



On Tap Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News November 6, 2019

Great new and returning beers continue to be offered at the Lancaster Liederkrantz bar. Come out and try some of the current specials!

Dunkel (dark, in German) is a refreshing dark lager originated in Munich around 1516 making it one of Germany's oldest, standardized styles. The **Wacker Little Dutch Dunkel** is dark mahogany brown in color with full bodied flavors in a very drinkable beer. Its aromas will be very light and consist of a slight nuttiness with roasted wheat and touch of noble hops. The 5% ABV Little Dutch will surprise with its flavor yet drink like a lager with a finish that is effervescent and clean.

Larry Bell Larry opened a homebrew supply store in 1983 under the name Kalamazoo Brewing Co. By 1985, brewing with a 15-gallon soup pot, he sold his first commercial beer. By 2012, a new American made 200-barrel brewhouse was making beer and a canning line and twelve 800-barrel fermenters were added in 2014. Co-owner and daughter Laura Bell was promoted to CEO in 2017 making this one of the largest woman managed breweries in the country. The American Homebrew Association's Zymurgy magazine named **Bell's Two Hearted Ale** the best brew in the nation based on a 2017 reader poll and it was also considered the best IPA in the world by RateBeer in 2014. It's named after the Two Hearted River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, a stream made famous by the Ernest Hemingway short story. Brewed with 100% Centennial hops from the Pacific Northwest, this IPA bursts with hop aromas ranging from pine to grapefruit due to massive hop additions in both the kettle and the fermenter. Perfectly balanced on a solid malt backbone and combined with the signature fruity aromas of Bell's house yeast, this 7% ABV beer is easy going and inviting.

There are four different versions of wheat beers, the most common of which is the golden colored weissebier, or weizenbier. The others are strong (weizenbock), filtered (kristall), and dark (dunkelweizen) types. Their common spicy, clovish or banana flavors are what generally set them apart from their Bavarian bottom fermenting lager cousins. Unfiltered and natural, these top fermenting beers appear cloudy due to the vitamin laden yeasties that remain dispersed therein. **Weihenstephan Hefeweissbier** Dunkel looks impressive in the glass with its creamy white head over a dark brown body. A fruity-fresh sweetness and hints of mature bananas harmonizes with delicious flavors of roasted malt, with a light caramel taste coming through on the first sip. An easy drinking 5.3 % ABV and light hopping at 14 IBUs keeps this a refreshing beer during any season. Saint Vitus was a legendary early Christian from Sicily who was martyred by co-ruling Roman Emperors Diocletian and Maximian in 303. In the late Middle Ages, people in central Europe celebrated the feast of Vitus by dancing before his statue; this activity eventually passed its name on to the neurological disorder known as Sydenham's chorea. Vitus might also be considered the patron saint of dancers and of entertainers! The Bavarian weizenbock beer **Weihenstephan Vitus** was acclaimed in 2011 as the World's Best Beer. Generating a respectable 7.7% ABV, the complex 16.5% OG grain bill is well balanced by only 17 IBUs of hop bittering. Typical wheat beer flavors of banana and clove ride on this medium body, creamy textured and long finishing beer.

German Pils fans have two slightly contrasting beers to pick from. Founded in 1817 and seven generations later, the Bitburger Brewery is still in family hands and operating in this small city in far western Germany, near the Our river bordering Luxembourg. The business has grown to be one of the biggest breweries in Germany, and the number one player in the draft beer market. Back in 1883, they became the first brewery to make a pilsner outside of the Bohemian region. The gently conditioned **Bitburger Pils** balances the unmistakable bitterness of the hops with an agreeable, mellow maltiness. Discerning customers always ask, "Bitte, ein Bit". The oldest still existing document to prove sale of Einbecker beer dates back to April 23, 1378. During the 14th and 15th centuries every citizen in the central German town of Einbeck had the right to brew beer and by 1616 there were 742 citizens that owned brew houses, also referred to as Brauherren. **Einbecker Brauherren Pils** is a perfect composition of the best hops and selected fine malts; a classic lager from the "Brewing Lords" of Einbeck. The Brauherren is a delightful, traditional pils and, at a crisp and refreshing, 4.9% ABV and 32 IBUs, it's the perfect accompaniment to a fine dinner.

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 or Matt Trout at matttrout44@gmail.com. Enjoy and see you at the club!