

Industrial Arts Power Tools (American 100 IPA; Industrial Arts, NY). Delicate aromas of citrus blossom and pressed pine needles emerge from this lightly bitter IPA that not only delights the olfactory senses but also quenches a deep beer thirst. The flavors and aromas build as the glass empties but they never overwhelm and even let the grain bill shine with a pleasing sweetness and light bready character. This is the beer you've earned after a hard day of work.

abv: 7.1%

Price: \$16/16oz 4 pack



Von Ebert Volatile Substance (American IPA; Von Ebert Brewing, OR). It would be easy to wax poetic about the visual attributes of this beer, from its clear golden color to the cloudlike fluffy head of foam and how it perfectly laces the quickly emptying glass. The grapefruit pith flavors are accented by delicate pine and a caramel malt sweetness that allows just the slightest bit of boozy warmth escape. This IPA doesn't command attention, it earns it and spending time with each sip reveals the great care and skill with which it was made. **abv:** 6.9% Price: \$17/16oz 4 pack

Odd Breed Oddities and Outliers Blend II (Barrel-aged ale; Odd Breed Wild Ales, FL). This is the second blend in this brewery series for mixed culture beer. Aged in French oak, it is subtly complex and evolves as it warms from bright citrus and light tropical fruit to apricot and other white stone fruits. Prevailing tartness keeps the palate engaged and working hard for a delightful reward. **abv:** 6.8% Price: \$25/750ml

98 Bear Republic Brewing, CA). There is something Bear Republic Racer 5 (American IPA; Bear comforting about a well-made American IPA. It needs to be assertive in its hop content, but not harsh; the grain bill needs to be toasted breadcrackery, and a little sweet, but never too full or cloying. Rounded citrus peel, slightly dried, pine and vestiges of dankness. This IPA has it all along with just a little bit of warming booze character on the finish. It's a delight, and one that should be followed by a second. **abv:**7.5%

Price: \$12/12oz 6 pack

STS Pils (Pilsner; Russian River Brewing, CA). There is beauty in the simplicity that comprises this beer. Well-constructed from simple base malts that offer a country bread crust flavor with bits of dough, combined with herbal spicy hops that feature a touch of floral, this is one to drink all day and never suffer palate fatigue or boredom. A wellmade and thoughtful pilsner is hard to find so if this comes across your radar: pounce.

abv: 5.3%

Price: \$6/500ml

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Edmund's Oast Comfy Armchair (Brown Ale; **96** Edmund's Oast Contry, SC). From the first sip until the last this is a proper companion at the bar, even if that bar is at home. Soft but assertive all around with toasted country bread, aromas of fresh coffee grounds from a distance, baker's chocolate, cola and a bit of spice. This ale continues to open and evolve as it warms in the mug brining a new palate experience with each sip. aby: 47%

Price: \$12/16 oz 4 pack

Live Oak Hefeweizen (Hefeweizen; Live Oak **96 Brewing, TX).** Soft and bready with an easy drinking quality, this pale-yellow ale is on the clearer side of haze and strong on the clove phenolics. Quaffable and light, this is a proper session beer that will satisfy pint after pint. abv: 5.3%

Price: \$10/12 oz 6 pack

**96** Lost Abbey Serpent's Stout (Imperial Stout; The Lost Abbey, CA). Rich and decadent, this stout pours silky smooth creating a modest mocha head. This 2022 vintage teases with earthy hops that impart an herbality to the very edges of the ale, but it is the center where a boozy fudge mixes with thick coffee that has not yet burned where attention should be paid. The assertiveness sticks on the palate and is given respite by a fruity sweetness that weaves about. Abv: 11% Price: \$11/750ml

**95** Alesong Stonerror Symposity Alesong Brewing & Blending, OR). The aroma Alesong Stonefruit Symphony (Fruit beer; and first sip is akin to taking a bite out of a still firm, but almost just ripe nectarine, with sweet earthy flesh, buts of citrus and a pale stone fruit essence. Fresh oak adds a robust backbone to the beer with aromas of freshly sanded wood. The ale puts all the ingredients to work in a harmonious way. abv: 7.3%

Price: \$18/500ml



The Referend Credo (Barrel-aged ale; The Referend Bier Blendery, PA). With a warm vinous depth, wisps of dried orange blossom, bright lemon curd and sun-kissed melon, this table beer has a full body. A low abv makes it ideal for an evening celebration. The finish reveals a touch of sweetness and woody barrel character. abv: 4%

Price: \$28/750ml



Fox Farm The Cabin (Rauchbier; Fox Farm **96** Brewery, CT). This is a well-made lager with crackery malt notes, a crisp yeast quality and a pinch of smoke that takes a while to reveal itself. When it does, it is soft, delicate and sweet. It's the kind of beer that can be consumed pint after pint without too much bitterness or smoke on the finish. abv: 5.3%

Price: \$15/16 oz 4 pack



Dogfish Head 60 Minute IPA (American IPA: Dogfish Head, DE). There is a reason that this beer has become a classic and often lands at the top of many "desert island" lists. It's the moderate of the minute beer done by this old school Delaware brewery, with floral pine forest aromas, perfumy ripe dark fruit flavors and a nutty, caramel-malt accented body. It finishes easy, with just a little bit of hop bitterness. This IPA has become a trusted friend that is always there in times of need. abv: 6%

Price: \$10/12oz 6 pack





New Realm Tank Dog (American IPA; New Realm Brewing Co., GA). It might take a half a glass for your brain to catch up with this imperial aby, but when it does hang on for a fun ride. The high abv is a feature to this dank, citrus pine combination that delivers on big malt sweetness and moderate bitterness. Served cold it's refreshing as all get out, the kind of beer where one is enough, especially when it's served in a stovepipe can. abv: 9.3%

Price: \$8/19.2oz



Wheatland Spring Barleywine (Barrel-aged **96** ale; Wheatland Spring, VA). Toffee and raisin combine in the aromas and flavors to produce this sticky, medium-bodied ale that would be enjoyable on its own, even without the addition of barrel aging. However, the turn in the whiskey barrel adds warmth and vanilla, with a touch of sweet plum. **abv:** 11.5% Price: \$32/375ml

Brävery Brewing The Shroud (Imperial Stout; **96** Brävery Brewing, CA). An assertive imperial stout that is big on roasted malts, dark chocolate, coffee and just a touch of sweetness. Full bodied with a tan head that sticks to the side of the glass as it empties, this has an alcohol kick towards the finish-but still feels like it should be consumed en masse with friends in a strong handled mug. abv: 10% Price: \$17/16oz 4 pack

Bissell Brothers Age of No Light (Barrel-aged **96** ale; Bissell Brothers, ME). Often bourbonbarrel-aged stouts tend toward overly sweet. This beautiful ale has all of the components along with a robustness and pleasing bitterness that make the drinker sit a little straighter with the first sip. It suggests fudge, bourbon, aged coffee and stone fruits, with a booze kick on the finish. abv: 15%

Price: \$16/500ml

**Revolution Brewing Thundertaker (Barrel-96** Revolution Drewing IL). With a this dowk ale bold stout character and bourbon snap, this dark ale with a thin mocha head delivers a spicy bite on the finish. Warming and calming, this sipper has taken time to age in barrels and likewise requires drinkers to sit and savor. abv: 16.2%

Price: \$30/12oz 4 pack

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Firestone Walker Hopnosis IPA (American 96 IPA; Firestone Walker, CA). There is great skill involved in having different hops present as individual and collectively in each sip, and this beer pulls it off. The aromas are decidedly tropical with candied citrus, with spikes to fresh pine and an underlying dankess that all come together to enchant the taste buds sip after sip. This is a West Coast body wearing an East Coast jacket, and it's fashionable for our times. Price: \$12/12oz 6 pack abv: 6.7%

Wayfinder Gravity Drop (Baltic Porter; Way-5 finder Beer, OR). Smooth and full bodied with a touch of prickly carbonation and a bit of dark chocolate fudge atop espresso, this baltic porter brings on herbal, slightly citrusy hop flavors midpalate. It has a robustness that stands up to assertive cheeses on a charcuterie plate, but also works as a post-shift pint to bring some calm to the day. abv: 9% Price: \$18/16oz 4 pack



Ayinger Bräuweisse (Ayinger Brewery, Mer-**5** Ayinger Brauweisse (normal flavorful with chant du Vin, WA). Creamy and flavorful with clove and light banana on the nose and palate. A bit of vanilla sweetness appears on the midpalate before finishing dry. This is sunshine in a glass, hitting all of the traditional hallmarks of the style, no lemon wedge garnish needed. abv: 5.1%

Price: \$12/330 ml 4 pack



**5** Urban Chestnut #6 (American Lager; Urban Chestnut Brewing, MO). A tribute to the 100th birthday of Stan Musial, this traditional American lager has all the refreshment and ingredient balance one needs for a long day in the stands at a double header. Bright and clear, it's a lager that comes across as simple but is a well-constructed package.

Price: \$11/16oz 4 pack



abv: 4.5%

Bierstadt All The Hype (Rauchbier; Bierstadt **5** Bierstaat Au The Type Transfer **Bierstaat** Au The Type Transfer **Bierstaat CO**. This smoked helles is a collaboration between two respected brewing companies and maintains a crisp lager quality while leaning heavily into beechwood smoked malt. Touches of iodine and robust smoke meet flashes of sweetness toward the finish, bringing the savory malt character back into balance. Best consumed by the liter when possible. abv: 4.8%

Price: \$13/16 oz 4 pack

Embrace the Funk Elm & Fitzhugh (Barrelaged ale; Yazoo Brewing, TN). A collaboration with Jester King Brewery of Texas, this herbal, spicy and assertive ale leans into wild yeast cultures that give a pop of funk on the tastebuds along with soft lemon, melon, and wildflower aromas. It's a spring sipper for under the shade of a tall tree. Price: \$12/500ml abv: 4.8%

New Holland Cabin Fever (Brown Ale; New 95 New Holland Brewing, MI). With a slightly creamy and full body, this brown ale has some heft to it, but doesn't weigh down the palate. Caramel malt with nutty undertones this has a slightly higher alcohol, making it idea for colder nights out. abv: 6.5%

Price: \$10/12 oz 6 pack

Bend Black Diamond (Schwarzbier; Bend **95** Brewing, OR). This is a light and refreshing dark ale that focuses on toasted malts that have a slightly nutty and woody aroma and flavor. Crisp like the lightest beers on the palate, this session lager is appropriate for long afternoons at the pub surrounded by friends and good conversation. abv: 5% Price: \$13/16oz 4 pack

**95** Allagash Swiftly (American IPA; Allagash Brewing Co., ME). This sweet caramel malt profile has threads of nuttiness that help boost the toasted pine and dried citrus peel. It is not overly hoppy letting the bitterness to grow on the palate as the can empties. Comforting to the soul, this is a companion beer for quiet evenings by the firepit or along with an enthralling book. abv: 6.5%

Price: \$14/16oz 4 pack

Amalgam Table 44 (Barrel-aged ale; Amalgam Brewing, CO). Herbal, floral and slightly spicy, this tart botanical ale has hints of green citrus midpalate before a dry finish. Although it's aged in gin barrels, pairing with fish tacos will yield a great meal.

abv: 4.2%

Price: \$NA /750ml

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👤 Jackalope Bearwalker (Brown Ale; Jackalope **5** Brewing, TN). A first sip of a well-made brown ale can transport your mind's eye to a cozy, comfortable pub that suits your style. This ale delivers on that vision. Easy drinking, well toasted malts that offer up easy coffee and chocolate without being bitter, and a floral hop bill on the back end. abv: 5.1%

Price: \$10/12 oz 6 pack

94 Pacifica Bullowing Brewery, CA). Fruit-forward on the aroma, this smooth, almost silky, hefeweizen stands out in a number of different ways. While it offers a touch of banana peel, and ground glove on the aroma, a delightful flavor of a just-cut perfectly ripe pear emerges with the first sip and sticks around to the last. Brewed with local malt, the soft wheat is delicate and not dampened by the medium carbonation. Poured into a glass it's hazy golden with a low head, but look quick as the ale will soon be gone. abv: 5.3%

Price: \$13/16 oz 4 pack

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Crooked Stave Sour Rosé (Fruit beer; Crooked **94** Stave, CO). A lovely combination of sweet blueberry, tart raspberry and oak that combines a spritzy and lively sipper that is best suited for brunch and warm summer afternoon imbibing. The tart and sweet characters of the fruit compete on the palate while the wood keeps both in check. abv: 4%

Price: \$14/12oz 6 pack

Samuel Smith's Nut Brown Ale (Brown 94 Samuel Similar's not Line Internationally known, this English brown ale lives up to the reputation in the glass that precedes it. Slightly sweet, light on the roast with whiffs of coffee and toasted hazelnut, a red berry fruitiness, and light brown sugar on the finish. Medium bodied with rounded carbonation, this is a contemplation pint, one to let unfold over the course of a proper pub session. aby: 5%

Price: \$9/12 oz 4 pack

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Lawson's Brave Little State (Hazy pale ale; **94** Lawson's Finest Liquids, VT). With a hazy complexion and sweet malt aroma, berry, floral and melon-forward hops follow shortly after and continue onto the palate. A collaboration beer aimed and supporting Vermont Public Radio, this easy sipper that delights the senses and supports a great cause. abv: 5% Price: \$13/16oz 4 pack



94 Blackberry Farm Brewery, TN). This golden copper berry Farm Brewery, TN). Blackberry Farm Inception (Pale Lager; Blacklager arrives clear with a low head, and a hop aroma that might be more comfortable in a pale ale. Dried orange peel and pine flavors derived from hops show up quick and last throughout the glass but never overwhelm, full bodied and tongue coating, this has a richness to it that lasts through the glass. abv: 6.4% Price: \$15/16 oz 4 pack

**94** Old Irving Lifesblood (Bock; Old Irving Brew-ing, IL). An herbal cola with spicy hops combined with some nuttiness and dark bread, this is crisp and hearty with a slightly dry finish. It wants to be paired with grilled sausages at a football game in November. abv: 6%

Price: \$11/16oz 4 pack



Dust Bowl East of Nelson (International 94 IPA; Dust Bowl Brewing Co., CA). The brewery calls this a New Zealand-style IPA and the hops present as white stone fruit with some tropical undertones. There's a bit of earthy funk as well, and all together it works as a really solid package of Southern Hemisphere hops and Northern Hemisphere know-how. Two pints of this set you up right at the airport before the long-haul to Auckland. abv: 6.8%

Price: \$16/16oz 4 pack



Wibby Moondoor Dunkel (Dunkel; Wibby 94 Brewing Co., CO). Pours a clear dark brown with a fluffy eggshell white head that laces the glass as it empties. With a silky mouthfeel and semi-dry finish, this is an easy drinking dark lager that never weighs down the palate, offers a kiss of herbal hops and slightly roasted dark malts, and is the perfect drinking companion for any time of year. abv: 5.5% Price: \$11/12oz 6 pack

Barrique Barrel-aged Lagerbier (Rauchbier; **94** Barrique Brewing & Blending, TN). This maintains a refreshing crispness, even after a turn in barrels. The wood accents the smoked malts, bringing out soft oak tannins and a rustic quality to the glass. Lightly smoked, like the last few minutes around a campfire, it's not overwhelming but subtlely comforting. By the stein, or can, this is a go-to that will satisfy all level of rauchbier fans. abv: 5.6%

Price: \$13/12 oz 4 pack

Beachwood So...Smoothie (Fruit beer; Beech-94 wood Brewing, CA). Delightful flavor experiment with aromas of ripe fresh strawberries that bring earthy sweetness to the glass but that never gets cloying. A tartness on the finish keeps the sugars in check and a slap of funky yeast brings on depth. This is not a typical fruit beer and deserves some careful palate attention with each sip. abv: 6.5% Price: \$10/32oz



94 Rockwell Foeder Dock (Dock a solid well Beer Co., MO). After spending a solid amount of time resting in wood, this strong bock has undertones of oak, vanilla, and a little spice. Toasted bread and a nuttiness are present and bring a heartiness to an already strong beer. Enjoy on autumn days when the last of the leaf bags is filled, but more are still falling. abv: 7.6%

Price: \$12/16oz 4 pack

**abv:** 5.1%

94 Liquid Gravity Crispy Life Pilsner (Pilsner; Liq-uid Gravity, CA). This is a dry hopped version of the brewery's pilsner and the addition of the hops bring forth a softy sweet citrus floral aroma that evolves into candied rinds on the palate. Never cloying and with threads of herbal spicy hops amid bread crust and crisp cereal malts, this finishes dry, easily setting up the next sip. abv: 4.8%

Price: \$17/16oz 4 pack

**94** Pure Tropical Mist (Fruit beer; Pure Project, CA). A beer that delivers on its name, this blonde ale has refreshing spritzy aromas of tangerine oil and kiwi. Fruity sweetness follows into the palate and is met by a touch of hop bitterness on the finish that keeps the beer in balance.

Price: \$16/16oz 4 pack

Wren House Spellbinder with Galaxy (In-94 ternational IPA; Wren House Brewing, AZ). Peach and guava slam together in this juicy, murky golden yellow IPA that offers a full expression of the Australian hop Galaxy. It's prickly, with flavors of pineapple, and a semi-dry finish that has just a hint of creeping bitterness. A beer that exposes the full scope of a single hop in a delicious way. Abv: 7%

Price: \$17/ 16oz 4 pack

Genesee Cream Ale (Cream Ale; Genesee **93** Brewing, NY). Clear and light golden in color with a robust head, the taste is a mix of light corn and faint fruitiness, but overall clean and refreshing. The slightest hint of herbal hops on finish brings a bit of intrigue to the palate. This is a solid example of the style that delivers pint after pint. abv: 5.1%

Price: \$10/12 oz 6 pack

Lamplighter Superbloom (Hazy pale ale; **93** Lamplighter Brewing, MA). A floral-forward burnt orange hued hazy pale that brings wine-like aromas to the forefront after a few sips. Juicy fruit mixed with earthy depth, this pale has a lot of character and should spend some thoughtful time in a glass. abv: 4.9% Price: \$16/16oz 4 pack

Cascade A Thousand Beers Between (Fruit 93 Cascade A Housand Beer, Cascade Brewing, OR). Showcasing real fruit character with a mix of sweet berries and citrus zest, this is not a beer for those who enjoy excess sugar. The fruits are firm and tangy, lending to a beer that will stand up at dinner or with savory dishes where a bit of lightness in a glass is needed most. abv: 5.5% Price: \$6/12oz

Ecliptic 2022 Oort (Imperial Stout; Ecliptic **93** Brewing, OR). Chewy and full bodied, this robust strong stout packs a roast malt character that verges on burnt in the most pleasing of ways. Coupled with a noticeable earthy hop kick on the finish, the dark chocolate and dark roast coffee flavors that appear mid-palate make for a stout that lands hard but competently on the palate. abv: 9%

Price: \$16/16oz 4 pack

Societe The Pupil (International IPA; Societe Brewing, CA). With a full, almost creamy mouthfeel, this IPA takes a few moments and sips for the hops to fully emerge. When they do it's delightful with mango and other tropical fruits, having a jaunty little time in the background. A bit of hop funkiness keeps it all in check and a slightly bitter finish keeps the hops top of mind on the palate. This is a playful IPA that uses the hops well. abv: 7.5%

Price: \$14/12oz 6 pack.



New Glarus Spotted Cow (Cream Ale; New **92** Glarus Brewing, WI). The brewery has long called this a "farmhouse" ale, but it is more akin to a cream ale than a saison. It's more complex than a standard cream ale but maintains all the hallmarks. It's earthy and spicy, but sweet and fruity with a smack of herbal hops toward the finish. Pair with a fish fry, tailgate, or your favorite cheese. **abv:** 4.5%

Price: \$9/12 oz 6 pack



Reuben's Crushable (Hazy pale ale; Reuben's **92 Brews, WA).** If you're looking for a juicy, easy drinking pale ale that is best consumed a few pints in a row, this fits the bill. Pineapple, tangerine, guava all mix well and appear and different points on the palate. Finishes smooth with little to no hop bitterness. abv:5.2%

Price: \$11/12oz 6 pack



Neshaminy Better Maize Ahead (Cream Ale; 91 Neshaminy Detter Wille A. Well-Neshaminy Creek Brewing, PA). A wellbalanced ale that is mildly fruity and sweet but crisp and corn-forward in taste and body. A fast sipper and a reliable choice in any cooler any time of year. Slightly dry on the finish. abv: 4.4%

Price: \$11/12 oz 6 pack

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