



## On Tap Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News June 5, 2019

The Lancaster Liederkrantz bar is pouring one new beer this week as well as some returning favorites. Enjoy one of these on the creekside deck in this fine weather.

Thomas Hooker Brewery began in 2003 as the brewing arm of the Trout Brook Brew Pub in Hartford CT. It gets its name from the great colonial leader and founder of Hartford, the Rev. Thomas Hooker. A Puritan born in Leicestershire, England, he escaped Nonconformity by emigrating to Holland and then New England in 1636. However, he does not appear to have been a brewer! The production brewery was established in nearby Bloomfield CT in 2007 and a brewpub in the old Colt Firearms factory in 2017. Although well known for their quality ales and lagers, highly rated Thomas Hooker has a limited distribution area of CT, PA, and MA. Their highest rated offering is the **Thomas Hooker %NOFILTER** American IPA, a juicy New England style IPA "dry hopped with a massive amount of Citra and Mosaic". Exceptionally smooth and well balanced, this deceptive 7% ABV IPA is very easy going and refreshing.

Clemens Veltins pursued his brewing education for 6 years, including time in Milwaukee, before purchasing a small 28-year-old guesthouse brewery in Grevenstein in Upper Sauerland in 1852. From these small beginnings, he constructed a new brewery in 1883; bought a steam and ice machine, and shortly thereafter, full electric power. Twin sons Carl and Anton took over in 1993, providing the brewery its current name, C & A Veltins. The brewery has been operated by female descendants since 1964; Rosemarie Veltins ran operations for 30 years and handed over control to daughter Susanne, the great-great-granddaughter of Clemens Veltins. The uniquely soft water sourced from the Homert Nature Park in Hochsauerland provides an excellent base for lager production. The easy drinking **Grevensteiner Original** is a Kellerbier, a rather old, rare, and unique German beer style that is becoming popular among American lager brewers. The beer is matured in deep vaults while being unbunged, meaning the beer is slightly exposed. The final product is a smooth, naturally cloudy lager that's rich in vitamins from the yeast. The Grevensteiner exhibits a silky soft amber colour with orange hues and has a smooth, velvety head. Despite its intense and slightly malty, sweet taste, Grevensteiner is still noticeably tangy and elegant. A roasted bitter note coupled with a nutty flavour tops off this sensory experience by allowing a creamy caramel taste to unfold. At a mild 5.2% ABV and 18 IBUs of Hallertauer hops, this is a classic of the style.

The delicious **Rogue Shakespeare Stout** is still available on the nitro tap. Rogue Brewmaster John Maier introduced this English-style 5.8% ABV, 60 IBU oatmeal stout as one of its three original beers and it has remained in the product line ever since. The Shakespeare Stout is ebony in color, with a rich creamy head and a mellow chocolate aftertaste. Ingredients include 2-Row, C120, Chocolate and Rogue Farms Dare™ & Risk™ Malts; Rogue Farms Rebel Hops; Rolled Oats, Roasted Barley, Free Range Coastal Water & Pacman Yeast. This stout has earned the most awards and highest ratings of any Rogue beers.

Brewing has been occurring at the Weihenstephan site for well over one thousand years. The world's oldest brewery is also one of the world's most modern; since 1930, the Technical University of Munich has operated a world-famous brewing academy on the site which is now a global leader in brewing technology. The superb **Weihenstephaner Original Lager** is brewed according to their centuries-old traditions on the Weihenstephan hill. Light Noble hopping of 21 IBUs is balanced by wonderful malt flavors. This delicate tension extends through a lingering finish. At 5.1 % ABV, this is the perfect session beer or accompaniment to a fine meal.

Written records show a Schwarzbier brewery in Bad Köstritz in Thuringia since 1543. The current facility has been owned by Bitburger since 1991. Schwarzbiers (black beers) are lagers that derive their deep brown color and complex flavors from dark specialty malts added to regular Munich and Pilsner malts. Dry on the palate, the generous aromas are balanced by the gently sparkling carbonation. Liederkrantz bar favorite **Kostritzer Schwarzbier** pours a deep mahogany color with a lasting, cream-colored head. Recognized by Goethe and Bismark, this iconic brew was one of the few beers in East Germany that were manufactured for export during the Cold War. Roasty malts provide some chocolate tones in this well balanced (4.8% ABV and 22 IBUs) lager.

**Spaten Lager** is a premium brand, bottom fermented Munchner Lager with a supremely well-balanced hop flavor. At a sturdy 5.2% ABV, its Original Gravity of 11.7% provides plenty of body which is balanced with 21 IBU's of moderate bitterness. A soft, white head floats over this light golden brew while a subtle sweet grain aroma lifts spicy noble hops up to the nose. Crisp through the finish, this refreshing beer wraps up dry and is about as quaffable as they come. The perennial favorite of Lancaster Liederkrantz beer drinkers, all agree that "Lass Dir raten, trinke Spaten". Zum Wohl!

And remember, the current tap list is ALWAYS available at <http://llkbn.surge.sh/>

***Lancaster Liederkrantz beer drinkers enjoy quality regular beers and an array of rotating items. If one of the beers has gone off tap, ask your bartender to suggest a similar, tasty replacement.***

***Enjoy!***

**Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer Guy - Jim Weber**

*The LLK beer staff tries to satisfy customer interests at all times by providing a range of beers for disparate tastes, alcoholic content, and budgets. We know beer drinkers at the Liederkrantz take their beer seriously! If you have concerns, suggestions, comments, or just wish to send ramblings on the subject, please send to Jim Weber at [jimweber.lancaster@gmail.com](mailto:jimweber.lancaster@gmail.com) or Matt Trout at [matttrout44@gmail.com](mailto:matttrout44@gmail.com). Enjoy and see you at the club!*