



On Tap Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News August 15, 2018

Popular York brewer Collusion has made the **Homunculus Double IPA** a year-round product. This 8% ABV 50 IBU ale is a juicy double IPA full of citrus and mango flavors, balanced with generous with Mosaic and Citra hopping. Brew master Jared Barnes thinks this is the beer that put them on the map.

In May 1867, the Leinenkugel family brewery was founded in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin by Jacob Leinenkugel. He looked to his German family heritage as a key to his brewery's long term success. Although purchased by Miller Coors in 1988, the sixth generation of Leinenkugels retained management control and continue to brew some of the same recipes originated by Jacob. **Leinenkugel's Summer Shandy** is their unique take on Franz Kugler's original Munich tavern tradition, the Radler. A typical weiss beer is augmented with refreshing natural lemonade flavor which makes it the perfect refreshing summer quaff. Plenty of wheat and malt accentuate the classic lemon taste at an easygoing 4.2% ABV. In 2012, Leinie's Summer Shandy won a Silver medal at the Great American Beer Festival in the Fruit Wheat Beer category. It pairs well with and fresh summer food; BBQ chicken, fruit salads, watermelon and freshly caught, grilled fish.

The Lefebvre Brewery began in 1923 by Jules Joseph Lefebvre. Five generations later, the family spirit is still evident in their brewery in Quenast, southeast of Brussels. The typical Wallonian **Blanche de Bruxelles** was developed in 1989 and has been brewed ever since. A delicate, 4.5% ABV ale, it's as refreshing a beer as you would want on a warm day. Brewed using 40% soft wheat, Blanche de Bruxelles has a naturally opalescent color with a very white, dense head. Coriander and orange peel added during wort boiling lend a slight but unobtrusive spiced nose. Although soft and smooth on the palate, as is typical of these wheat beers, this light and well-balanced white ale still has a fresh presence.

Spaten Lager is a premium brand, bottom fermented Munchner Lager with a supremely well-balanced hop flavor. A soft, white head perches above this flickering light golden brew while an understated sweet grain aroma lifts spicy noble hops up to the nose. On the tongue, this beer's light and effervescent with sweet grainy notes that rush over the tongue as spicy hops and modest bitterness cut into the malty foundation. Crisp into the finish, this refreshing beer wraps up dry and is about as quaffable as they come. The perennial favorite quaff of Lancaster Liederkrantz beer drinkers, they agree that "Lass Dir raten, trinke Spaten". 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. Zum Wohl!

In 1824, a small country brewery in Grevenstein, Germany, began brewing beer conforming to the German Purity Law. Over 180 years later it has evolved into one of the most modern private breweries in Europe: C. & A. VELTINS. In 1852 the founding father Clemens Veltins took over a small country brewery in the Upper Sauerland village of Grevenstein where he served not only his own guests, but also many of the taverns in the surrounding area. The brewery has been operated by his female descendants since 1964; innovative entrepreneur Rosemarie Veltins took over the brewery from her father in 1964, and after 30 years, handed over control to daughter Susanne. A rather old, rare, and unique German beer style, Kellerbiers are unfiltered and unpasteurized lagers that date back to at least the Middle Ages. 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. Hop bitterness can be high but it is offset but less carbonation. The easy drinking **Grevensteiner Original** is clearly malt-balanced, with a medium dry finish and a light hop flavor that lingers to the end. Its complex flavor starts out as caramel with a slight undertone of honey, roasted almonds, and fresh fruity flavours that bring tastes of green apple to mind. This is a classic of the style.

The **Weihenstephan Braupakt** is a collaboration between the world's oldest brewery and Sierra Nevada. Both Weihenstephan and Sierra Nevada are widely recognized for establishing brewing standards for their respective styles; and are renowned for their contributions to contemporary brewing techniques. Brewmasters from the two breweries spent the better part of 2017 on recipe development; ultimately creating the fruity-hoppy Braupakt, brewed with the Hallertauer Tradition hop and refined with American West Coast Amarillo and

Chinook hops. The name plays on America's "bro pact" vernacular for fraternal allegiances and the label features the imperial Bavarian bear sporting a "hang loose" gesture. This naturally cloudy amber weissbier has a firm, creamy head and reveals fragrances of peach, apricot and citrus on the nose which complemented by the mild sweetness of the malt. A respectable 6% ABV is offset by 35 IBUs of bitterness. This is a unique one-off beer and worth a taste.

Brauerei Aying has a long-standing reputation for excellence in beer and hospitality. Founded in a picturesque village 25 kilometers southeast of Munich in 1878, the site of the Aying Gasthaus Brewery Hotel has been one of Bavaria's most famous restaurants for more than 500 years. In the shadow of the Alps, nestled in the 1200 year-old village of Aying, Privatbrauerei Franz Inselkammer KG / Brauerei Aying produces 12 different styles of beers, more than most of the larger German breweries. World renowned with many international awards, Aying excels in all the Bavarian styles. **Aying Bavarian Pils** Introduced to the US for the first time in 2017. Originally inspired by Czech Pilsner beers, German pils beers were the original inspiration for golden lagers in the US. Aying's version shows the masterful perfection of four classic ingredients melded by a family's generations of brewing skill: local barley malt; noble Hallertau hops; water from an Ice Age aquifer via the brewery's well; and lager yeast. The Bairisch Pils evokes the flavor of the barley harvest augmented by the scents of nearby gardens. The solid pils flavors are enhanced by a zesty mouthfeel and the moderate 5.3% ABV keeps this beer light and refreshing.

The roots of the Franciscan (Franziskaner) Brewery in Munich can be traced back to 1363. Its modern history begins the 1860s when the Sedlmayr brewing family gained ownership. Within a few years, it became the largest brewery in Munich. After WW1, it merged with Spaten and then in 2005, with InBev. **Franziskaner Hefe-Weissbier Naturtrüb** is a naturally brewed Weissbier in the Bavarian tradition. Topped with a lush white foam, the copper-golden wheat beer shimmers with yeast-like opalescence and exudes an aromatic fragrance with harmonious bananas and citrus greetings. Due to the higher carbon dioxide content, it has a sparkling and fresh mouthfeel.

Lancaster Liederkranz 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 Liederkranz Beer Guy - Jim Weber

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