



On Tap Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News August 28, 2019

Although carefully chosen for their quality and taste and well worth trying, the “beer board” can contain many unfamiliar offerings; some of which may have pronounced flavors. The excellent bar staff at the LLK has some non-standard beer serving options for their patrons. The perennially undecided can enjoy a “flight” which is six 4 ounce tasters of the patron’s choice.

Sometimes when busy, this can take more time than getting a glass of beer. Another option is to order a “small glass” which provides about 8 ounces of beer. This serving method is available with big glass beers; pilsners, lagers, hefes, and pale ales. This size allows one to get the full flavor profile as the beer warms yet it provides ample time to think about choosing the next beer. And remember, if you see a beer that you’d like a small taste of, just ask your server for one.

German brewer David Gottlieb Jüngling immigrated to the United States in 1828 from Aldingen, a suburb of Stuttgart, in Württemberg. He anglicized his surname from Jüngling to Yuengling and began the "Eagle Brewery" on Center Street in Pottsville in 1829. In 1987, the brewery reintroduced a lager they had not made in decades to take advantage of a spike in popularity of heavier-style beers. Since this time, **Yuengling Lager** has become the brewery’s flagship brand, accounting for 80% of production and much of its rapid growth. Famous for its rich amber color and medium-bodied flavor with roasted caramel malt for a subtle sweetness and a combination of Cluster and Cascade hops, it delivers a well-balanced taste at a session worthy 4.4% ABV.

Lord Hobo Brewing founder Daniel Lanigan set up his operation in Woburn, MA, in 2015 and it has grown phenomenally in the NE part of the country. The brewery doubled production in 2017, to more than 30,000 barrels, while expanding to about 55 employees. **The Lord Hobo Glorious** is a smooth New England-Style pale ale with 72 IBU of Galaxy hops on top of a mild, grainy Pilsner malt character. Still a thirst quencher at 6.5% ABV, this highly rated ale is one of Lord Hobo’s flagships.

Staatliches Hofbräuhaus in München is now owned by the Bavarian state government but its name Hof (court, in English) derives from its history as a royal brewery in the Kingdom of Bavaria. The brewery owns the famous Hofbräuhaus am Platz which was founded in 1589 by the Duke of Bavaria, Wilhelm V I, making it one of Munich’s oldest beer halls. When King Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden invaded Bavaria during the Thirty Years’ War in 1632, he threatened to sack and burn the entire city of Munich. He agreed to leave the city in peace if the citizens surrendered some hostages, and 600,000 barrels of Hofbräuhaus beer. Munich Helles (Bright, in German) Lager was the Bavarian answer to the clean, golden lagers of Pilsen (Bohemia) in the mid-1800’s. A bit more malty, they often share the same spicy hop characters of Czech Pils, but it’s a bit more subdued and in balance with the malts. **Hofbrau Original** is slightly malty, full-bodied, and with an elegant finish. Brewed with light barley and Munich malts to a very accommodating 5.1% ABV, the Hofbrau is hopped with 24 ibus of Herkules, Perle, Magnum, and Select.

Founders Brewing Co. has evolved into one of the most highly recognized breweries in the United States. Headquartered in Grand Rapids MI, they have won six World Beer Cup medals, four European Beer Star medals and three Great American Beer Festival medals. Beer fans use the term “session beer” to describe a low ABV beer yet having as much flavor as possible. Something you would like to drink a bit of when with friends but with less effect. Predominantly light colored ales and lagers around 4% and up to 5% ABV, session beers are usually easy going and uncomplicated. Guinness and other Irish stouts also fit this category. The concept of a session IPA, a flavor packed style that usually clocks in between 6 and 8% ABV, is somewhat counterintuitive but in Founders’ case – it works. **Founders All Day IPA** treads lightly with 4.7% ABV and 42 IBUs but has plenty of zesty IPA flavors. Highly rated and insanely popular, this beer now represents over half of Founders total output after 5 years on the market. Naturally brewed with a complex array of malts, grains and hops, it’s balanced for optimal aromatics and a clean finish.

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 (Ungespundet), meaning the beer is slightly exposed. The final product is a smooth, naturally cloudy lager that’s rich in vitamins from the yeast. Bamberg, the cultural heart of Franconia, claims nine breweries within the city limits; one of which – The Mahr’s brewery & biergarten - has been in operation since 1670. Current master brewer Stephan Michel is the fifth generation of Mahr’s family owners and brewmasters. The **Mahr’s Ungespundet Lager** is a superb example of the rustic and flavorful Keller style. Sturdy malts and local hops make this 5.2% ABV lager a satisfying quaff.

Austria also has an ancient brewing tradition. Bräuhaus an der Gstätten’ in Salzburg was first mentioned in a written record on 16 June 1492. Located next to a small staircase, which gave the brewery its name and logo, by 1650, it was the largest brewery in the city. Josef Schreiner took over the brewery in the 19th century and expanded out of the narrow old city streets to the spacious suburban Maxglan district around 1863. Dr. Heinrich Dieter Kiener (III) has managed the enterprise’s fortunes since the end of 1990, the latest generation of owners for 120 years. The **Stiegl**

Pilsner is an elegant beer for those who love light, hoppy bitterness and a refined dry taste. Finest Saphir hops provide their typical lemony aroma and gently kiln-dried malt gives the beer its light color. Soft and elegant with a 4.9% ABV, this pils is a pleasure to drink.

And remember, the current tap list is ALWAYS available at <http://ilkbm.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 or Matt Trout at matttrout44@gmail.com. Enjoy and see you at the club!