



On Tap

Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News

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Some notable beers that are on, or soon to be on, tap - at the Lancaster Liederkrantz:

Local favorite Collusion has 4 representative beers available at the moment; the Dole, The Fuzzy Scrumptit, the Peach Froyo, and our own Floyd L Radler. Despite the allusion to scrumpy, a British cider that is haphazardly brewed, the Fuzzy is a pretty straightforward and tasty IPA with just a hint of fruit. On The Other Hand, the Dole is an amped-up (10% ABV!) but not overwhelming sort of Berlinerweis with tartness galore and some interesting fruit flavors, given time to open up in the glass. Brewer Jared Barnes related "Dole was one of the first beers we made, fermented with brett and conditioned on a blend of Balaton and Montmorency cherries. The goal was to make something that didn't taste like 10% ABV." And it doesn't; this is a very sneaky beer.

The next Wild Ale will be Free Will Impromptu Dance Party. This complex and well balanced beer is a moderate 6.7% ABV and was recently introduced. Head brewer John Stemler has developed a great reputation for well made and popular brews and his beers regularly appear at the Liederkrantz. Wild ale generally refers to beers brewed in America using naturally occurring yeast or bacteria for fermentation, in addition to standard beer yeasts. Traditional beers such as Lambic and Oud bruin are typically fermented using a strain of brettanomyces (or "brett") for part, or all, of the fermentation. This introduction may occur from oak barrels that have been previously inoculated, pitched into the beer, or gained from various "sour mash" techniques. Some breweries leave the windows open! "Regardless of which and how, these little creatures often leave a funky calling card that can be quite strange, interesting, and pleasing to many, including serious wine lovers".

After the outstanding Slaapmutske Triple Nightcap is gone, it will be followed by the Ichtegm's Flemish Red, a Grand Cru Oud Bruin from Brouwerij Strubbe in Flanders. This brewery has stayed in the possession of the Strubbe family through seven generations, since its founding in 1830. Their Flanders Oud Bruin was introduced in 2006. Flanders, in western Belgium, is the home of this style of blended ales. Brewed as two separate beers, the base beer is aged a couple years in oak barrels making it dry and sharp. Then it is blended with a younger, sweeter ale to balance things out. Neither beer is drunk on its own, only together does this process work. The Ichtegems Grand Cru is a moderate 6.7% ABV and has nutty, malty flavors, and a subtle dark cherry note that harmonizes beautifully. This is another beer that comes to life as it warms.

The next Nitro poured beer will be Epic Brainless Raspberries, a Belgian Strong (9.70% ABV) Pale Ale from this well regarded brewery in Salt Lake City. Brewers there were restricted to distributing low alcohol beers for quite some time and know how to develop a lot of flavor in their beers. However, relying on sales only from the brewery, Epic concentrated on higher strength brews. This Golden Ale has a rich base balanced with a little bit of spicy noble hops, and with strong influences of Belgian yeast flavors. Belgian-like Rock Candy is employed to add complexity and potency.

The current German Pils is the Einbecker Brauherren. Light citrus and grassy-spicy aromas are accompanied by a very gentle maltiness. Nicely hopped for the style, but balanced by malt grain and mineral undertones, this pils features biscuit flavors particular to this style of lager. Noted for its line of bock beers, this is actually Einbecker's best selling beer. From the "master brewers", enjoy at a summery 4.9 % ABV.

Stoudts Pils is also on tap. Carol Stoudts' favorite beer, this 5.4% classic compares well with many German products. One of the finest deck beers ever, this full flavored pils is balanced and refreshing. The Liederkrantz is glad to see this beer offered again.

Paulaner Hefeweizen is the no. 1 Hefe-Weißbier in Germany and one of the world's favorites. "Hefe's" are top-fermented and unfiltered with strong carbonation. Naturally cloudy and a luminous gold in the glass, a

nice pour sports a strong head of foam. It is a typical beergarden beer, a culture which brings people together all over the world. The most recognized of all Paulaner beers, it has a light hop flavor and balances subtle bitterness with an unmistakably fruity character; banana and a bit of mango and pineapple. The 5.3% alcohol content allows session enjoyment.

On the German dark beer tap, Monchshof Schwarzbier is one of the finest examples of the style. Supremely drinkable (4.9% ABV), dry and beautifully hopped, it's loaded with dark roasted malt flavor. Great on a cool day, light enough for summer, the Monchshof is also a superb dinner beer when paired with meaty specialties.

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 Liederkranz 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 Greg Buckwalter at gregbuckwalter@hotmail.com. Enjoy and see you at the club!

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