au)

Microbreweries in wine regions are increasingly common in Australia. This one operates out of a gorgeous stone building that housed the Enterprise Brewery until 1916 and, more recently, has been headquarters for Knappstein winery. Their sole brand is a full-bodied lager, which is the beer equivalent of a good Clare Valley Riesling.

**LITTLE CREATURES**

40 Mews Road, Fremantle,  
Western Australia, 6160  
[www.littlecreatures.com.au](http://www.littlecreatures.com.au)

Based in an enormous hangar-like building on the water's edge at Fremantle (close to where erstwhile beer baron Alan Bond lost the America's Cup yachting challenge in 1987), Little Creatures combines a bar/restaurant within a busy microbrewery. The flagship Pale Ale is inspired by the likes of the US-based

**FERAL WHITE**

BELGIAN WITBIER 4.5% ABV  
Hazy, pale lemon; juggles delicate citrus and clove characters, with a crisp, tart finish.

**HOLGATE ESB**

ENGLISH BITTER 5% ABV  
Biscuity malt notes intertwined with leafy hop flavours, rounded off with a satisfying bitterness.

**HOLGATE WINTER ALE**

ROBUST PORTER 6% ABV  
Espresso and treacle aromatics; palate shows coffee and cream, dark chocolate, and blackcurrant hints.

**KNAPPSTEIN RESERVE LAGER**

BAVARIAN LAGER 5.6% ABV  
Lifted fruity aromatics; passionfruit and melon notes married to rich malt; fulsome bitterness.

**LITTLE CREATURES PALE ALE**

US PALE ALE 5.2% ABV  
Citrus/grapefruit hop aromatics; chewy malt and citrus-tinged, robust bitterness.

**LITTLE CREATURES BRIGHT ALE**

PALE ALE 4.5% ABV  
Bags of floral hops; juicy sweet malt balanced with tropical fruit-laced hop flavours.



Sierra Nevada, and, along with the venue, has been a runaway success. The company is currently gearing up production, and has announced bold plans for themed bars in Sydney and Melbourne, and a second brewery to be built in Victoria.

**BREWING SECRET** Little Creatures uses impressive quantities of fresh hop flowers to flavour the beer.

**LORD NELSON**

19 Kent Street, The Rocks, Sydney, New South Wales 2000, Australia [www.lordnelsonbrewery.com](http://www.lordnelsonbrewery.com)

Still going strong after 20-plus years, Sydney's original modern brewpub attracts ale lovers to this historic hotel, which claims to be the city's "oldest continuously licensed pub". The early brews were basic malt extract-based beers, but have evolved into tasty and complex ales, worthy of this gem of a watering hole.

**MALT SHOVEL**

99 Pyrmont Bridge Road, Camperdown, Sydney, New South Wales 2050, Australia [www.maltshovel.com.au](http://www.maltshovel.com.au)

Positioned as Lion Nathan's craft brewing arm, the Malt Shovel Brewery has grown an impressive portfolio of beer styles under US-born brewmaster Dr Charles "Chuck" Hahn. The brewery's first release in 1998 was Amber Ale, which found ready acceptance with traditional lager drinkers. Their James Squire

brands are named after a former convict and highwayman, who became the colony's first successful hop grower and brewer. Malt Shovel consistently rolls out ground-breaking and true-to-style beers from within the Lion Nathan fold.

**BREWING SECRET** Adventurous limited edition releases have included a porter that was matured in rum barrels and a raspberry wheat beer.

**ROGERS' BEER**

**AMBER ALE 3.8% ABV**  
Biscuity malt notes; caramel-laced mid-palate and spicy-citrus hoppiness; short finish.

**LITTLE CREATURES PILSNER**

**PILSNER 4.6% ABV**  
Using Czech Saaz hops, Little Creatures Pilsner is classically European – crisp, clean, and fresh.

**OLD ADMIRAL**

**STRONG ALE 6.1% ABV**  
Dense, malty palate, with plummy notes, lively bitterness, and a warming afterglow.

**THREE SHEETS**

**PALE ALE 4.9% ABV**  
Malty, fruity aromatics; malt-accented, with citrus and apricot hints; well-rounded bitterness.

**MALT SHOVEL INDIA PALE ALE**

**INDIA PALE ALE 5.6% ABV**  
Chewy, caramel-tinged maltiness balanced by robust (dry-hopped) hop flavour and lingering bitterness.

**MALT SHOVEL PILSENER**

**CZECH PILSNER 5% ABV**  
Faintly spicy aromatics; rich, malty palate, with honey notes and fulsome bitterness.

**JAMES SQUIRE PORTER**

**PORTER 5% ABV**  
Hints of coffee, dark chocolate, and dark fruit (plums); a sumptuous beer, with a smooth finish.

**JAMES SQUIRE GOLDEN ALE**

**GOLDEN ALE 4.5% ABV**  
Easy-drinking summer ale, with passionfruit/citrus hop flavours; crisp, moderately bitter finish.



### MATILDA BAY

130 Stirling Highway, North Fremantle, Western Australia 6159, Australia  
[www.matildabay.com.au](http://www.matildabay.com.au)

Australia's first modern craft brewery kicked off in Fremantle in 1984, was acquired by Foster's six years later, and has been revitalized in recent times. Original brews such as Redback (a hefeweizen) and Dogbolter (a dark lager) have been supplemented with a wide range of beer styles. Much of the new direction occurred under the

watch of head brewer Brad Rogers, who has since left the Foster's fold after 15 years to embark on a new brewing venture.

**BREWING SECRET** The Matilda Bay output includes an experimental "out there" series, which features a *saison* (named Barking Duck) and Crema, which is a coffee-infused pale ale.

### MOO BREW

655 Main Road, Berriedale, Hobart, Tasmania 7011, Australia  
[www.moobrew.com.au](http://www.moobrew.com.au)

A stunningly appointed microbrewery, with commanding views of Derwent River and Mount Wellington from the second-storey, glass-fronted brewhouse. An off-shoot of Moorilla Estate winery, Moo Brew has set a new benchmark among Australian craft producers, with slick packaging, uncompromising beers, and premium pricing.

### MOUNTAIN GOAT

Corner North and Clarke Streets, Richmond, Melbourne, Victoria 3121, Australia  
[www.goatbeer.com.au](http://www.goatbeer.com.au)

Self-styled "goat guys" Cam Hines and Dave Bonighton have clocked up a decade in craft brewing and generously mentored dozens of aspiring players over the years. Open nights are staged every Friday at the brewery, and attract a mixed crowd of ale lovers and funky Melbourne types, with brewery tours on offer.

### ALPHA PALE ALE

US PALE ALE 5.2% ABV  
 Rich, caramel-toffee malt character; resinous hop flavour; and finally a bold, bitter finish.

### DOG BOLTER

DARK LAGER 5.2% ABV  
 Roasty, dark chocolate notes; complex mid-palate; smooth, coffee-ish finish.

### BOHEMIAN PILSNER

CZECH PILSNER 5% ABV  
 A solid maltiness to the pilsner is well balanced with a generous hop bitterness.

### REDBACK

KRISTALL WEIZEN 4.7% ABV  
 Pale straw; banana, vanilla and clove hints; delicate complexity; crisp, refreshing finish.

### MOO BREW PILSNER

CZECH PILSNER 5% ABV  
 Bright, golden, with finely-beaded bubbles; honey-ish malt character balanced by herbal hop bitterness.

### MOO BREW PALE ALE

US PALE ALE 4.9% ABV  
 Citrus aromatics; grapefruit notes dominate mid-palate, rounded out with substantial, tingling bitter finish.

### HIGHTAIL ALE

ENGLISH PALE ALE 5% ABV  
 Cloudy amber; chewy malt, with bristling hop flavour and after-bitterness.

### SUREFOOT STOUT

MEDIUM STOUT 5% ABV  
 Attractive mocha aromatics; dusty, roasty characters with treacle hints; restrained bitterness.



**MURRAY'S**

Taylor's Arm Road, Taylor's Arm, New South Wales 2447, Australia  
[www.pubwithnobeer.com.au](http://www.pubwithnobeer.com.au)

The ironically named Pub With No Beer takes its name from a popular song by late country singer Slim Dusty and is the rather unlikely base for an exciting new craft brewery.

**BREWING SECRET** Murray's has pushed the boundaries of traditional beer styles and rolled out a handful of flavour-packed, limited edition brews.

**REDOAK**

201 Clarence Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000, Australia  
[www.redoak.com.au](http://www.redoak.com.au)

The Redoak Boutique Beer Café is the showcase for a staggering array of beer styles from David Hollyoak, one of Australia's most awarded brewers, despite the fact that he only launched his beer range in mid-2004. A fruit-infused ale, a Baltic porter, a hand-pumped English bitter, and a wood-aged barley wine are just a few on offer.

**WIG & PEN**

Canberra House Arcade, Civic, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory 2601, Australia  
[www.wigandpen.com.au](http://www.wigandpen.com.au)

Real ale diehards come for the hand-pumped house beers, but there's a beer style for every taste at this busy brewpub, situated in the centre of the nation's capital. Seasonal brews might include an annual imperial stout, Berliner Weisse, and whatever takes brewer Richard Watkins' fancy. A haven of characterful beers.

**DUX DE LUX**

Cnr Hereford & Montreal Streets, Christchurch, New Zealand  
[www.thedux.co.nz](http://www.thedux.co.nz)

One of South Island's most revered craft brewers, The Dux has brewpubs in Christchurch and Queenstown. A broad range of styles is produced under the watchful eye of brewmaster, winemaker, and chef Richard Fife.

**BREWING SECRET** Visitors to The Dux are likely to be rewarded with limited release seasonal specialities.

**NIRVANA PALE ALE**

PALE ALE 4.5% ABV  
 Complex palate with zingy spice and citrus notes; generously bittered finish.

**SASSY BLONDE**

BELGIAN ALE 4.5% ABV  
 Distinctly Belgian character with robust yeast notes, and a hint of fennel; dry, yeasty finish.

**FRAMBOISE FROMENT**

FRUIT-BASED BEER 5.2% ABV  
 Hazy and crimson in hue; tart raspberry notes on the palate and a super-dry finish.

**REDOAK RAUCH**

GERMAN RAUCHBIER 5.5% ABV  
 Hints of bacon, iodine, and driftwood smoke, held in balance with sweet-malt flavours.

**BULLDOG BEST BITTER**

ENGLISH BITTER 4% ABV  
 Soft, fruity nose; biscuity malt notes balanced by zingy hop flavours and a firm bitterness.

**CREAMY STOUT**

DRY STOUT 6% ABV  
 Silky body, with chocolate and caramel notes; distinctly smooth, satisfying finish.

**NOR'WESTER**

ENGLISH PALE ALE 6.5% ABV  
 Early grainy sweetness, then hints of nuts and smoke, fruity esters and a deep, lingering, hoppy finish.

**BLACK SHAG STOUT**

IRISH DRY STOUT 5.5% ABV  
 A dense, black brew with a persistent creamy head and a silky body. Appetizingly dry.





### EMERSON'S BREWERY

14 Wickliffe Street, Dunedin,  
New Zealand  
[www.emersons.co.nz](http://www.emersons.co.nz)

New Zealand's most awarded micro offers an enviable portfolio of year-round beers, as well as seasonal specialities such as Taieri George, a spiced dark ale, and a US pale ale featuring American hops.

**BREWING SECRET** Emerson's delightful session beer called Bookbinder Bitter is available only on tap.

### GALBRAITH'S

2 Mt Eden Road, Mt Eden,  
Auckland, New Zealand  
[www.alehouse.co.nz](http://www.alehouse.co.nz)

Located in a former library, New Zealand's first real ale brewpub is best known for its home-brewed English style ales – all served by hand pump. Visitors can also enjoy an excellent Abbey-style ale and a couple of flavoursome lagers, as well as a fine range of imports and craft beers from other New Zealand brewers.

### MAC'S

660 Main Road, Stoke,  
Nelson, New Zealand  
[www.macs.co.nz](http://www.macs.co.nz)

Eighteen years after opening the country's first microbrewery in an old cider factory in Nelson, former All Black rugby player Terry McCashin sold the Mac's brand to Lion Breweries in 1999. Since then the beer range has been extended and production split between Nelson and the Shed 22 brewery, on the Wellington waterfront.

### MOA

Jacksons Rd, RD3 Blenheim, New Zealand  
[www.moabeer.co.nz](http://www.moabeer.co.nz)

Nestled among vines in Marlborough's wine country is Moa's brewery and tasting room – the brainchild of winemaker Josh Scott, who wanted to make super premium beers with the winemaking techniques used for Champagne-style sparkling wines.

**BREWING SECRET** Moa's larger 750ml bottles undergo the full *méthode traditionnelle* production regime.

### EMERSON'S OLD 95

BARLEY WINE 7% ABV  
Robust bottle conditioned ale, with rich, toffee-like malt and resinous hops. Will reward careful cellaring.

### EMERSON'S ORGANIC PILSNER

NEW WORLD PILSNER 4.9% ABV  
Bursting with passion fruit and citrus. A showcase for New Zealand's Riwaka hop variety.

### BELLRINGERS BITTER

ENGLISH BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV  
Copper coloured ale with a biscuity, toffee-like palate, plenty of earthy hops, and an appetizingly dry finish.

### BOB HUDSON'S BITTER

ENGLISH BITTER 4% ABV  
A full-flavoured session bitter very much in the vein of the English pale ale Timothy Taylor's Landlord.

### SASSY RED

NEW WORLD BEST BITTER 4.5% ABV  
A sweetish amber brew with a leafy, hop-sack aroma and suggestions of toffee, nuts, chocolate, and toast.

### BLACK MAC

DRY STOUT 4.8% ABV  
A full-bodied flavoursome stout-like dark lager, with roasted malt, dark chocolate, caramel, and liquorice.

### MOA ORIGINAL

BOTTLE-CONDITIONED PILS 5.5% ABV  
Extended yeast contact rewards this delightful dry, crisp pilsner with a savoury toastiness.

### MOA BLANC

BOTTLE-CONDITIONED  
WHEAT BEER 5.5% ABV  
Dry, crisp, hints of banana and vanilla; soft natural carbonation.



**MONTEITH'S**

Corner of Turamaha & Herbert Streets, Greymouth, New Zealand  
www.monteiths.co.nz

Now one of four breweries operated by the DB group (which itself is indirectly overseen by Heineken), Monteith's can trace its roots back to 1868. Although many of Monteith's beers are produced elsewhere, the Greymouth brewery – with its rare coal-fired boilers and open fermenters – is well worth a visit.

**MONTEITH'S PILSNER BEER**

PILSNER 5% ABV  
Mild for the style, this firm-bodied brew has a grassy hop note and lingering sweetish finish.

**MONTEITH'S BLACK BEER**

BLACK LAGER 5.2% ABV  
Soft and sweetish, with coffee, chocolate, and nut flavours – and often a hint of banana too.



**THE MUSSEL INN**

Onekaka, Takaka, Golden Bay, New Zealand  
www.musselinn.co.nz

Quirky, rustic, and ecologically aware, The Mussel Inn brewpub-cum-café is located in one of the country's most remote and unspoilt regions. The famous Captain Cooker Manuka Beer is affectionately known as "The Pig", a reference to New Zealand's wild pigs, which were first released by Cook. It is also brewed under license by Belgium's Proefbrouwerij.

**MONKEY PUZZLE**

BELGIAN ABBEY-STYLE ALE 10% ABV  
A copper-coloured brew that's big, spicy, and warming, yet delicately balanced and remarkably supple!

**CAPTAIN COOKER**

WOODY AMBER LAGER 4% ABV  
Seasoned with leaves from native shrubs, this is a fairly sweet and perfumy brew.



**SHAKESPEARE BREWERY**

61 Albert Street, Corner of Wyndham & Albert Streets, Auckland, New Zealand  
www.shakespearehotel.co.nz

Owned by former All Black Ron Ulrich, this well-known Victorian city centre pub was New Zealand's first new-generation brewpub. Shoe-horned behind the bar, the cramped brewhouse is ably manned by long-serving brewer Barry Newman. The pub offers nine beers and occasional seasonal specialities in various styles.

**KING LEAR OLD ALE**

ENGLISH OLD ALE 8% ABV  
Full-bodied ruby hued brew, with orange, toffee, and chocolate notes. Long, floral, hop-driven finish.

**PUCK'S PIXIL(L)ATION**

BELGIAN GRAND CRU STYLE 11.1% ABV  
A rich, heady golden brew with typically Belgian clove-like phenolics, sweet malt, and floral hops.

**NEW ZEALAND'S BEST-KNOWN BEERS**

New Zealand's best known domestic beers are all made with a high proportion of sugar and are warm-fermented with lager yeasts.

As a result of this process, the beers tend to be sweet, light-bodied, and, by European lager standards, somewhat estery. The market leaders, Speight's, Tui, and Export Gold are made by the country's two dominant brewers, Lion and DB. There are three basic Kiwi beer styles. A bronze or amber-coloured brew is confusingly termed "draught" – even when packaged in bottles and cans! Anything paler is usually identified as "lager" (the brand name often suffixed with the word "gold"). A deeper coloured beer is known simply as "dark". In the case of New Zealand's "draughts" and "darks", the term ale is often erroneously appended. In the last decade, there has been a strong swing away from traditional Kiwi styles in favour of paler, crisper, so-called premium lagers. These days, New Zealand's most famous international beer, Steinlager (which is now available in both Classic and Pure versions), competes with locally brewed-under-license lagers, such as Heineken, Stella Artois, and Carlsberg, as well as a plethora of imported brands from Europe, America, Asia, and Australia.

- SPEIGHT'S GOLD MEDAL ALE (LAGER 4% ABV)
- TUI (LAGER 4% ABV) left
- EXPORT GOLD (LAGER 4% ABV) centre
- STEINLAGER (LAGER 5% ABV) right





### STEAM BREWING

186 James Fletcher Drive,  
Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand  
[www.cockandbull.co.nz](http://www.cockandbull.co.nz)

The brewery was set up in 1995 to produce beers exclusively for the Cock & Bull pub in Pakuranga. Nine years and five pubs later, the company acquired the much larger Auckland Breweries site, complete with a high-tech packaging line. In addition to the Cock & Bull beers, the company now produces several beers under license.

### THREE BOYS BREWERY

Unit 10, Garlands Rd, Woolston,  
Christchurch, New Zealand  
[www.threeboysbrewery.co.nz](http://www.threeboysbrewery.co.nz)

Microbiologist Ralph Bungard employs a broad range of yeasts to produce tasty Kiwi interpretations of classic beer styles. The senior “Boy” – the others are his sons Marek and Quinn.

**BREWING SECRET** The brewery's limited release seasonal brews include an excellent Oyster Stout in winter and a fragrant Golden Ale in summer.

### TUATARA BREWING

183 Akatarawa Rd,  
Waikanae, New Zealand

Named after an endangered native reptile, the brewery is located in hill country, about an hour's drive north of Wellington. Its beers are widely distributed in the lower North Island, and the brewery's success prompted the installation of a larger, German-designed brewhouse in 2007. Tuatara beers are often served on hand pump at The Malthouse pub in Wellington.

### THE TWISTED HOP

6 Poplar Street, Cnr Poplar & Ash  
Streets, Christchurch, New Zealand  
[www.thetwistedhop.co.nz](http://www.thetwistedhop.co.nz)

Its ales may be English in style, but The Twisted Hop is no typical English pub. A former warehouse set in a quiet back street with a pleasant kerbside drinking area, “The Hop” is bright, airy, and modern, with internal windows offering views into the brewery. The beer is also available at The Prince Albert pub in Nelson.

### EPIC PALE ALE

AMERICAN PALE ALE 5.4% ABV  
Robust interpretation of the style, with an explosion of hop resins (US Cascade) and sweet malt.

### MONK'S HABIT

AMERICAN AMBER ALE 7% ABV  
Brewed exclusively for the Cock & Bull pub chain. Sweet malt, balanced by floral and resinous hop flavours.

### THREE BOYS WHEAT

WITBIER 5% ABV  
Plenty of zesty lemon and coriander notes, with a hint of ginger. A spritzzy and quenching brew.

### THREE BOYS PORTER

ROBUST PORTER 5.2% ABV  
Rich mocha notes dominate a silky palate, while heavily roasted grain and hops compete in the dry finish.

### TUATARA PILSNER

NEW WORLD PILSNER 5% ABV  
Generous late hopping (with locally grown Motueka hops) results in a fresh, hessian-like, hopsack character.

### TUATARA INDIA PALE ALE

INDIA PALE ALE 5.5% ABV  
Although there's some nutty malt sweetness, earthy hops dominate the aroma and palate – a tasty ale.

### CHALLENGER

ENGLISH SPECIAL BITTER 5% ABV  
Copper coloured and full bodied, with a fragrant hop aroma, toffeeish palate, and a long, hop-driven finish.

### GOLDING BITTER

ENGLISH BITTER 3.7% ABV  
Light, crisp and flavoursome golden coloured session bitter, with a fresh, leafy hop character.



**Little Creatures** started up in 2000, and its bottle-conditioned, US-style Pale Ale has proved hugely popular in Australia.

# GLOSSARY

**abbey ale** Belgian family of strong, fruity beers either produced or inspired by monastery brewers.

**ABV** Alcohol by volume, expressed as a percentage. A measure of the strength of a beer.

**adjuncts** Strictly speaking, anything added to the brewing process other than barley, hops, yeast, and water. More usually refers to unmalted grains such as rice, barley, oats, and maize, added to increase alcohol content and lighten flavour.

**ale** A beer made with *ale yeasts*. Styles include golden ale, brown ale, *mild*, and *bitter*.

**ale yeasts** Yeasts used in traditional *top-fermenting* ales, originating from recycled yeast skimmed from the surface of the last batch. They ferment at room temperature.

**alt, altbier** German style of beer similar to British *bitter* or *pale ale*, especially associated with Düsseldorf.

**aromatic hops** A term used to distinguish the floral and fruitier hops, such as Cascade and Goldings, that are used to impart additional flavours and aromas to beer. Aromatic hops are usually added later in the boil than *bittering hops* to maintain the subtlety of their attributes.

**barley wine** An extra-strong style of *ale*, originally English, but now produced by many US brewers.

**Berliner Weisse** A pale, *top-fermented wheat beer* from northern Germany.

**bière de garde** “Keeping beer” traditional to northern France. Brewed in winter and spring, then bottled and stored to be drunk later in the year by thirsty farmhands. The style is now brewed year-round in several brewing nations.

**bitter, best bitter** English beer style, usually designating a well-hopped *ale*. Best bitter usually refers to stronger variants of the beer.

**bittering hops** Hop varieties such as Chinook and Fuggles that are rich in chemical compounds that result in the bitter taste sensation in beer and are used to balance the sweetness of *malt*. As distinct from *aromatic hops*.

**blond, blonde** A mainly French and Belgian term for a golden beer.

**bock** A German term for a strong beer – formerly seasonal, but not any more. Several variations include the even-stronger *doppelbock* and *urbock*, made in the original 13th-century style. See also *eisbock*.

**bottle-conditioning** The process by which beers are bottled with live yeast and sometimes fermentable sugars, extending storage life and allowing flavour and effervescence to develop further over time.

**bottom-fermenting** Term used to describe yeasts of the *Saccharomyces carlsbergensis* strain that are used to make lager. During lagering (storage), the yeast sinks to the bottom of the brew, producing a clean-tasting beer.

**brettanomyces** A semi-wild genus of yeast used in *lambic* beers and some *porters* and *stouts*. Provides a distinctive aroma and flavour.

**brew kettle** The vessel in which the wort is boiled with *hops* to combine their flavours, usually for about 90 minutes.

**brewpub** A bar or restaurant with its own small brewery on the premises.

**broyhan** *Top-fermented pale wheat beer* created in Hanover, Germany in 1526.

**burton union** A system of fermentation in galleries of linked casks, in which a stable yeast culture develops over time. Introduced in the 19th century in the brewing town of Burton-on-Trent in England.

**carbonation** Carbonation is the cause of effervescence in beer, and is generated by the metabolic action of yeast or by the artificial introduction of pressurized gas.

**cask conditioning, cask ale** The practice of bringing draught beer to maturity in the cask, in the conditioning room of a brewery or in the cellar of a pub. Times range from a week to a year or more.

**c-hops** Term used for *hops* with a very high aromatic potential, which convey especially grapefruit and resinous flavours. They are known by this term because many have names beginning with C (Cascade, Chinook, Cluster, Centennial, for example), but it also encompasses Amarillo and Simcoe.

**contract brewing** Commercial arrangement in which the creator of a beer contracts to have it produced at a brewery with spare capacity.

**copper** Alternative name for the *brew kettle*. Many copper kettles survive, but today a greater number are made from stainless steel.

**craft brewer** Term referring to breweries opened since the late 1970s that produce specialist beers.

**curaçao** A small, bitter orange grown in the former Dutch colony of Curaçao in the Caribbean. The dried peel is used in some Belgian *wheat beers*, most notably Hoegaarden.

**decoction** A process in which some of the some of the wort is removed from the mash tun, heated to a higher temperature, then returned to the brew. It helps produce complex caramel flavours and clearer beers.

**doppelbock** see *bock*

**dortmunder** Pale golden, full-bodied, bottom-fermented beer from Dortmund in Germany.

**double, dubbel** A Belgian *abbey ale*, stronger than a pilsner but less so than a triple or trippel.

**dry hopping** The addition of *hops* to the finished brew to enhance its aroma and flavour.

**dunkel, dunkler bock** Dunkel means “dark” in German, and the term most readily applies to dark lagers though it can also be applied to dark *wheat beers*. A dunkler bock is a *bock-strength* dark lager.

**eisbock** The strongest type of *bock*, lagered in ice-cold cellars, with frozen water crystals filtered off to increase the strength of the beer.

**ester, estery** An ester is a natural chemical compound that imparts fruity and spicy flavours (banana, strawberry, clove). Consequently, estery is a tasting note associated with some beers.

**export** Term often used for a premium beer, except in Germany, however, where it indicates a *Dortmunder-style* beer.

**extreme beers** Term originating in the US to describe a wide range of beer styles that are extraordinary in some way. Unusual ingredients, wild yeast fermentation, bourbon-keg

ageing, or very high alcohol content might earn a beer the title “extreme”.

**fermentation** The conversion of malt sugars to alcohol and CO<sub>2</sub> by the action of yeast.

**feistbeer** German term for any beer that is traditionally brewed for a festival. Sometimes it refers to *märzen* and *Oktoberfest* styles, both strong variants of *Vienna lager*.

**gose** Distinctively salty style of *wheat beer* native to Leipzig.

**grist** Ground *malt* (or other grains) which, along with warm water, forms the basis of wort.

**gueuze, geuze** A blend of young and old *lambic* beers, blended to produce a sparkling, refreshing beer.

**head** The foam that forms on top of a beer when it is poured.

**hefeweizen** German term for *wheat beer* with yeast sediment. “Hefe” is a German word for yeast.

**hell, helles** German term designating a pale-coloured beer.

**hops** Hop flowers – in dried, pellet, or resinous form – are added to beer to give flavour, aroma, and a bitterness to complement the sweetness of *malt*. See also *aromatic hops*, *bittering hops*, and *noble hops*.

**hop back** A sieve-like vessel through which a brew is filtered. Its purpose is either to remove hop petals, or, when pre-filled with fresh hops, to add more flavour to the brew.

**imperial stout** Extra-strong stout made for export; the name stems from the beer's popularity with the Russian Imperial court.

**IPA** India pale ale; a robust and heavily-hopped beer that was originally made to withstand the rigours of export by sea to India from Britain. Now also produced by several other brewing nations.

**kellerbier** “Cellar beer” in German; usually an unfiltered *lager*, hoppy and only lightly carbonated.

**kölsch** Light style of *top-fermenting golden ale* first brewed in and around the city of Cologne (Köln).

**krieken** A Belgian *lambic* in which macerated cherries are fermented, giving a tart, fruity flavour.

**lace** Pattern of foam left clinging to the sides of the glass.

**lactic, lactic acid** An acid that imparts a sour flavour to beer, produced when *lactobacilli* metabolize sugars. A tasting note for some beers.

**lactobacillus** A family of bacteria, usually benign, that convert sugars to lactic acid. The resulting sourness defines certain styles, such as *Berliner weisse*.

**lager** Family of bottom-fermented beer styles. Examples range from black beers such as *schwarzbier* to the more familiar golden pilsner.

**lambic** Designates beers fermented by wild, airborne yeasts in small, rural breweries in the Payottenland region of Belgium.

**late-hopping** The technique of adding hops to the brew kettle in the final minutes of boiling, so imparting pronounced hop flavours.

**lees** Yeast deposits resulting from secondary fermentation in the bottle.

**malt** Barley or other grains that have undergone a process of controlled germination, which is arrested at a point when the seed contains high concentrations of starches. After drying, kilning, or roasting, the malt may be made into *grist* for brewing.

**maltings** A facility in which the grain is steeped in water, allowed partially to germinate, and then dried.

**märzen** Originally a German style of medium-strong beer brewed in March (März in German) and matured until September or October. These days, the style of beer may be brewed and drunk year-round.

**mash** The mixture created when the *grist* is steeped in hot water. The mashing process breaks down grain starches into fermentable sugars.

**mash bill** A north American term for the proportion of different grains used in the mash.

**méthode champenoise, méthode traditionnelle** A form of bottle conditioning that follows the method for creating Champagne. A secondary fermentation is achieved in the bottle by adding yeast and fermentable sugars. Beers made with this method are usually produced in Champagne-style bottles and the beer can usually mature for several years.

**microbrewery** Generic term for small breweries founded from the 1970s onwards producing relatively small quantities of beer. The US Brewers Association defines the term as a brewery that produces less than 15,000 barrels of beer per year.

**mild** A lightly-hopped and thus mild-tasting ale, usually of modest alcoholic strength. Traditionally associated with the industrial regions of Wales and the English midlands.

**milk stout** A sweet *stout* made with unfermentable lactose sugars, derived from milk, that sweetens the beer's final taste.

**münchener** (munich dunkel)  
A German style of dark *lager* that was developed in Munich.

**noble hops** Term used specifically for a group of four traditional aromatic varieties of hops that are low in bitterness: Hallertau, Žatec (or Saaz), Tettnanger, and Spalter.

**nonic glass** A classic style of smooth-sided beer glass, typically made in half-pint and pint sizes. It is characterized by a bulge in its profile that aids grip.

**northwest hops** Refers to the Pacific Northwest of the US – the country's main hop-growing region. Cluster hops were traditionally grown here, but now many other, especially aromatic, varieties are grown too.

**oatmeal stout** A revived style, popular in the USA, brewed with up to 5 percent oats.

**Oktoberfest** A two-week beer festival held in the Bavarian city of Munich in Germany.

**original gravity** A measure of density of wort. High density indicates abundant fermentable sugars. The more sugar is present, the stronger the resulting beer will be.

**oud bruin** "Old brown"; a Flanders-style beer with a lengthy ageing period of up to a year.

**pale ale** A style of beer that originated in Britain, characterized by the use of pale *malts*. It mostly applies to bottled beers.

**pasteurization** Heat treatment process applied to beer to maintain its stability during storage. Arguably, pasteurization deadens the flavour of beer marginally.

**pilsner, pils** A popular style of golden *lager* pioneered in the Czech town of Pilsen, or Pilsen.

**porter** A family of very dark beers characterized by dark chocolate *malt* flavours and assertive hop bitterness.

**priming** The addition of sugar to a beer before it is bottled to encourage *carbonation*.

**rauchbier** A German style of *lager* made from *malt* that has been smoked over beechwood fires. The beer is a Franconian speciality.

**reinheitsgebot** The German beer purity law of 1516; now superseded by updated legislation but still a guiding principle in German beer making. Under its ruling, beers must not contain anything but water, yeast, *malt*, and *hops*.

**saison** Originally a Belgian beer style; a dry, strongish *ale*, traditionally brewed in winter for drinking in summer. These days, the style can be produced year-round, and it is usually *bottle-conditioned*.

**schwarzbier** "Black beer" in German. A dark, opaque style of *lager*.

**seasonal beers** Beers made for limited periods of sale, usually to suit climatic conditions at a given point of the year (such as *märzens* and *saisons*), or to celebrate a holiday or commemorate a historical event – a *festbier* for *Oktoberfest*, for example.

**session beer** Term describing an easy-drinking beer that is relatively low in alcohol and thus suitable for drinking in quantity.

**sour ales, sour beer** Originating in Flanders, these *ales* typically undergo ageing for between 18 months and two years in oak tuns, during which they gain a sharply thirst-quenching acetic character.

**stein** A traditional German tankard, made either of glass or ceramic (stein translates as "stone").

**stout** A dark style of beer, usually *top-fermenting*, that is made with highly roasted grain.

**tap, taproom** On-site bar or pub that serves a brewery's products direct to visiting drinkers.

**top-fermenting** Descriptive of all *ale yeasts* of the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain, which produce a

thick foam at the top of the *fermentation* tank.

**tun** A vessel in which mash is steeped.

**triple, tripel, trippel** Traditionally the strongest Belgian *abbey ale*; though there are now quadruples to exceed them. In more general use, it denotes a very strong *ale*.

**urbock** see *bock*

**urtype** "Original type" in German; term used to emphasize that a beer is an authentic example of an established style.

**Vienna lager** Bronze-to-red *lager* with a sweetish *malt* aroma and flavour. Pioneered by Austrian brewer Anton Dreher.

**weiss, weisse** "White" in German, denoting a *wheat beer*.

**weizenbier** German generic term for *wheat beer*.

**wheat beer** Beer containing a high level of malted wheat. Usually *top-fermented* and often *bottle-conditioned*. Pale and cloudy with suspended yeast particles, creamy-textured and sweetish.

**wild beer** Beer that has limited spontaneously *fermented* by wild yeasts, through being left exposed to the elements for a period of time. The classic example is Belgian *lambic*.

**wit, witbier** "White", "white beer" in Belgian: *wheat beer*.

**wort** An infusion containing fermentable sugars that is produced by the *mashing* process. The wort is filtered, boiled, and cooled before *yeast* is added to initiate the process of *fermentation*.

**yeast** A large family of unicellular fungal organisms, certain species of which are active agents in brewing and baking.

**Yorkshire squares** Square *fermenting* vessels associated with traditional brewing in the English county of Yorkshire. Still in use at Samuel Smith's Brewery and at Black Sheep. It is said to produce a remarkably well-balanced beer between sweet maltiness and yeasty sourness.















## INDEX

3 Fontainen see Drie Fontainen  
 3 Horne 272  
 3 Schténg see Grain d'Orge  
 32 Via dei Birrai 248  
 312 see Goose Island  
 1516 Brewing Company 261

## A

A Le Coq 300  
 Aardmonnik see De Struise  
 Aass 283  
 Abbaye des Rocs 190  
 ABC see Asia Pacific Breweries  
 Abita 16  
 Åbro 286  
 Achel see Achelse Kluis  
 Achelse Kluis 190  
 Achouffe 190  
 Acorn 142  
 Adnams 142  
 Affligem 190  
 AFO see Ducato  
 Airbräu 84  
 Aktien 84  
 Alaskan 16  
 Aldaris 300  
 Aldersbach 84  
 Alesmith 16  
 Alfa 272  
 Alhambra 302  
 Alken-Maes 191  
 Allagash 17  
 Allersheim 84  
 Alpirsbach 85  
 Au in der Hallertau 86  
 Almond 248  
 Alpine 17  
 altbier 133  
 Altenburg 85  
 Altöttinger 85  
 Alvinne 191  
 Amber 291  
 AmBev 191  
 Ambräusianum 115  
 American ales 59  
 Amstel 273  
 Amsterdam Brewing (Canada) 306  
 Anchor 17  
 Andechs 86  
 Anderson Valley 18  
 Angélu Blonde see Brootcoorens  
 Angry Boy see Baird  
 Anheuser-Busch 17, 18, 20–21, 50, 85

Anker 191  
 Ankerbräu Nordlingen 86  
 Annoeullin 256  
 Antares 314  
 Apatinska Pivara 295  
 Appalachian 18  
 Arabier see De Dolle  
 Arcadia 18  
 Archiduc-Duviousart see Brabant  
 Arco 86  
 Arend Winter see De Ryck  
 Argentina 314–15  
 Arkell's 142  
 Artigianale see Bi-Du  
 Artisan Series see North Coast  
 Asahi 317  
 Asia Pacific Breweries 325  
 Atlanta 19  
 Atlas 142  
 Audace see 32 Via dei Birrai  
 Auer 87  
 Augustiner 87  
 August Schell 19  
 Augustijn see Van Steenberge  
 Australia 328–33  
 Austria 261–7  
 Avery 19  
 Ayinger 87

## B

Baadog see Khan Bräu  
 Baird 317  
 Baladin, Le 248, 256  
 Ballast Point 19  
 Baltika 298  
 Bamberg trail 114–17  
 Banks's 143  
 Barba Roja 315  
 barley 96  
 Barley 248  
 Barons 328  
 Barre 87  
 Bateman 143  
 Bath Ales 143  
 Batham's 144  
 Bavaria 273  
 Bavik 191  
 Bayern 22  
 Bayern Meister Bier 317  
 BB 10 see Barley  
 Beck's 85  
 Beamish 144  
 Bear Republic 22  
 Beartown 144  
 Beba 249

Beechworth Australian see Bridge Road  
 Beer Geek Breakfast see Mikkeller  
 Beerlao see Lao Brewery  
 Beierhaascht 270  
 Belgium 188–223  
 Belhaven 144  
 Bellegums see Bockor  
 Bellevaux 192  
 Belle-Vue 191  
 Bell's 22  
 Bere Romania 295  
 Berentsens 284  
 Berg 90  
 Bergquell 90  
 Berghoff see Minhaus  
 Berkshire 23  
 Berliner-Kindl-Schultheiss 90  
 Bernard 228  
 BG see BIP-Beogradska  
 Bi-Du 253  
 Bier Circus 211  
 Biervision Monstein 269  
 Big Lamp 145  
 Big Rock 306  
 Big Sky 23  
 Binchoise, La 192, 256  
 Binding 90  
 Bink see Kerkom  
 Bios Vlaamse Bourgogne see Van Steenberge  
 BIP-Beogradska 295  
 Birra del Borgo 249, 257  
 Birra Moretti 249  
 Birra Peroni 249  
 Birrificio Citabiunda see Citabiunda  
 Birrificio Italiano 249  
 Bischoff 91  
 Bischofshof 91  
 Bitburger 85, 91  
 BJ'S 23  
 Black Ghost see Fantôme  
 Black Isle 145  
 Black Sheep 145  
 Black Tulip see New Holland  
 Blackwater Porter see Orlando  
 Blanche des Honnelles see Abbaye des Rocs  
 Blaugies 192  
 Blonder 293  
 Blue Heron see Mendocino  
 Blue Moon see Coors  
 Blue Point 23  
 Boag see J Boag & Son  
 Bochkarev 298  
 Bockor 192

Bocq 193  
 Bøgedal 278  
 Bohemia Regent see Regent  
 Bohemian Lager see Herold  
 Boon 193  
 Boon Rand 324  
 Bootleg 328  
 Borefts see De Molen  
 Borsodi 293  
 Boscos 24  
 Bosteels 193  
 Boston Beer Company see Samuel Adams  
 bottles 280–81  
 Boulder 24  
 Boulevard 24, 80  
 Boundary Bay 24  
 Bourne County Stout see Goose Island  
 Bourganell 256, 257  
 Brabant 222  
 Brains 146  
 Brakspear 146  
 Brand 272  
 Brasseurs de Lorraine 257  
 Brauerei Spezial's 114  
 Braugold 91  
 Brauhaus Sternen 269  
 Braustolz 92  
 Brazil 315  
 Breckenridge 25  
 Brew Pub 278  
 Brewer's Art 25  
 Brice see Grain d'Orge  
 Brick 311  
 Bridge Road 328  
 Bridgeport 25  
 Bright 329  
 Brinkhoff 92  
 Bristol 25  
 British Isles 140–185  
 Brøckhouse 278  
 Brok see Koszalin  
 Brooklyn 26  
 Brooklyn Brewery 28–9  
 Brootcoorens 222  
 Broughton 146  
 Brouwerij 't IJ 272  
 Browarmia 291  
 Bruckmüller 137  
 Brugge Tripel see Palm  
 Brugse Zot see Halve Maan  
 Brunehaut 193  
 Brussels trail 210–11  
 Brúton 250  
 Bucanero SA 313

Bucegi see Heineken Romania  
 Bucher Bräu 92  
 Bud 17  
 Budels 273  
 Budvar see Budweiser Budvar  
 Budweiser 17  
 Budweiser Budvar 228  
 Budweiser Burgerbrau 228  
 Buffalo see Van den Bossche  
 Buffys 146  
 Buller 315  
 Burton Bridge 147  
 Busch Lite 17  
 Bush see Dubuisson  
 Butcombe 147  
 Butte Creek 26

**C**

Caffrey's 143  
 Cains 147  
 Cairngorm 147  
 Calanda 268  
 Caldera 26  
 Caledonian 150  
 Cambridge 27  
 Camerons 150  
 Canada 306–11  
 Cantillon 194, 196, 211  
 Capital 27  
 Captain Lawrence 27  
 Caracole 196  
 Carib 313  
 Carling 143  
 Carlsberg Group 50, 85, 143, 278  
 Carlsberg Italia 249  
 Carlsberg Sweden 285  
 Carlton 329  
 Carolina 27  
 Cascade 329  
 Cass see Oriental Brewery  
 Castelain 256  
 Castle 326  
 Castlemaine 329  
 Cazeau 222  
 Celis see Michigan  
 Cereuro 303  
 Černá Hora 228  
 Cervesur 314  
 Cesu Alus 300  
 Chang see Thaibev  
 Cheval Blanc 307, 311  
 Chevalier Saison see Bridge Road  
 Chimay 196  
 China 323  
 Chiostro see Piccolo

Choc 30  
 Chodovar 229  
 Chouffe see Achouffe  
 Christoffel see St Christoffel  
 Church Key 306  
 Citabiunda 250  
 Cittavecchia 250  
 City of Cambridge 150  
 Ciuc see Heineken Romania  
 Clancy see Moosehead  
 Clausthaler 85  
 Clipper City 30  
 Cnudde 222  
 Coastal Brewing see Old Dominion  
 Con Domus see Domus  
 Coney Island see Schmalz  
 Coniston 150  
 Contreras 197  
 Coopers 329  
 Coors 17, 30, 307  
 Copper Dragon 151  
 Coreff 256  
 Cornelyshaff 270  
 Corona see Grupo Modelo  
 Corsendonk see Bocq  
 Cotleigh 151  
 Cotswolds trail 164–5  
 Cottonwood see Carolina  
 Craft Breweries Alliance see Widmer  
 Crailsheimer Engelbräu 92  
 Creemore Springs 307  
 Cristal see Bucanero SA  
 Croatia 297  
 Cropton 151  
 Crouch Vale 151  
 Cuba 313  
 Cusqueña see Cervesur  
 Cwmbran 152  
 Cyprus 303  
 Czech Republic 226–240

**D**

Dachsbräu Weilheim 93  
 Daleside 152  
 Damm 302  
 Darmstädter 93  
 Darwin 152  
 Davenportports see Highgate  
 DB 335  
 De 3 Horne see 3 Horne  
 De Block 197  
 De Cam 222  
 De Dolle Brouwers 197  
 De Koninck 200  
 De Landtsheer 200

De Molen 275  
 De Prael 275  
 De Proefbrouwerij see Proefbrouwerij  
 De Ranke 200  
 De Regenboog 200  
 De Ryck 201  
 De Schans 276  
 De Struise 201  
 Delirium (beer) see Huyghe  
 Delirium (bar) 195, 211  
 Denmark 278–86  
 Deschutes 30  
 Desnoes and Geddes 313  
 Dêtenice 229  
 Deus Brut des Flandres see Bosteels  
 Diamond Knot 31  
 Die Weisse 266  
 Diebels 93  
 Diekirch 270  
 Dieu du Ciel 311  
 Dinkelacker-Schwabenbräu 93  
 Distelhäuser 94  
 Dithmarscher 94  
 Dixie 31  
 Döbler 94  
 Dogfish Head 31–2  
 Dolii Raptor see Montegioco  
 Domaine DuPage see Two Brothers  
 Dominion see Old Dominion  
 Dommelsch 273  
 Domus Huisbrouwerij 201  
 Donnington 152  
 Dos Equis see Moctezuma  
 Double Maxim 153  
 Dragon Stout see Desnoes and Geddes  
 Drake's 32  
 Dreher 249, 294  
 Drie Fonteynen 201  
 Dubuisson 202  
 Ducato 250  
 Duck-Rabbit 32  
 Dugges Ale & Porterbryggeri 286  
 Dupont 202  
 Durham 153  
 Duvel 202, 218  
 Dux de Lux 333  
 Duyck 256

**E**

Earthmonk see De Struise  
 Ebels see Two Brothers  
 Ecaussinnes 203  
 Echigo 317  
 Echt Kriekenbier see Verhaeghe  
 Eel River 32

Eggenberg 229, 261  
 Eichhof 268  
 Eichhorn 94  
 Einbecker 95  
 Eisenbahn 315  
 Elgood's 153  
 Ellezelloise 207  
 Elysian 34  
 Emerson's 334  
 Ename see Roman  
 Epic Pale Ale see Steam Brewing  
 Erdinger 85, 95  
 Erl 95  
 Estonia 300  
 Etalon Weissbier see Ridna Marka  
 Everards 153  
 Exmoor 154  
 Export Gold 335

**F**

Falken 268  
 Fantôme 203, 256  
 Farrotta see Almond 22  
 Farsons see Simonds Farsons Cisk  
 Fässla 95, 114  
 Fat Cat 307  
 Faust 98  
 Felinfoel 154  
 Felsenbräu Thalmannsfeld 98  
 Feral 330  
 Ferdinand 240  
 Ferme Brasserie Schoune 311  
 Fiege 98  
 Finland 286–7  
 Finlandia 287  
 Firestone Walker 34–5  
 Fischer 256  
 Fish 34  
 Flanders Street Brewpub 66  
 flavourings 254–5  
 Flekú see U Flekú 240  
 Flensburger 98  
 Fleurette see Birrificcio Italiano  
 Floreffie see Lefebvre  
 Flossmoor Station 35  
 Flying Dog 35  
 Flying Fish 35  
 food and beer 264–5  
 Forst 249  
 Forstner 261  
 Foster's 143, 329  
 Founders 35  
 Four Peaks 38  
 France 256–60  
 Fraoch 96, 256

Freiburger 99  
 Freeminer 154  
 Freistädter 261  
 Friedenfels 99  
 Früh 122  
 fruit beers 223  
 Füchschen 99  
 Fujizakura Heights 318  
 Full Sail 38  
 Fuller's 154  
 Fürstenberg 100  
 Fürstlichen Ellingen 99  
 Fürst Wallerstein 100  
 Fyne Ales 155

**G**

Galbraith's 334  
 Galway Hooker 155  
 Gambrinus 229  
 Ganter 100  
 Gaspar see Alvinne  
 Gauloise, La see Bocq  
 Gayant 257  
 Géants see Légendes  
 Geary 38  
 Georgetown 39  
 German ales 104  
 Germany 82–137  
 giants of brewing 48–51  
 Gilde 100  
 Girardin 203  
 Glaab 101  
 glasses 198–9  
 Glazen Toren 222  
 glossary 338–9  
 Goacher's 155  
 Golden Pheasant see Slovensko  
 Gold Ochsen 101  
 Göller 101  
 Goose Island 39  
 Gordon Biersch 39  
 Goslar 101  
 Gösser 262  
 Gotlands 286  
 Gottmannsgruner 105  
 Goudenband see Liefmans  
 Gouden Carolus see Anker  
 Gourmetbryggeriet 279  
 Grado Plato 251  
 Grain d'Orge 203  
 Grand Teton 40  
 Granite 311  
 Granville Island 307  
 Gray's 79  
 Great Divide 40

Great Lakes 40  
 Greece 303  
 Greene King 156  
 Green Flash 41  
 Greif 105  
 Grimbergen 191  
 Gritty McDuff's 41  
 Grolsch 273  
 Grünbach 105  
 Grunn 273  
 Grupo Modelo 314  
 Guangzhou Zhujiang 323  
 Gubernija 299  
 Guinness 156, 158–9  
 Gulpener 274  
 Gusswerk 262

**H**

Haake-Beck 105  
 Hacker-Pschorr 106  
 Haand 284  
 Hadrian & Border 157  
 Hair of the Dog 41  
 Hakusekikan 318  
 Hale's 41  
 Hall & Woodhouse 157  
 Halve Maan 206  
 Hambleton 157  
 Hampshire 157  
 Hansa Borg 284  
 Hanssens Artisanaal 206  
 Härke 106  
 Harpoon 43  
 Hartwall 288  
 Harvest Moon 318  
 Harveys 160  
 Harviestoun 160  
 Hasseröder 106  
 Hawkshead 160  
 He'Brew see Shmaltz  
 Heather Ale 256  
 Heavy Seas see Clipper City  
 Heidelberg Kulturbrauerei 106  
 Heineken 50, 273  
 Heineken España 302  
 Heineken Hungária 294  
 Heineken Italia 249  
 Heineken Romania 295  
 Helios 321  
 Hennepin see Ommegang  
 Herborner 107  
 herbs in beer 254–5  
 Hercule Stout see Légendes  
 Herforder 107  
 Heroica see Steamworks

Herold 230  
 Herrenhausen 137  
 Herrngiersdorf 107  
 Herslev 279  
 Hertog Jan 274  
 Het Kapittel see Van Eecke  
 Hideji 318  
 High Falls 43  
 High House 161  
 High Point 43  
 Highgate 160  
 Highland 43  
 Hilden 161  
 Hillegoms Tarwe Bier see Klein Duimpje  
 Hirt 262  
 Hitachino Nest 319  
 Hite 324  
 Hobson's 161  
 Hoegaarden 204–5, 206, 256  
 Hofbrauhaus 44, 102  
 Hofbräu München 107  
 Hogs Back 161  
 Holba 230  
 Holden's 162  
 Holgate Brewery 330  
 Holsten 85  
 Hütt 108  
 Hutthurmer 108  
 Holt 162  
 Hook Norton 162  
 Hop Back 162  
 Hoppin' Frog 44  
 hops 148–9  
 Hopworks 44  
 Huber see Minhaus  
 Hue 325  
 Hungary 293–4  
 Hurns 163  
 Huvila 288  
 Huyghe 206  
 Hydes 163

**I**

Iceni 163  
 Ichtegems see Strubbe  
 IJ see Brouwerij 't IJ  
 Ilzer 294  
 InBev 50, 85, 191, 273  
 India 326  
 Indonesia 326  
 Innis & Gunn 163  
 Interbrew 191  
 introduction 6–11  
 In 't Spinnepokke 211  
 Inveralmond 168

Iron Hill 44  
 Iskadoya 319  
 Isle of Arran 168  
 Isle of Skye 168  
 Italy 248–253  
 Ithaca 45  
 Iwatekura 319

**J**

J Boag & Son 328  
 Jacobsen 279  
 Jamaica 313  
 James Squire see Malt Shovel  
 Jämtlands 286  
 Jan de Lichte see Glazen Toren  
 Janáček 230  
 Jandelsbrunner 108  
 Japan 317–21  
 Jarrow 168  
 Jelen Pivo see Apatinska Pivara  
 Jennings 169  
 Jettenbach 108  
 Jever 109  
 Ježek 230  
 John Smith's 143  
 Jolly Pumpkin 45  
 Jopen 274  
 Jupiler 191, 273

**K**

Kalanapilis 299  
 Kaltenhausen 262  
 Karlovacka 297  
 Kastaar see De Block  
 Kasteel see Van Honsebrouck  
 Kawartha Lakes Brewing  
   see Amsterdam  
 Kauzen 109  
 Kelham Island 169  
 Keo 303  
 Kerkom 207  
 Kesselring 109  
 Keto Reporter see Birra del Borgo  
 Khan Bräu 324  
 Kingfisher see United Breweries  
 King's Peak see Uinta  
 Kinshachi 319  
 Kirin 317  
 Kirner 109  
 Kitzmann 111  
 Klášter 240  
 KLB see Amsterdam  
 Klein Duimpje 274  
 Klosterbrau 114  
 Knappstein 330

Kneitinger 111  
 kölsch 123, 218  
 Kompania Piwowska SA 292  
 Kona 45  
 König Ludwig 111  
 Königsbacher 111  
 Koszalin 291  
 Kozel 231  
 Krombacher 85, 112  
 Kronenbourg 143, 257  
 Krone Tettngang 112  
 Krušovice 231  
 Kuchlbauer 112  
 Kuhnhenh 45  
 Kulmbacher 112  
 Kutná Hora 231  
 Kwak 218

**L**

La Choulette 256  
 La Djean see Sainte-Hélène  
 La Rulles see Rulles  
 La Senne see Senne  
 La Trappe 276  
 Labatt 307  
 lager 110  
 Lagunitas 46  
 Laitilan 288  
 Lakefront 46  
 Lake Placid 46  
 lambic beer 194, 224  
 Lambrate 251  
 Lancaster 46  
 Lancelot 257  
 Landskron 113  
 Landwehr-Bräu 113  
 Lang-Bräu 113  
 Lao Brewery 325  
 Laos 325  
 Latvia 300  
 Lees 169  
 Lefebvre 207  
 Leffe 191  
 Left Hand 47  
 Légendes 207  
 Leibinger 113  
 Leikeim 118  
 Leinenkugel 47  
 Leon Negra see Grupo  
 Modelo  
 Lervig 284  
 Licher 118  
 Liefmans 208, 224  
 Lindeboom 275  
 Lindemans 208

Lindenbräu 118  
 Lion (New Zealand) 335  
 Lion (Sri Lanka) 326  
 Lion (USA) 47  
 Lithuania 299  
 Little Creatures 330  
 Little Valley 170  
 Live Oak 47  
 Living the Dream see Full Sail  
 Lobkowicz 231  
 Locher 268  
 Lohrer 118  
 Lokal see Teresópolis  
 L'Olmaia 251  
 London Pilsner see United  
 Breweries  
 Lone Star 17  
 Long Trail 52  
 Lord Nelson 331  
 Lost Abbey 52  
 Lost Coast 52  
 Loterbol 208  
 Louis V Oud Bruin see Cnudde  
 Louny 240  
 Löwenbräu 85, 119  
 LTD see Full Sail  
 Lübzer 119  
 Luxembourg 270

**M**

Mac & Jack's 53  
 Mac's (New Zealand) 334  
 Mac's (USA) see MacTarnahan's  
 Mack's (Norway) 285  
 MacTarnahan's 53  
 Mad River 53  
 Magic Hat 53  
 Magnotta 308  
 Maisel 119  
 Malheur see De Landtsheer  
 Malt Shovel 331  
 Malta 303  
 malts 96–7  
 Maltus Faber 251  
 Mammot 137  
 Manny's see Georgetown  
 Marble 54  
 Maredsous see Duvel Moortgat  
 Marin 54  
 Marston's 170  
 Matilda Bay 332  
 Matilda see Goose Island  
 Mauritius 313–14  
 Maximilians 137  
 Maxlrain 119

McAuslan 308  
 McMenamins 54  
 McMullen 170  
 McNeill's 79  
 Meantime 171, 257  
 Medvidku see U Medvidku  
 Meiningen 120  
 Melbourn Brothers 171  
 Menabrea 249  
 Mendocino 54  
 Mercury 55  
 Meteor 258  
 Mettlacher Abteibräu 120  
 Mexico 314  
 Michard 259  
 Michelob 17  
 Michelsbräu 120  
 Michigan 55  
 Middle Ages 55  
 Midnight Sun 55  
 Midtfn 282  
 Mikeller 282  
 Miller 17  
 Millstream 56  
 Minhas 56  
 Minoh Aji 320  
 Mitchell's 327  
 Moa 334  
 Moctezuma 314  
 Mohrenbräu 263  
 Moinette see Dupont  
 Molson 307  
 Molson-Coors Brewing  
 Company 143  
 Mommeriete 275  
 Moneuse, La see Blaugies  
 Mongolia 324  
 Monk's Habit see Steam Brewing  
 Montegioco 252  
 Monteith's 335  
 Moo Brew 332  
 Moonlight 56  
 Moorhouse's 171  
 Moortgat see Duvel Moortgat  
 Moosehead 308  
 Mordue 171  
 Moretti see Birra Moretti  
 Mort Subite (beer) 208, 210  
 Morte Subite (bar) 212  
 Mosto Dolce 253  
 Motor Oil see Beba  
 Mount Shivalik 326  
 Mountain Creek see Minhaus  
 Mountain Goat 332  
 Multi Bintang 326

Murphy's 173  
 Murray's 333  
 Mussel Inn 335  
 Mynsbrughen see Silly  
 Mythos 303

**N**

Náchod 234  
 Nailaer Wohn 137  
 Nastro Azzurro 249  
 Nasu Kohgen 320  
 Ne Kopstoot see Brunehaut  
 Nesselwang 120  
 Nethergate 173  
 Netherlands 272–6  
 Neumarkter Lammsbrau 121  
 New Belgium 56  
 Newcastle 143, 173  
 New Glarus 57  
 New Holland 57  
 New Morning see Ducato  
 New Zealand 334–6  
 Niagara Falls 308  
 Nick Stafford see Hambleton  
 Nils Oscar 287  
 Nimbus 79  
 Nøgne ø 285  
 Nokian Panimo 288  
 Nørrebro 282  
 North Coast 58  
 North Yorkshire 173  
 Norway 287–8  
 Nostradamus see Caracole  
 Novoměstský Pivovar 243  
 Novopacké Pivo 234  
 Nymburk 234  
 Nynäs hamns 287

**O**

Oakham 174  
 OB Blue see Oriental Brewery  
 Obolon 298  
 Ochakovo 298  
 Odell 58  
 Oeral see De Dolle  
 Oerbier see De Dolle  
 O'Hanlon's 174  
 Okell's 174  
 Okocim 291  
 Old Dominion 58  
 Old Luxters 174  
 Old Thumper (in USA)  
 see Shipyard  
 Olmaia see L'Olmaia  
 Olvi 289



Ommegang 60  
 Ondineke see Glazen Toren  
 Oppale see 32 Via dei Birrai  
 Oregon trail 64–5  
 Oriental Brewery 324  
 Orion 317  
 Orkney 175  
 Orlando 60  
 Orval 209, 218–19  
 Oskar Blues 60  
 Ossett 175  
 Ostravar 234  
 Otaru 321  
 Otter Creek 60  
 Oxford see Clipper City  
 Ozeno Yukidoke 321  
 Ozujsko see Zagrebicka

**P**

Pabst 17  
 Palm 209  
 Palmer's 175  
 Panil 252  
 Pannepot see De Struise  
 Pater Lieven see Van den Bossche  
 Paulaner 138, 327  
 Pécsi 294  
 Pelican 61  
 Penn 61  
 Pernštejn 234  
 Peroni 249  
 Peru 314  
 Pete's 61  
 Petra 259  
 Petrus see Bavik  
 Phoenix Beverages Group 313  
 Piccolo Birrificio 252  
 Pike 61  
 pilsner 236–7  
 Pilsen Urquell 232–3, 234  
 Pinkus Müller 121  
 Pivodum 243  
 Platan 240  
 Plevana 289  
 Poechenellekelder 210  
 Poland 291–2  
 Polička 240  
 Poretta 249  
 porter 172  
 Portland Brewing see Mactarnahan's  
 Portugal 302–3  
 Postel Dobbel see Affligem  
 Potteloereke see Sint Canarus  
 Poutnik 240  
 Prael see De Prael

Prague trail 242–3  
 Primátor see Náchod 234  
 Prinz 249  
 Proefbrouwerij 209  
 Pump House 309  
 Punjab see Mount Shivalik  
 Pyramid 62

**Q**

Quarta Runa see Montegioco  
 Quilmes 315

**R**

Raasted 282  
 Radegast 234  
 Ramée, La see Brunehaut  
 Ramstein see High Point  
 RCH 175  
 Re Ale Extra see Birra del Borgo  
 Real Ale 62  
 Rebel 234  
 Red Brick see Atlanta  
 Red Stripe see Desnoes and Geddes  
 Red Tail see Mendocino  
 Redhook 62  
 Redoak 333  
 Refsvindinge 283  
 Regent 238  
 Reichenbrand 121  
 Reinaert Grand Crus see Proefbrouwerij  
 Relakspol 292  
 Reudnitzer 137  
 Reutberg 121  
 Ridna Marka 297  
 Riegele 124  
 Ringnes 285  
 Ringwood 176  
 Rising Sun see Baird  
 River Horse 62  
 Robinson's 176  
 Robson's see Shongweni  
 Rochefort 214  
 Rock Bottom 62  
 Rodenbach 214  
 Rodersch see Bi-Du  
 Rogue 63, 257  
 Röhr 124  
 Roman 214  
 Romania 295  
 Rooster's 176  
 Rosenbrauerei Pössneck 124  
 Rostocker 124  
 Rouget de Lisle 259  
 Royal Unibrew 283  
 Rudgate 176

Rugenbräu 269  
 Rulles 215  
 Russell 311  
 Russia 298  
 Russian River 63, 68  
 Rychtář 240

**S**

Saalfeld 125  
 SABMiller 50, 249  
 Sacramento 68  
 Sagres see Sociedad Central e Cervejas  
 Saint Arnold 68  
 Saint Germain 260  
 Sainte-Hélène 215  
 Saison 1900 see Lefebvre  
 Saison de Pipaix see Vapeur  
 Saku 300  
 Samson see Budweiser Burgerbrau  
 Samuel Adams 42, 68  
 Samuel Smith 177  
 Sankt Gallen 320  
 Sapporo 317  
 Sara see Silenreux  
 Saranac 69  
 Scarambola 252  
 Schans see De Schans  
 Schaumburger 125  
 Scheerse Tripel see Mommeriete  
 Scheldebrouwerij 276  
 Schell see August Schell  
 Scheyern 125  
 Schilling 125  
 Schlafly 69  
 Schlappeseppel 126  
 Schlenkerla 115, 126  
 Schlitz 17  
 Schloderer 126  
 Schmucker 126  
 Schneider 127  
 Schumacher 137  
 Schussenrieder 127  
 Schwarzbach 127  
 Schwechater 263  
 Schweiger 127  
 Scires see Birrificio Italiano  
 Scotch Silly see Silly  
 Scottish & Newcastle 143  
 Senne, La 215  
 Serbia 295  
 Seson see Piccolo  
 Session Lager see Full Sail  
 Shakespeare Brewery 335  
 Sharp's 177  
 Shepherd Neame 178

Shiga Kogen 320  
 Shiner 69  
 Shipyard 70  
 Shmaltz 70  
 Shonan 321  
 Shongweni 327  
 Siebensternbräu 263  
 Sierra Nevada 70  
 Signature see Steamworks  
 Silenreux 215  
 Silly 216  
 Simon 270  
 Simonds Farsons Cisk 303  
 Sinebrychoff 289  
 Singapore 325  
 Singha see Boon Rand  
 Sint Bernardus 216  
 Sint Canarus 222  
 SKA 71  
 Slaghmuylder 216  
 Slater's 178  
 Sleeman 307, 309  
 Slovakia 293  
 Slovenia 297  
 Slovensko 292  
 Sly Fox 71  
 Smisje, 't Sleetdoornbier  
 Smuttynose 71  
 Snake River 71  
 Sociedad Central e Cervejas 302  
 Sol see Moctezuma  
 Sonnenbräu 269  
 South Africa 327  
 South Korea 324  
 Southampton 72  
 Southern Tier 72  
 Spain 302  
 Speakeasy 72  
 Speight's 335  
 Spendrups 287  
 spices in beer 254–5  
 Spinnakers 311  
 Splügen 249  
 Sprecher 73  
 Springhead 178  
 Squatters see Utah Brewers  
 Sri Lanka 326  
 St-Ambroise see McAuslan  
 St Austell 177  
 St Bernardus see Sint Bernard  
 St Christoffel 276  
 St Louis see Van Honsebrouck  
 St Peter's 177  
 St-Sylvestre 260  
 Starobrno 238

Staropramen 238  
 Starr Hill 73  
 Steam Brewing (New Zealand) 336  
 Steamworks (Canada) 309  
 Steamworks (USA) 73  
 Steenberge see Van Steenberge  
 Stegmaier see Lion  
 Steinlager 335  
 Stella Artois 191  
 Sternquell 130  
 Stevens Point 73  
 Stiegl 263  
 Stiftsbrauerei Schlägl 266  
 Stille Nacht see De Dolle  
 Stone 74  
 Stone Mill see Anheuser-Busch  
 Storm Brewing 311  
 Stoudts 79  
 stout 172  
 Stralsunder 130  
 Straub 74  
 Streck 130  
 Strubbe 222  
 Sudwerk 74  
 Sul Brasileira 315  
 Summit 75  
 Sun InBev 299  
 Sun Lik 323  
 Suntory 321  
 Surly 75  
 Svijany 238  
 Švyturys-Utenos 299  
 Sweden 288–9  
 Sweetwater 79  
 Switzerland 268–9  
 Szalon see Pécsi

**T**

Tagus see Cereuro  
 Talco see Beba  
 Taras Boulba see Senne  
 tasting 36–7  
 tasting notes 340–47  
 Teerenpeli 289  
 Ten Pin Porter see Ska  
 Ten-Penny Old Stock Ale see Moosehead  
 Teresópolis 315  
 Terminal Gravity 75  
 Terrapin 75  
 Tetley 143  
 Thaibev 325  
 Thailand 324–5  
 Theakston 179  
 Theillier 260  
 Thiriez 260

Thisted Bryghus 283  
 Thornbridge 179, 180–81  
 Three Boys Brewery 336  
 Three Floyds 76  
 Thunderbolt see Mount Shivalik  
 Thurn & Taxis 130  
 Thwaites 179  
 Tiger see Asia Pacific Breweries  
 Timmermans 217  
 Timothy Taylor 182  
 Titanic 182  
 Toccadibò see Barley  
 Tokyo Black see Yoho  
 Tomislav see Zagrebacka  
 Tommyknocker 79  
 Toohy's 329  
 Toone 210  
 Topvar 293  
 Torbata see Almond 22  
 Torrechiera see Panil  
 Tournay Dorée see Cazeau  
 Traditional Scottish Ales 182  
 trails  
   Bamberg, Germany 114–15  
   Brussels, Belgium 210–11  
   Cotswolds, England 164–5  
   Oregon, USA 64–5  
   Prague, Czech Republic 242–3  
 Trappe see La Trappe  
 Traquair 182  
 Traunstein 131  
 Tring 183  
 Trinidad 313  
 Tripel Karmeliet see Bosteels  
 Tröegs 79  
 Troll 253  
 Trotzenburg 131  
 Troubadour Obscura see Proefbrouwerij  
 Troubllette Bio see Caracole  
 True Blonde see Ska  
 True North see Magnotta  
 Trumer 76  
 Tsingtao 323  
 Tuatara 336  
 Tuborg see Carlsberg  
 Tucher 131  
 Tui 335  
 Tuverbol see Loterbol  
 Twisted Hop 336  
 Two Brothers 76  
 Tyskie see Kompania Piwowarska

**U**  
 U Flekù 240, 243  
 U Medvídkù 239

U Pinkasù 242  
 U Zlatého Tygra 242  
 Uerige 131  
 Uinta 76  
 Ukraine 297–8  
 Ultradélice see Ecaussinnes  
 Unertl 134  
 Unibroue 310  
 Union 297  
 Unionbirrai 249  
 United Breweries 326  
 Upstream 77  
 Ur-Krostitzer 134  
 Urquell see Pilsner Urquell  
 Ursus see Bere Romania  
 Urthel 217  
 USA 14–79  
 Utah Brewers 77  
 Uttendorfer 266

**V**

Val-Dieu 217  
 Van den Bossche 217  
 Van Eecke 220  
 Van Honsebrouck 220  
 Van Steenberge 220  
 Van Vollenhoven see De Schans  
 Vancouver Island 310  
 Vapeur 220  
 VB 329  
 Vecchio Birraio 253  
 Veltn's 85  
 Venloosch see Lindeboom  
 Verhaeghe 221  
 Vicaris Generaal see Proefbrouwerij  
 Vichtenaar see Verhaeghe  
 Victoria Bitter 329  
 Victory 77  
 Vietnam 325  
 Villa Pola 253  
 Villacher 266  
 Vlaamse Primitief see Proefbrouwerij  
 Von Wunster 249  
 Vrouwe van Gramsbergh see  
 Mommeriete

**W**

Wachusett 78  
 Wadworth 183  
 Waldschlösschen 134  
 Warka 292  
 Warsteiner 85  
 Weideneder 134  
 Weihenstephan 135  
 Weilheim 135

Weinstube Pizzini  
 Weldebräu 137  
 Weltenburg 135  
 Weitra Bräu 267  
 Wellington 310  
 Wells & Young's 183  
 Weltenburger 128–9, 135  
 Wentworth 184  
 Werner 135  
 Westheim 136  
 Westmalle 221  
 Westvleteren 221  
 Weyerbacher 78  
 wheat beers 290  
 Whürer 249  
 Wickwar 184  
 Widmer 78  
 Wig & Pen 333  
 wild beers 194  
 Williams 96, 184, 257  
 Wismar 136  
 Witkap see Slagmuylder  
 Wizard Smith's see J Boag & Son  
 Wolters 136  
 Woodforde's 184  
 Worthington's (Coors) 143, 185, 186  
 Wychwood 185  
 Wylam 185  
 Wynkoop 78

**X**

X-Beer see U Medvídkù  
 Xingu see Sul Brasileira

**Y**

Yanjing 323  
 Yoho 321  
 Yona Yona see Yoho  
 York 185  
 Yuengling 79  
 Yukon 310

**Z**

Zagrebacka 297  
 Zahre 253  
 Žatec 97, 239  
 Zhu Jiang see Guangzhou Zhujiang  
 Zillertal 267  
 Zipfer 267  
 Zlatopramen 239  
 Zötler 136  
 Zubr 239  
 Zwettler 267  
 Zywiec 292

# The Contributors

**Tim Hampson**, Editor-in-Chief of this book, reckons he has one of the best jobs in the world – he is paid to drink beer for a living. A regular broadcaster and writer on beer for many years, he has travelled the world in pursuit of the perfect drink. Chairman of the British Guild of Beer Writers, he wants more people to understand that beer has far greater complexity than wine can ever have. And it is harder to make too. His work appears in *The Telegraph*, *Food & Travel* magazine, *What's Brewing*, *Drinks International*, *Beers of the World*, *American Brewer*, *Brewers Guardian*, and *Morning Advertiser*; he has also appeared on BBC Good Food Live and Sky TV. He is author of *Room at the Inn*. In his writing for this book, he was assisted by **Adrian Tierney-Jones**.

**Stan Hieronymus** is a lifelong journalist who has made beer his “beat” since 1993, authoring four beer-related books, contributing to several others, writing hundreds of articles for scores of periodicals, and founding the Beer Oral History Institute. His work has won scores of awards and he was the USA Beer Writer of the Year in 1999. Since 1998 he has been editor at Realbeer.com, taking a leave of absence in 2008 to spend 15 months travelling – and more than occasionally visiting breweries – with his wife, Daria Labinsky, and their daughter, Sierra. For this book, Stan wrote the section on beers of the USA.

**Werner Obalski** has been a journalist for 30 years, specializing in spirits, wine, and of course beer. He also reviews bars and restaurants for several guides. Among his books are *365 Wine Tips* (Dumont Verlag, Köln), *Sherry* (Haedecke Verlag, Weil der Stadt), and *Tequila* (Haedecke Verlag Weil der Stadt). Werner is member in the organization Food Editor's Club, Germany, and he is also judge and member of the ISW (the International Spirits Competition in Neustadt, Germany). Werner lives and writes in Munich, and here contributed the section on Germany's beers.

**Alastair Gilmour** is one of Britain's leading regional journalists. He is Features Editor of *The Journal*, the daily newspaper for the northeast of England, where his specialist work on beer has an extensive and enthusiastic following. He was Glenfiddich Food & Drink Awards regional writer, 2004 and 2007, and has been the British Guild of Beer Writers' “Writer of the Year” on four occasions between 1998 and 2007. He has been a judge at several international beer competitions, including The Great British Beer Festival in London and the International Master Bartender Awards in New York and Prague. Alastair wrote the sections on beer in the British Isles and in the Czech Republic.

**Joris Pattyn** was a founding member of Objectieve Bierproevers (OBP) in the mid-1980s, since when he has helped organize and has spoken at many beer festivals, seminars, and competitions. He has also been a judge at several international competitions, including, most recently, the World Beer Cup, 2008, in San Diego. He has written for publications in the UK and USA, and co-authored *Lambic/klant* with Tim Webb and Chris Pollard. He is also soon to publish *100 Belgian Beers to Try Before You Die*. Joris is a member of Zythos in Belgium, PINT in the Netherlands, CAMRA in the UK, Les Amis de la Bière in France, and ABO in the Czech Republic. For this book, he wrote about Belgian beer.

**Lorenzo Dabove** was born in Liguria, though today he lives and works in Milan and Genoa as the Cultural Director of Unionbirrai. He is the foremost expert on Italian craft beer, and is internationally recognized for his efforts to promote Italian beer and traditional lambic brewing as well. He has judged in such prestigious contests as the World Beer Cup in 2004, 2006, and 2008, and the European Beer Star in Gräfenberg, Bavaria, in 2006 and 2007. He wrote the book *Le Birre*, published in 2005 by Gribaudo Editore, Savigliano. Lorenzo contributed the section on Italian beer.

**Gilbert Delos** is a French journalist and beerologist. For more than 20 years, he has tasted the beers of Europe – especially those of his native France. Among the books he has written on the subject are *Beers of the World* (Tiger Books, 1994) and *The Master Chefs and Beer* (Somogy, Paris, 2003). He is also President of The Friends of Beer in Ile-de-France – an organization of beer lovers located in Paris and its environs. He regularly leads tastings of beers. Gilbert wrote on French beer for this book.

**Conrad Seidl** was born in Vienna, where he lives as staff writer and political commentator for the daily newspaper *Der Standard*. For his beer writing he uses the “Bierpapst” moniker. His columns appear regularly in the gourmet magazine *Falstaff* and in the trade magazine *Der Getränkefachgroßhandel*. He has a monthly TV show, which can also be seen on the Internet ([www.bierpapst.tv](http://www.bierpapst.tv)). His career as a beer writer started with a guide to Austrian beer

(*Hurra Bier!*) in 1990, and he has now published more than 25 books. He is a member of the British Guild of Beer Writers in London, the Gesellschaft für Geschichte und Bibliographie des Brauwesens in Berlin, the Confrérie Gamberinus in Luxembourg, and the Bier Convent International in Munich. Conrad wrote about Austrian and Swiss beer for this book.

**Ron Pattinson** is a member of the British Guild of Beer Writers, and has written extensively about European beer. His pub guides, written in a gloriously chatty style, have been used by thousands of beer lovers. Bad jokes, a superfluity of statistics, and an obsession with Barclay Perkins, Dark Mild, and Leipziger Gose litter his many writings on the history of beer. He lives in Amsterdam. Ron contributed the section on beers of the Netherlands.

**Laura Stadler-Jensen** is an American freelance journalist based in Copenhagen, Denmark. She specializes in Scandinavian culture and writes on topics that include gastronomy, travel, and design. She is married to Lasse Fredrik Jensen, an accomplished Danish chef, who provides insight into exciting culinary trends such as beer pairing and molecular gastronomy. Laura wrote the sections on Denmark and Scandinavian beer.

**Bryan Harrell** is Californian by birth, but has lived in Japan since 1977. He has been a writer and correspondent for several US magazines, and has also extensively researched the beer scene in Japan for the late, eminent drinks writer Michael Jackson, contributing to several of Jackson's books. Bryan has written books on cycling and home brewing, currently publishes the monthly *Brews News* ([www.bento.com/brews.html](http://www.bento.com/brews.html)), and writes a regular beer column in Tokyo's *Metropolis* magazine ([www.metropolis.co.jp/tokyo/recent/beer.asp](http://www.metropolis.co.jp/tokyo/recent/beer.asp)). Bryan wrote the Japan section.

**Willie Simpson** lives in a one-pub town in northwest Tasmania and is regarded as Australia's foremost beer writer; he has been commenting on the amber nectar and other alcoholic beverages for the past 20 years. His writing appears regularly in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Age* (Melbourne) and he is the author of three books: *Amber & Black* (New Holland Publishing, 2001), *The Beer Bible* (Fairfax Publishing, 2006) and *Home Brew* (Penguin, 2007). More recently, he has become a craft brewery operator, with the opening of Seven Sheds – a brewery, meadery, and hop garden. Here he has written about Australian beer.

**Geoff Griggs** is New Zealand's only full-time specialist beer writer, commentator, judge, and educator. He has written for many magazines, and, in addition to writing a weekly beer column in his local regional newspaper, Geoff reviews beers for the country's largest supermarket group. Having judged at New Zealand-based international beer competitions for the last decade, Geoff was invited to join the judging panel at the world's largest beer competition, the World Beer Cup, in 2008.

## PICTURE CREDITS

The publishers would like to thank all the breweries that provided their kind assistance in sending bottles or bottle images to be used within this book and related works.

Thank you to the following picture agencies and companies for their kind permission to reproduce images for features within this book:

Key: a=above, b=below/bottom, c=centre, l=left, r=right, t=top

Alamy 20 (t/l, t/c, c), 158 (t/c, b), 159 (t/r, b/r), 204 (l/c), 241, 271, 304–5, 312, 316, 322; Anheuser-Busch 49 (b, b/r); Carlsberg 50–51 (b, c, b/r); Corbis 20–21 (b/l, c, c/r, b/r), 66–7, 88–9; Getty 96–7; Golden Valley Brewery 65 (t/l); Heineken 50 (t, t/r); InBev 49 (t/l, t/c), 204 (t/l, b/c), 205 (t/r, b/r); Orval 218–19; Pelican 64 (b); Pilsner Urquell 236–7; Rogue Brewery 64 (t/r, c); SABMiller 48 Sierra Nevada Brewery 11 (b)

Additional studio and location photography by Thameside Media, Quentin Bacon, Joe Giacomet, Tim Hampson, Catherine Harries, Michael Jackson © DK/Michael Jackson, Roger Mapp © Rough Guides, Ian O'Leary © DK, Michael Schönwälder, Mark Thomas © Rough Guides

Jacket: (on spine) Berg Brauerei Ulrichsbier, Kinshachi Red Miso Lager; (on back) Sierra Nevada Anniversary Ale, Hogs Back Brewery TEA, Žatec Pivovar Blue Label, Butte Creek Brewing Pilsner, Heineken Premium Lager, Diageo/Guinness © brand, La Trappe Quadrupel, Little Creatures Pale Ale

Maps: Casper Morris, Paul Eames, David Roberts, Iorwerth Walkins

The publishers would also like to thank the following people and organisations for their help in the preparation of this book: Beers of Europe, Finn at Kutenberg, Jeff at Cracked Kettle, Lithuanian Beer, Belgian Beer Shop, The Grove Tavern, Karen Heptonstall, Malini McCauley, Jennifer Crake at Tourmaline Editions, Florian Bucher, Dorothee Whittaker, Tina Gehrig, Monika Schlitzer, Ina Melzer at DK Verlag, Dirk Kaufman at DK Inc, Rebecca Carman, Shawn Christopher, Katerina Cerna, Wojciech Kozłowski, Agnes Ordog, Jürgen Scheunemann, Yumi Shigematsu, Diggory Williams, Nora Zimmerman



Beer, the drink to taste, savor, talk about, and travel for. Explore its rapidly expanding horizons—thirst-quenching lagers, “meal-in-a-glass” stouts, peppery white beers, tangy fruit-based brews, and classic ales and bitters—with this up-to-date guide to every good beer in the world.



Visit more than 800 breweries and read detailed tasting notes for over 1,700 beers written by a team of local specialists.

Whet your appetite with tours to key beer-producing destinations.

In Boston, Dublin, Prague, or just your local bar? Discover the beers to try and how best to enjoy them. Let “a pint of the usual” be a request of the past.

\$25.00 USA  
\$28.00 Canada



Discover more at  
[www.dk.com](http://www.dk.com)

ISBN 978-0-7566-3982-2 Printed in China



5 2 5 0 0