

Taste of Seattle NARALO Social ICANN72

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LOW ALCOHOL BEER

ABV: Less than 0.5%

IBU: Varies according to style

Low alcohol beer is often referred to as small beer, light beer, or near-beer. Most governments categorize alcohol-free beers as under 0.5% ABV. Low-alcohol beer is no more than 1.2% ABV. Some, but not all, are 100% alcohol free. Most large breweries and many craft breweries have some version of low alcohol beer. Many are making "Hopped Water." This is carbonated water, or seltzer, flavored with hops. Many low alcohol beers have the alcohol removed, while some are brewed to have low levels of alcohol.

APPEARANCE



- ▶ Colors range from pale yellow, to amber, brown to black. Color comes from the roasted barley.
- ▶ Clarity can be crystal clear to hazy.
- ▶ Carbonation can be high to low.
- ▶ Head can be thick and foamy to thin.
- ▶ Should look like you want to drink it.

AROMA



- ▶ Smells are hard to describe but they bring back vivid memories.
- ▶ Hops often remind us of the farmyard with smells like hay, grass, flowers, fruit, pine, sage, herbs or marijuana.
- ▶ Barley reminds us of kitchen smells like cookie dough, fresh bread, biscuits, caramel, chocolate and coffee.
- ▶ Yeast is subtle but sometimes smells like banana, cloves, spice, apple or bubble gum.

TASTE



- ▶ Crisp & Clean, a balance between the bitter hops and sweet malts.
- ▶ Malty & Sweet like dried fruit or caramel flavors from the barley.
- ▶ Dark & Roasty flavors from roasted barley like coffee and chocolate.
- ▶ Hoppy & Bitter from the hops.
- ▶ Fruity & Spicy from yeasts.
- ▶ Sour, Tart & Funky flavors from wild yeasts, lactobacillus and brettanmyces.

MOUTHFEEL



- ▶ Is the body light or thick and creamy?
- ▶ What is the level of carbonation?
- ▶ Do you feel the warmth of the alcohol?
- ▶ Does your mouth pucker or feel dry?
- ▶ Does the beer feel spicy?
- ▶ What is the temperature of the beer?
- ▶ Do you feel the bitterness on the back of your tongue?

OVERALL IMPRESSION



- ▶ How does the appearance, aroma, flavors and mouthfeel all contribute to your enjoyment of the beer?
- ▶ You are unique, with different likes and preferences, not everyone will like the same beers.
- ▶ Give the beer a chance, take at least three sips before you make up your mind.



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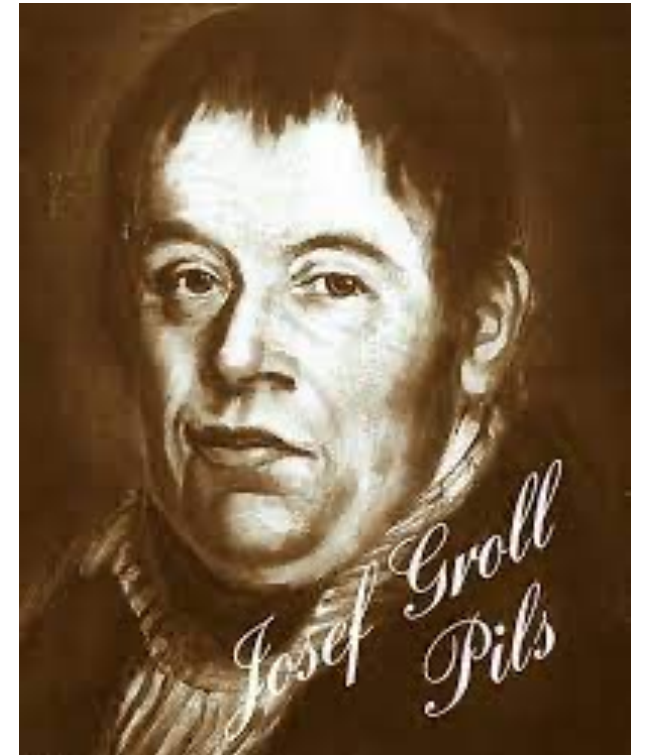
Czech Premium Pale Lager

ABV: 4.2% to 5.8%

IBU: 30 to 45

Rich, pale lager with considerable malt and hop character. Complex yet well-balanced and refreshing. The malt flavors are complex, and the bitterness is strong but clean, well balanced and drinkable. Gold to deep gold color with brilliant to very clear clarity, and a dense, long-lasting, creamy white head. Rich, complex, bready maltiness combined with a pronounced yet soft and rounded bitterness and floral and spicy hop flavor. Malt and hop flavors are medium to medium high, and the malt may contain a slight impression of caramel. Bitterness is prominent but never harsh.

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INDIA PALE ALE

English IPA

American (West Coast) IPA

New England IPA (Hazy)

ABV: 5.5% to 7.5%

IBU: 40 to 70

A decidedly hoppy and bitter, moderately strong pale ale. American IPA's will feature New World hop varieties. The balance is hop-forward, with a clean fermentation profile, dryish finish, and clean, supporting malt allowing a creative range of hop character to shine through. Modern variations do not reflect the historical style that went to India and may not be pale. An "IPA" can refer to any number of hoppy ales including: Belgian IPA, Black IPA, Brown IPA, Red IPA, Rye IPA, White IPA, Double IPA, Imperial IPA, Cold IPA, and many more yet to be named.

INDIA PALE ALE





AMBER, BROWN OR RED ALE

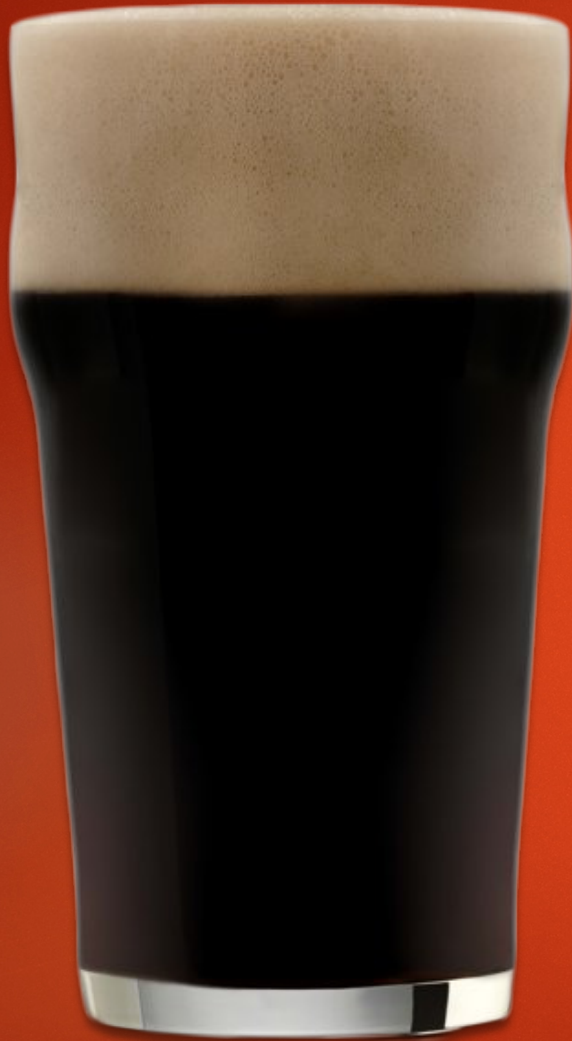
ABV: 4.2% to 6.2%

IBU: 20 to 30

This style accounts for a wide range of darker, maltier ales often associated with the British Isles. They often have a moderate malty to malty-rich aroma with chocolate, caramel, nutty, and/or toasty qualities. Hop aroma is typically low but may be stronger in American ales. This is a wide-ranging category with different interpretations, from lighter-colored to hoppy to deeper, darker, and caramel flavored, but not roasted flavors or too bitter.

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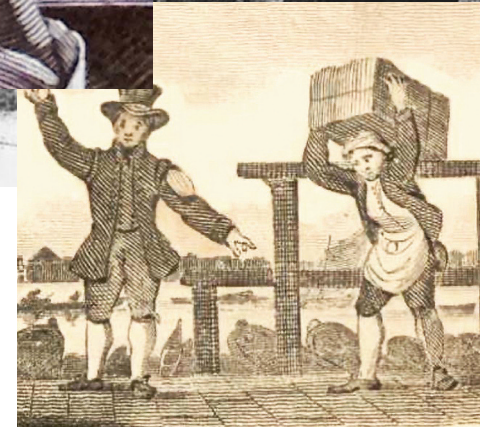
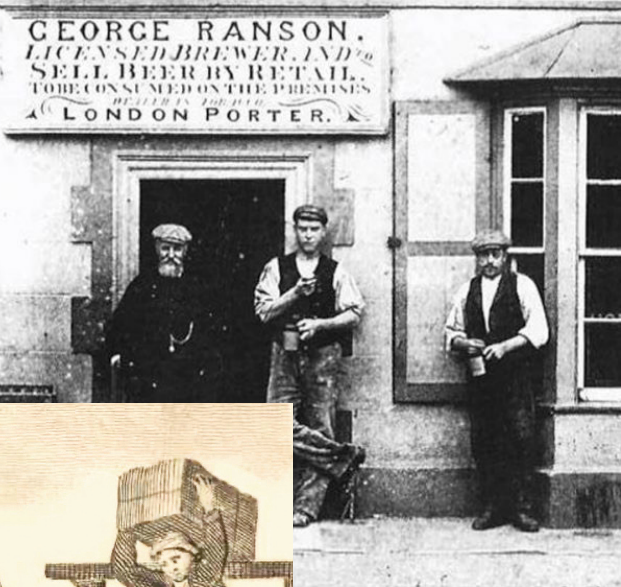


PORTER OR STOUT

Porter: ABV: 4.0% to 6.4% Stout: ABV: 4.0% to 7.0%
Porter: IBU: 25 to 50 Stout: IBU: 35 to 75

Porters are usually brown to dark brown with ruby highlights. Flavors and aroma can be bready, biscuity and roasty, often with a chocolate quality. It can have a light to moderate creamy texture. English porters tend to be on the malty side while American porters have a hoppy character. Stouts are deep brown to jet black. Roasted, coffee and dark chocolate aromas and flavors are typical. Styles range from dry, low-alcohol versions to sweet, high-alcohol Imperial versions. Some versions are brewed with oats or sweetened with lactose sugar.

PORTER or STOUT





FALL OR WINTER HOLIDAY BEER

ABV: Varies, generally above 6%

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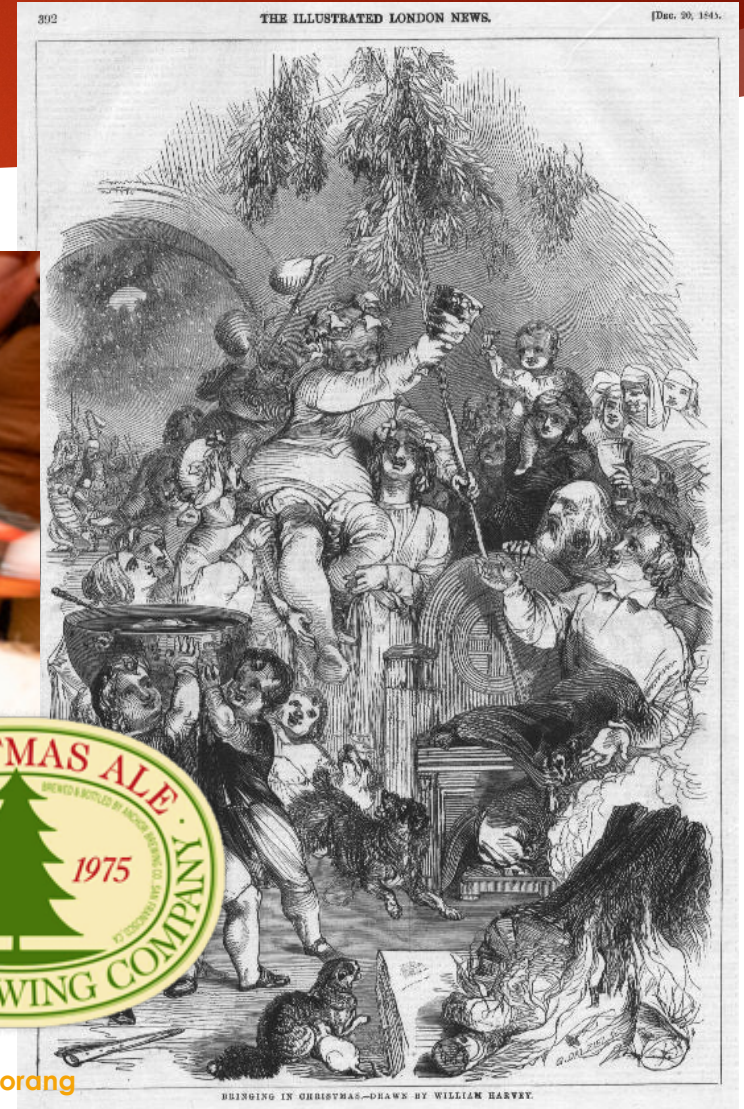
This can include almost any beer brewed for Autumn or Winter holidays and festivals.

Oktoberfest Biers, such as a Märzen or Festbier are amber to golden lagers that are clean, smooth, slightly malty beers balanced for drinkability. Usually between 5-6.3% ABV,

Pumpkin Ales are amber to copper, that are often brewed with pumpkins and roasted pumpkin seeds and can have seasonal spices such as allspice, nutmeg, cinnamon, or cloves.

Christmas Ales are meant for cold weather and are usually strong, dark, spiced beers.

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