

Uiltje Trackdown

As the afternoons get longer and the weather warms up, we look to more of the easy drinking beers. And this beer from Uiltje certainly falls into that category.

Described as a 'juicy pale ale', this beer has a malt backbone made up of pilsner malt, wheat and flaked oats. The hop bill consists of Mosaic, Amarillo and Centennial.

There is a pleasant citrus fruit aroma with a hint of pineapple, though the aroma is stronger than in the taste. The beer has quite a smooth and light mouthfeel, with a moderate carbonation and a gentle bitterness that lingers in the aftertaste.

It maybe isn't quite as juicy as the name suggests, but it is a really well balanced beer that is very easy start to an afternoon session; or as the first beer in our monthly flight.

Style: Pale Ale
Country: Netherlands
Brewer: Brouwerij het Uiltje
Alcohol Content (ABV): 5.2% (1.35 Std Drinks)



De Moersleutel Boeit Me Geen Moer



De Moersleutel have been knocking out some really good hoppy beers, and we were lucky enough to get a good selection over in our last container.

Boeit Me Geen Moer translates from Dutch to something like 'I don't give a crap!' An interesting name for a session NEIPA indeed.

This is the second iteration of this beer, having previous been released with Columbus hops instead of Falconer's Flight this time around. Other than that, the two versions are essentially the same.

It has quite a hazy, yellow-orange body, and a really lovely tropical fruit aroma full of pineapple, mango and pine. These characters follow through in the flavour as well for a really fresh, light mouthfeel.

A medium carbonation brings out the gentle hop bitterness (too much really for a true NEIPA), and a pretty dry finish lengthens the bitter aftertaste. A really tasty beer, perfectly suited for a warm summers afternoon in the sun.

Style: NEIPA
Country: Netherlands
Brewer: Brouwerij De Moersleutel
Alcohol Content (ABV): 4.8% (1.67 Std Drinks)

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Alvinne Phi

The shape of this bottle may be enough of a give away, but for those not familiar with our Alvinne beers, this is your **SOUR BEER ALERT!**

Phi is one of the base sours (Omega, Phi and Sigma) that are used to produce so many of the creations we receive from Alvinne. Most notably Phi is the base for the Cuvee Sofie series of beers.

It is a good introduction (gentle) introduction to the Alvinne sour range. There is a nice balance of the flavour elements here. A solid malt backbone gives a certain early sweetness. Indeed the body is maybe a little heavier in mouthfeel that you might expect for a normal sour, though 40% wheat in the malt bill does sharpen things up.

The acidity is there, quickly taking front sweet to that early malt sweetness. It doesn't completely overpower though, and that crazy Morpheus yeast gives off a little funkiness as well as the sour notes.

Crisp, refreshing and moreish, enjoy your Alvinne sour. We will put a couple of other Alvinne beers up on the 'Extra Beers' page for next month; for those that are feeling more adventurous!



Style: Amber Sour
Country: Belgium
Brewer: Brouwerij Alvinne
Alcohol Content (ABV): 8.0% (2.08 Std Drinks)

Barossa Valley Peanut Butter Chocolate Milkshake

We've got another special beer from Barossa Valley. It's their from this years GABS beer festival. It was really well received during and after the festival, so they good people at Barossa produced another batch.

The name pretty much describes the beer perfectly, and the narrative on the can gives up the inspiration. We can thank a decadent milkshake from a US milk bar during the brewery owner's time in the US as a young man.

The inviting aroma is a hint of what is to come. A good malt bill makes up the base stout, and then we have the adjuncts being lactose and cocoa nibs for the creamy, vanilla-caramel character and of course the peanut butter.

Although it is the headline act, the peanut butter flavour is held in check really well. It is superbly balanced with the roasted malts of the stout, sweetened by the lactose and cut through with just enough hop bitterness.

It isn't a massive beer for a dessert style stout, but it does have a solid mouthfeel and a lovely lingering aftertaste.

Style: Stout
Country: Australia
Brewer: Barossa Valley Brewing
Alcohol Content (ABV): 6.5% (1.69 Std Drinks)



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Bush Blonde 10.5

We've featured a few beers from Brasserie Dubuisson before, and they are beers that deserve some respect. The family brewery was established in 1769, and is still run by the Dubuisson family who have a penchant for brewing high alcohol beers.

This beer was first introduced in 1998, to celebrate 65 years of the famous Bush Amber (Scaldis) beer; which once held the title of Belgium's strongest beer.

We will assign this beer to the Belgian catch-all 'Strong Blonde Ale' category, though it exhibits features of both a Belgian Blond and a Tripel. Traditional malts, saaz hops and candi sugar combine with the proprietary Dubuisson yeast to create a bright golden beer.

A fruity and grainy sweetness from the malt, banana and clove, grassy hops, spicy yeast and a generous warmth from the high ABV. This is a beer to sip and enjoy.

Style: Belgian Strong Blonde Ale
Country: Belgium
Brewer: Brasserie Dubuisson
Alcohol Content (ABV): 10.5% (2.73 Std Drinks)



De Molen Different & Unusual

This beer from De Molen is actually one of last years Borefts Festival beers. We tend to sit on a few of these beers over the year, waiting for the right time to include them. Luckily these big imperial stouts are just getting better while we wait.

Unusually for De Molen, the name of this beer requires no translating!

Different & Unusual is an imperial stout featuring 6 different malts plus flaked oats, Amarene cherries and the finished over cedar wood post fermentation.

It pours pitch black, with a stunning dark brown foam that slowly settles to become off white and stable. The aroma is all about the malts and a hint of smoke.

My first sip, and I didn't actually like this beer. It was very roasty, a bit smoky and even a little acrid, and I didn't get any of the cherries. But I always say that you have to give a beer three sips before you truly taste it.

The acrid, burnt roast became dark chocolate, there was more sweetness to the malt body; still with a hint of smokiness. I still don't get a lot of cherry flavour, though there is a really subtle sourness from said cherries.

De Molen really have made their international reputation on making some fine stouts, but even for them this one is a bit different...and unusual!

Style: Imperial Stout
Country: Netherlands
Brewer: Brouwerij De Molen
Alcohol Content (ABV): 10.4% (2.71 Std Drinks)



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