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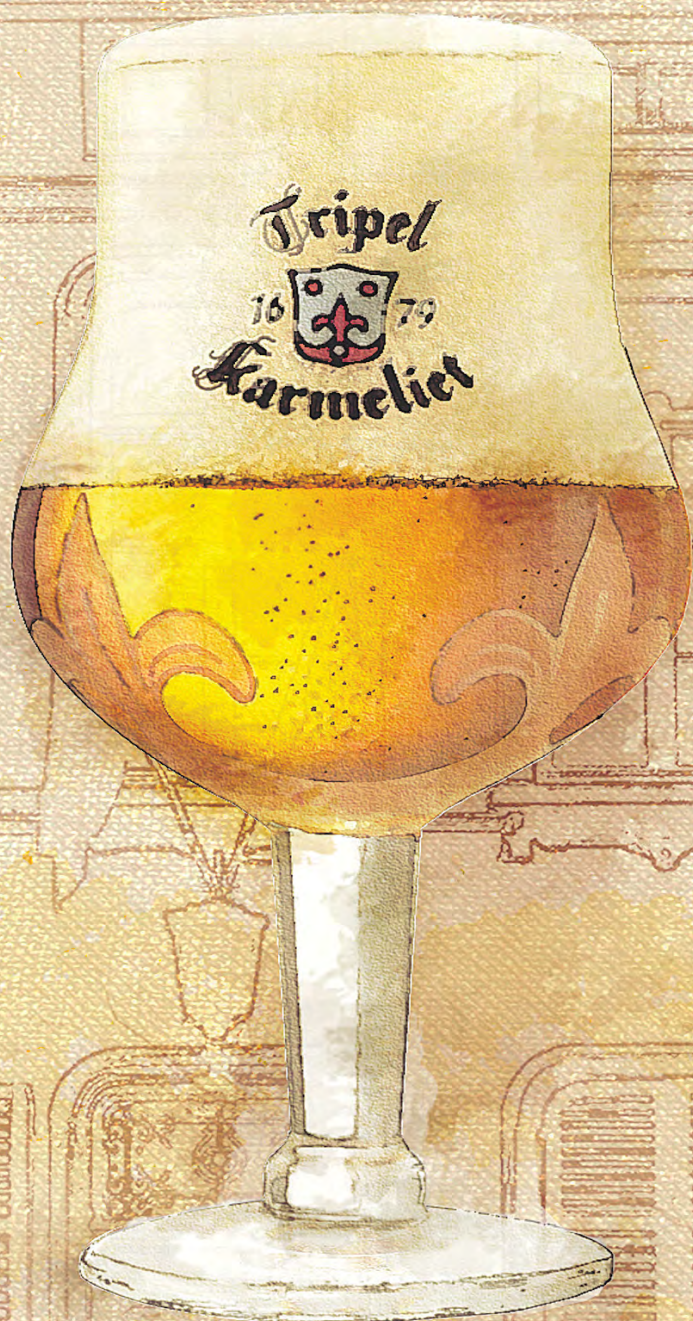
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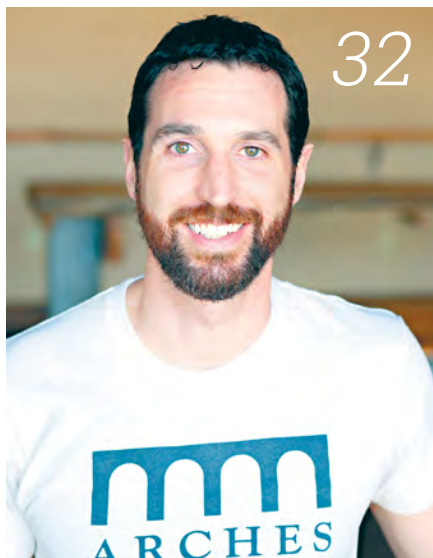
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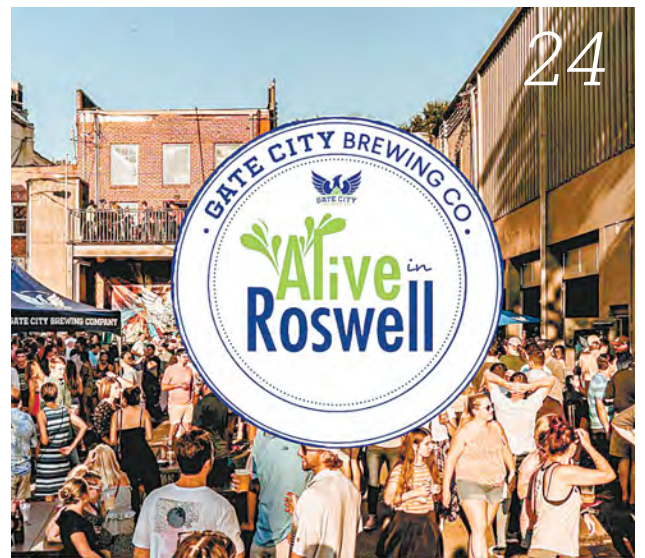
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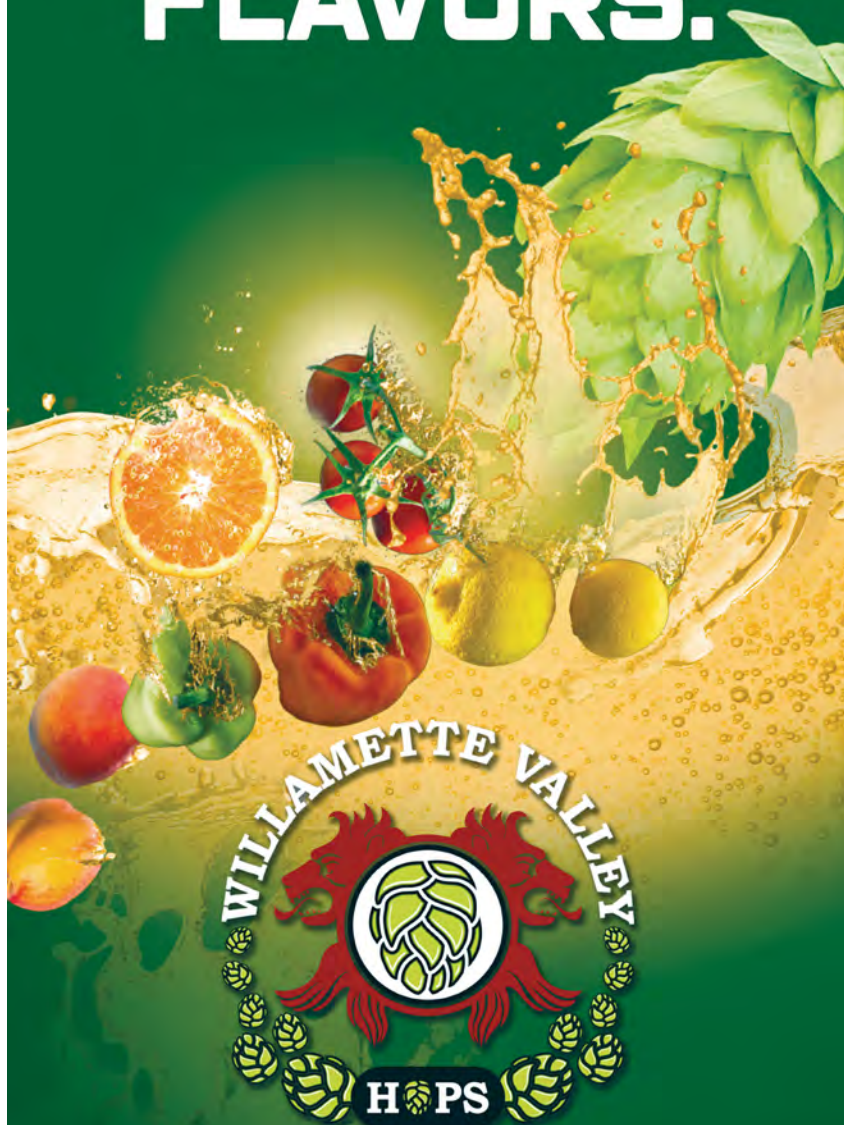
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# OFFICIAL REVIEW

The Official Review is conducted in a single-blind tasting format that adheres to the Beer Judge Certification Program 2021 Style Guidelines. This method provides the best opportunity to rely on facts and to avoid favoritism, ensuring a level playing field for all brewers. It serves both the industry and the consumer to have unbiased and objective scores from qualified experts.

In an effort to provide the most credible evaluations, The Beer Connoisseur hand-selects judges with a minimum BJCP ranking of “National” or Master Cicerone®. Judges are required to work with an assistant that handles beer prior to evaluation, and breweries are not allowed to solicit judges directly.

In the single-blind tasting format, judges are presented with a chilled, properly poured beer and given its style category. Scoring is then done on the following basis using a 100-point scale: Aroma (24 points), Appearance (6 points), Flavor (40 points), Mouthfeel (10 points) and Overall Impression (20 points).

**The score breakdown is as follows:**

100 to 96: World Class – You need this beer in your life.

95 to 91: Exceptional – Don’t hesitate.

90 to 86: Very Good – A brew to savor.

85 to 75: Average – Somewhat unimpressive.

74 and below: Not Recommended – Just walk away.



**ON THE COVER:** St. Feuillien FIVE (Rated 98) by Brasserie St. Feuillien of Le Rœulx, Belgium was 2021’s #1-rated beer. This Belgian blond ale is the embodiment of the style due to its depth of fermentation character, quaffability and tremendous finesse, which few other beers can claim to have. Don’t hesitate to put this into your rotation of summertime beers. \*Coming soon to Georgia

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Each year in December, we tally the year's highest-scoring beers, ciders and meads evaluated in the Official Review and combine them into a list of the finest examples. We publish this list in the January magazine edition called "The Beer in Review."

This annual edition features the top-rated 150+ beers of the year with judge's notes, as well as feature-length stories on the World Class-rated beers with Brewer Q&As, judge's second opinions and full-color photographs of the beer and brewer to showcase these outstanding brews. We then award the 3 breweries that received the collective highest-scoring beers of the year.

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The purpose of the Official Review is to provide independent, unbiased and professional evaluations of adult beverages so that consumers, retailers and beverage distributors can make informed purchasing decisions.

It is our hope that the makers of these beverages find either validation of the quality of their work or find valuable insight so that they can make adjustments to recipes and production processes to improve their products.

*The Beer Connoisseur* finds that the ideal samples to evaluate are those that are fresh from a brewery's production facility. Beverages at this final production stage are the true representation of how the makers intend their beverages to be enjoyed by the consumer. In order for us to evaluate samples at this production stage requires brewer cooperation in order to ship samples to our designated judges' assistants who receive, store and prepare them for the judge's blind evaluation.

This process is labor-intensive, which limits our ability to review a large number of brands annually.

*The Beer Connoisseur* is inundated with breweries worldwide

requesting that their products be reviewed by our publication. Considering our limited review capacity (and to allow for diverse brewery participation), we have established minimum requirements for sample submissions.

Breweries that maintain an annual subscription to *The Beer Connoisseur* magazine are guaranteed two sample submissions annually to the Official Review.

Breweries, cideries and meaderies may join our Brewery Trade Program. One membership benefit is being allowed unlimited brand submissions to the Official Review annually. The revenue from trade memberships allows us to expand our capacity to review more brands.

In order to fulfill our own magazine story requirements, our editors are sometimes unable to acquire specific beverages to be reviewed directly from a brewery's production facility. In these instances, our editors will acquire the beer via various methods including purchasing the beverages from a local retailer. We encourage increased brewer cooperation to avoid reviewing in-market samples.

## Buyers Guide

Many, but not all of the beverages covered in the publication are available for purchase in the greater metro Atlanta area or in the state of Georgia. The most common interest we receive from readers is wanting to know where they can be purchased.

The most useful tools to find accurate availability information are breweries' Beer Finders located on their websites. For your convenience, we have included QR codes alongside the beverages we discuss herein linking to the corresponding Beer Finder for beverages recommended.

Unfortunately, not all breweries offer a Beer Finder. In these cases we typically recommend calling the brewery and they can recommend retailers that carry their products. The QR codes for these cases link to the breweries' websites for fast access.

We also provide the following rarity categories in order to provide you a general understanding of the product's availability in the market.

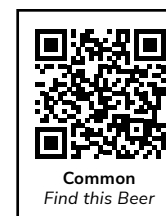
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(Rated 93)  
New Realm Brewing  
Atlanta, GA

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## LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

There is an existential experience one has when tasting a truly world-class beer. An experience one can only have with an understanding of the fine nuances of aroma, flavor and mouthfeel contained within the glass. The more understanding we have of the world around us, the more appreciation we have for it. This certainly holds true for the enjoyment of quality adult beverages.

It is with a great sense of pride that we are able to present our fans and readers with this new print magazine dedicated solely to discovering the world of beer in Atlanta, Georgia and the Southeast.

Within these pages you can expect to find the best in beer and brewing, and, moreover, you will find an exploration of all of the things that beer lovers enjoy. Many times, we are unaware that these can be found in our own backyards.

Life's great meanings lie in our work and achievements, but it is life's rewards that allow us to rest, reset and provide the necessary incentive to press forward with enthusiasm. Taste, adventure, camaraderie and the betterment of self encompass these experiences, and this new lifestyles edition of *The Beer Connoisseur* is here to help guide your way.

*The Beer Connoisseur* was a bootstrap endeavor created in my basement during the Great Recession. I was told by a number of career media professionals that I was naive to think it would be a successful endeavor without a major industry publisher behind it. And they were almost right!

It has been a tremendous battle building *The Beer Connoisseur* brand from scratch into the publication it is today while navigating a tumultuous and uncertain media environment. But as I look back, being successful in this business is no different than being successful in any business. The truth is, almost all avenues of business are difficult and those who come out on top are those willing to put the work in and refuse to quit along the way.

And the great secret is that when you are passionate about what you do, it provides a high-involvement defense against quitting when times get tough.

*The Beer Connoisseur* has survived longer than all its direct competitors nationwide. Today, it is the last publication standing serving the beer industry in the general consumer space.

*The Beer Connoisseur* would not exist without you, our hometown readers, many of whom

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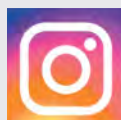
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LMN ADE – RATED 94  
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Sweet, sweet summertime. For many children, it is a time of freedom from the rigors of school – when days stretch on to infinity as enjoyment never ceases until bedtime... a cycle that starts all over again the next day.

For adults, summer usually means at least one solid vacation, which frequently includes tasty boozy beverages, and, in our case, those beverages are wondrous examples of craft beer that have filled our fridges and our tummies this summer.

There are an immense number of breweries out there to explore, and for each of them, myriad beers are available for thirsty patrons to imbibe. Read on to explore What We're Drinking Now during the summer months of 2022!

Wild Leap's **LMN ADE** is a sultry summer sipper based on one of the finest warm weather drinks around – a nice, cool glass of lemonade. One thing that normal lemonade does lack is alcohol, so Wild Leap made this slightly tart ale with just the right amount of alcohol (5.5%) to be sessionable while also providing a bit of a kick to help those lake or beach days zoom by.

In the same vein, Terrapin's **Watermelon Gose** is a standard-bearer in Georgia for summertime sour beers. Providing a piquant watermelon rind-like flavor and a lovely light ruby hue in the glass, drinking this beverage is like digging into a ripe watermelon – without those pesky seeds!

New England IPAs are still a hot ticket in craft beer, and **Trop Tail IPA** by Social Fox Brewing is sure to satiate any hop lover's appetite with its blend of El Dorado, Sabro, Idaho Gem and Zappa hops as well as the trademark creamy mouthfeel of a hazy NEIPA.

Arches Brewing is known for making delectable lagers that represent a wide swath of styles, and its seasonal **Heritage Helles** is no exception. A Munich Helles-style beer sitting at 4.8% ABV, this German style is eminently drinkable as well as surprisingly complex thanks to the interesting hop and malt bills used.



HERITAGE HELLES – RATED 88  
ARCHES BREWING  
Hapeville, GA



WATERMELON GOSE – RATED 88  
TERRAPIN BEER CO.  
Athens, GA



TROP TAIL – RATED 88  
SOCIAL FOX BREWING  
Norcross, GA



**Han Brolo by Monday Night Brewing of Atlanta, GA (Rated 92)**

Monday Night Brewing's Han Brolo is a flagship pale ale for the brewery and it's easy to see why. Pouring a lovely golden orange color with delightful hoppy aromas and other zesty notes erupting from the glass, this pale ale goes down smooth in the summer months – or whenever you decide to imbibe it!

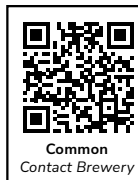


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**Hop'lin IPA by Southbound Brewing Co. of Savannah, GA (Rated 93)**

While a bit further afield than others on this list, Southbound Brewing Co. in Savannah has been offering up tremendous craft beer creations since its opening in 2013. The brewery's flagship IPA, Hop'lin IPA, is no exception, as this exquisite West Coast-style IPA features a cavalcade of "C" hops to fit the more bitter bill that its style dictates. Inhale deeply and sip at your leisure to enjoy the blend of Magnum, Amarillo, Centennial, Cascade, Chinook and Citra hops.



Common Contact Brewery



**Euphonia Pilsner by New Realm Brewing of Atlanta, GA (Rated 93)**

New Realm Brewing was co-founded by former Stone Brewing Co. brewmaster Mitch Steele in 2016, and they haven't looked back. With a year-round release like Euphonia Pilsner leading the charge, it's understandable that they've been successful. Bright hop aromas and a subtle smoothness typify this German-style pils, and the Ersbrucker, Huell Melon, Saphir and Sterling hop blend make for an engaging flavor and aroma profile from start to finish.



Common Find this Beer



**Invocation by Wild Heaven Beer of Avondale Estates, GA (Rated 94)**

While one might not normally think about Belgian Golden Strong Ales when pondering good beer options for summertime, Wild Heaven Beer wants you to rethink that bias. Its Invocation golden Belgian ale might be quite strong at 8.5% ABV, but it serves as an excellent nightcap with a grounded earthiness in the finish coupled with dainty tropical fruit aromas and flavors throughout. Don't miss this year-round release from an Atlanta area standout.



Uncommon Contact Brewery



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# The Best of 2021 BREWERIES

## Catching Atlanta Up On The Best In Beer

STORY BY: Editorial Dept.



### Wild Leap Brew Co. Brewery of the Year 2021



Wild Leap Brew Co. of LaGrange, Georgia submitted an incredible 12 beers in the 2021 Official Review that achieved a rating of World Class or Exceptional. The brewery's record-breaking three World Class-rated beers in a single year were Lone Buffalo, Alpha Abstraction, Vol. 15 and Too Pure To Be Pink.

The brewery's top-scoring beer was **Lone Buffalo**, a barrel-aged imperial stout released in very limited amounts. While known for a rotating cast of double IPAs and canned stouts and sours, this elegant, barrel-aged, bottled beer shows that Wild Leap can do barrel-aging as well as any brewery in the country. A complex aroma of sherry, vanilla, bourbon and dark roasted grains convey the mellifluous mélange of flavors that will follow upon sipping this rich brew, including dark fruit, toffee and a reprise of sherry.

**Alpha Abstraction, Vol. 15** is the, you guessed it, fifteenth rendition of the brewery's immensely popular Alpha Abstraction series. Each one of these beers highlights a different hop blend. Our judge loved the melodious combination of El Dorado and Idaho 7 hops, which provide intensely juicy tropical elements, light resinous notes and pungent spiciness to the beer's aroma and flavor profile.

The brewery's final top-scoring beer was **Too Pure To Be Pink**, another double IPA. This limited release was brewed with Yakima Chief Hops' Pink Boots Blend in partnership with the Pink Boots Society, which supports women in the brewing profession. This year's Pink Boots Blend featured an engaging combination: Cashmere, Ahtanum, Citra, Loral and Sabro hops – offering up ripe berry and stone fruit notes.

The Wild Leap brewing team was responsible for producing three World Class brews in 2021, which led to the LaGrange, Georgia establishment being named our Brewery of the Year.



LONE  
BUFFALO

97

**SPECIALTY  
WOOD-AGED BEER**  
A nearly flawless barrel-aged stout with balance, subtlety and incredible flavor that showcases the brewer's talent.



ALPHA  
ABSTRACTION,  
VOL. 15

96

**DOUBLE IPA**  
The 15th entry in the brewery's Alpha Abstraction series, this version's El Dorado and Idaho 7 hops provide a tropical punch.



TOO PURE  
TO BE PINK

96

**DOUBLE IPA**  
This beer's Pink Boots Hop Blend delivers a bevy of engaging flavors and aromas such as lemon, berries and subtle malt.



98

**HAZY SABRO IPA**  
{SPECIALTY IPA}

One of pFriem's highest-scoring beers of all time, this hazy IPA highlights the papaya and cantaloupe notes found in Sabro hops.



97

**VANILLA CHAI BOURBON STOUT**  
{SPECIALTY WOOD-AGED BEER}

A truly elegant and intriguing blend of aromas and flavors all topped off in a bourbon barrel, this sipper is a delight.



95

**BIG IPA**  
{DOUBLE IPA}

Stopping short of being massively hoppy, this balanced brew features an exceptional hop blend of Nelson Sauvin, Mosaic, Citra and Vic's Secret.

## pFriem Family Brewers

### First Runner-Up 2021

pFriem Family Brewers of Hood River, Oregon proved, yet again, that they are the gold standard for quality – and, as such, have been named our first runner-up for 2021.

pFriem's top-scoring beer was their second highest-scoring beer of all time: **Hazy Sabro IPA**, which was rated 98. pFriem is known for its mastery of a wide range of styles including fruit lambics, specialty smoked beers and Belgian witbiers, but the brewery also closely follows industry trends and produced this near-flawless hazy IPA. The heavy use of Sabro hops provide delectable papaya, cantaloupe, key lime and pine notes in this World Class brew.

Their next top-scoring offering was an intriguing barrel-aged brew called **Vanilla Chai Bourbon Stout**. Inspired by a latte, this elegant and high-ABV 11% stout wowed our judge with its "elegant spicy chocolate muffin" flavor and aroma profile as well as its supreme balance – despite an impressive number of adjuncts and time spent in a bourbon barrel. Ginger, vanilla, gentle chocolate and light bourbon flavors and aromas swirl around this special release from pFriem.

pFriem's final highest-scoring beer, **Big IPA**, was stopped short of being called an "imperial IPA" due to its 8% ABV threshold. While not quite the hop bomb that many other DIPAs can claim to be, this brew still erupts out of the glass with tropical aromas of pineapple and tangerine and a similar flavor profile thanks to an excellent hop blend including Nelson Sauvin, Mosaic, Citra and Vic's Secret.



Above: Gavin Lord, pFriem Head Brewer

Bottom left: Zac Caramonta (left), Gnarly Barley Founder & President with Head Brewer Josh Charpentier

## Gnarly Barley Brewing Co.

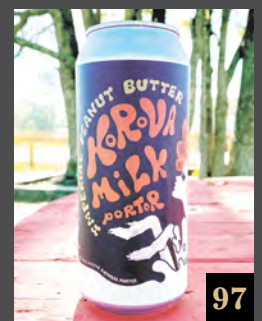
### Second Runner-Up 2021

After taking home Brewery of the Year in 2020, Gnarly Barley Brewing Co. of Hammond, Louisiana continued to demonstrate excellence by being named 2021's second runner-up!

Gnarly Barley's top-scoring beer was **Imperial Peanut Butter Korova**, following in the footsteps of their top-scoring beer in 2020 – Barrel Aged Imperial Korova – and both beers notched a 97. This beer is based on the base recipe of the brewery's Korova Milk Porter, a delightfully rich, creamy and chocolaty American porter. This amped-up version of the beer has its ABV raised to 9% from 6.2% and both tastes and smells like a melted peanut butter cup. Combined with the smooth and flavorful base beer, this near-flawless brew is sure to appeal to fans of chocolate desserts and rich stouts alike.

The brewery's next highest-scoring beer was **Jet Black Scream**, which exemplified one of the rarer styles in the world of beer these days: Black IPA. Despite being a dark beer, black IPAs such as this one shouldn't lose any notable hop elements because – at their heart – they are IPAs. In the case of Jet Black Scream, it emanates fresh floral and pine notes in the aroma, and the flavor is rich with elements of nutty praline and an amazing balance between dark malts and hops.

Last but far from least, Gnarly Barley's final highest-scoring beer was a light and tropical fruited sour called **Mango Margarita Gose**. Though sour beers are now competing with a glut of hard seltzers on the market, this enjoyably lush, sweet and tart sour aims to recreate its namesake – and succeeds with aplomb.



97

**IMPERIAL PEANUT BUTTER KOROVA**  
{SPICE, HERB OR VEGETABLE BEER}

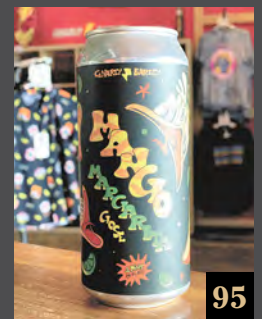
A decadently rich dessert beer that both smells and tastes like a melted peanut butter cup in a glass. Divine!



96

**JET BLACK SCREAM**  
{BLACK IPA}

Black IPAs are becoming difficult to find, and this brew is an exemplar of the style's balance between malt and hops.



95

**MANGO MARGARITA GOSE**  
{WILD SPECIALTY BEER}

Wanting a sweet and tart margarita with mango flavors? Skip the mixing and simply sip this exceptionally well-crafted brew.



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### Gnarly Barley Brewing Co. Brewery of the Year 2020

Gnarly Barley Brewing Co. of Hammond, Louisiana submitted an impressive eight beers to the Official Review in 2020 that achieved World Class and Exceptional ratings. The brewery's two top-scoring beers were **Barrel Aged Imperial Korova** and **Puff Puff Pastry Stout**.

Barrel Aged Imperial Korova is a beefed-up version of the brewery's perennially popular Korova Milk Porter, which has won a silver medal at the GABF. The base beer provides notes of chocolate and coffee in the flavor and aroma, while the additional ABV adds more complexity in the form of plum, molasses and caramel notes. The barrel-aging ties it all together with sultry vanilla and wood elements.

Puff Puff Pastry Stout is the true definition of a modern pastry stout due to being brewed with ample amounts of adjuncts. In this case, this thick, sweet and boozy stout was brewed with hundreds of pounds of white chocolate bread pudding and Cocoa Puffs cereal. Yum!

Lastly, showcasing the brewers' skills, Gnarly Barley's next highest-scoring beer was **American AF**, an American light lager. Of course, for brewers, lagers are among the most exacting styles to brew, so being able to craft both adjunct-filled pastry stouts as well as light lagers showcases the tremendous talent that Gnarly Barley's brewers possess.

### Pontoon Brewing First Runner-Up 2020

Pontoon Brewing in Sandy Springs, Georgia was 2020's first runner-up for Brewery of the Year.

The brewery's top-scoring beer also happened to be our #1 beer of the year: **Barrel Aged Brownie Batter Blend #1**. This delightfully chocolaty brew was also one of the select few beers in our history that has scored a 98 or above. An impressive feat!

The base beer was a fudgy, roasty, malty brew with heavy cocoa elements. The beer was then split into two batches and aged in different barrels – one bourbon and one VSOP cognac. All of that barrel-aging led to immense complexity – and the most delectable beer our reviewers sampled in 2020.

The brewery's second-highest score was for **Black Is Beautiful**, an imperial stout with a base recipe that was created by Weathered Souls Brewing Co. in San Antonio, Texas. The beer was created "to bring awareness to the injustices that many people of color face daily," per the brewery. Pontoon joined nearly 1,200 other breweries across all 50 states as well as 22 countries in aiding social justice.

Pontoon's third brew was **Barrel Aged Brownie Batter Blend #2 S'mores** – a recreation of the popular campfire favorite s'mores. Brewed with marshmallow cream, graham cracker crumbs and cocoa nibs, Pontoon didn't skimp on the authenticity of this pastry stout.



Left to right: Zac Caramonta, Gnarly Barley Founder & President with Head Brewer Josh Charpentier



Left to right: Sean O'Keefe, Pontoon Brewing CEO & Owner with Head Brewer Chris Baratz



Peter Kiley, Monday Night Brewmaster



## Gnarly Barley



97

### BARREL AGED IMPERIAL KOROVA {SPECIALTY WOOD-AGED BEER}

A souped-up version of the brewery's popular flagship Korova Milk Porter, this rendition ratchets up the complexity and flavor.



96

### PUFF PUFF PASTRY STOUT {SPICE, HERB OR VEGETABLE BEER}

A pastry stout that would make for either the booziest breakfast ever or an indulgent dessert after a hearty meal.



95

### AMERICAN AF {AMERICAN LIGHT LAGER}

Brewed with pilsner malt and Saaz hops, this ultra-crisp light lager could make one forget all about "big beer."

## Pontoon



98

### BARREL AGED BROWNIE BATTER BLEND #1 {SPECIALTY WOOD-AGED BEER}

A nearly flawless barrel-aged blended brew that notched the highest score of the year from our judges in 2020.



95

### BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL {SPICE, HERB OR VEGETABLE BEER}

Brewed with graham crackers, coffee, chocolate and pecans, this roasty imperial stout is a filling dessert treat.



94

### BARREL AGED BROWNIE BATTER BLEND #2 S'MORES {SPECIALTY WOOD-AGED BEER}

The fabled camping staple of s'mores was the inspiration for this delectable barrel-aged and blended stout.

## Monday Night



96

### SITUATIONAL ETHICS APPLE BRANDY BARREL-AGED {SPECIALTY WOOD-AGED BEER}

This decadent brew was aged in an apple brandy barrel with the additions of honey and vanilla beans.



94

### 7 DEADLY STOUTS {SPECIALTY WOOD-AGED BEER}

An incredibly complex imperial stout with a vast array of ingredients aged in a whopping seven different barrels.



94

### HERE COMES THE SUN {SPECIALTY IPA}

This hazy New England-style IPA is just as pleasant and welcoming as the classic Beatles song it's named after.

## Monday Night Brewing Second Runner-Up 2020

In 2019 and 2020, Monday Night Brewing in Atlanta, Georgia was our second runner-up for Brewery of the Year.

The brewery's top-scoring beer in our Official Review was **Situational Ethics Apple Brandy Barrel-Aged**, part of the brewery's ongoing Situational Ethics series. The series features a base imperial stout aged in different barrels, with this year's rendition being housed in apple brandy barrels. The barrels and the base beer provided an intoxicating mélange of aromas and flavors ranging from chocolate, vanilla and roasted malt as well as the expected apple and brandy notes – tying the entire brew together into a nearly flawless

world-class creation from the Monday Night brewing team.

Monday Night's next highest-scoring beer was **7 Deadly Stouts**, a fabulously complex brew that featured a staggering list of ingredients: 666 pounds of Ugandan vanilla beans, toasted coconut bark, toasted hazelnuts, coffee, Ghirardelli milk chocolate wafers and Saigon cinnamon bark. This entire brew was then aged in a series of seven different barrels. Talk about ambitious!

Rounding out the brewery's World Class and Exceptional reviews is **Here Comes The Sun**, a Specialty IPA that perfectly encapsulates the ever-popular New England IPA style with its pillowy mouthfeel and juicy hop quotient.

For two straight years, Monday Night Brewing has produced two beers that were given ratings of 96 in our Official Review – an impressive

achievement in its own right – but because they also provided two other beers with ratings of 94 each of those years, they qualified for Second Runner-Up in our Brewery of the Year rankings. Monday Night espouses the view that "weekends are overrated," and that you can have a great time with terrific friends and wonderful brews any night of the week – including the dreaded Monday. With two locations in Atlanta, one in Birmingham, Alabama and its most recent outpost opening in Nashville, Tennessee, this Georgia institution is poised for more growth across the Southeast in the coming years.

# The Best of 2019 BREWERIES

## Catching Atlanta Up On The Best In Beer



Josh Pfriem, pFriem Co-Founder and Brewmaster



Pete Batule, Upland Head of Brewing Operations & COO

### pFriem Family Brewers Brewery of the Year 2019

pFriem Family Brewers of Hood River, Oregon submitted an impressive eight beers in the 2019 Official Review that scored in the exceptional category. The brewery's two top-scoring World Class beers were both Fruit Lambics: **Oude Kriek** and **Brouwer's 14th Anniversary**.

The brewery's take on the famous kriek style (or lambic with cherries) was a zesty, tangy affair that was beautifully brewed. This hazy, funky and puckeringly tart brew is a near-perfect example of the kriek style, fully showcasing the pFriem brewers' mastery of their craft.

Brouwer's 14th Anniversary is another Fruit Lambic brewed with a far rarer ingredient: huckleberries! While the tartness and tangy, crisp mouthfeel remain, the sweetness of the unusual adjunct helps to cut into that sour element perfectly, leading to a world-class example of the style.

pFriem's **Golden Coffee Pale** impressed our judge with its wide, light malt structure, hop crispness and scrumptious coffee character – all in perfect harmony with one another.

### Upland Brewing First Runner-Up 2019

Upland Brewing Co. of Bloomington, Indiana had a terrific year in the 2019 Official Review.

Upland's slate of world-class and exceptional beers was headlined by **Juicy Harvest**, a wet-hopped hazy IPA that scored a World Class rating of 96. This beer is part of the brewery's Side Trail series, which reflects the brewery's "constant pursuit of the craft," according to Upland. "Each beer in the series is an innovative result of brewers experimenting with unusual recipes and flavors."

Just missing a chance at the top spot on our list, Upland's cleverly named **Bockness Monster** is sure to surprise imbibers with its powerhouse alcohol content (9.8% ABV) and wealth of malt aromas and flavors. Featuring label artwork featuring its inspiration, the Loch Ness Monster, this behemoth will provide wave upon wave of sultry flavor thanks to its 13 months spent in bourbon barrels.

Well-known for its sour beer program, Upland produced three sours that scored a 94 in our Official Review. The one featured here is **Twain**, a fantastically unique combination of barrel-aged and non-barrel-aged sours mixed together with cider for a decidedly spritzy drinking experience.



96

#### OUDE KRIEK {FRUIT LAMBIC}

Lush, juicy, locally grown cherries are added to this year-old lambic, leading to a dry, tangy and delightfully fruity brew.



96

#### BROUWER'S 14TH ANNIVERSARY {FRUIT LAMBIC}

Brewed with the rarely used huckleberry, this fascinating lambic offers up notes of candied melon, acai and pomegranate.



95

#### GOLDEN COFFEE PALE {SPICE, HERB OR VEGETABLE BEER}

Rich, nutty flavors combine with citrus and stone fruit for a bright, quaffable treat. Coffee and beer lovers rejoice!



96

#### JUICY HARVEST {AMERICAN IPA}

Hops fresh off the bine were used within 24 hours of picking to create the stunningly fresh hop character in this hazy IPA.



95

#### BOCKNESS MONSTER {SPECIALTY WOOD-AGED BEER}

A boozy, oaky and delectable bourbon barrel-aged doppelbock replete with complex malt aromas and flavors and molasses notes.



95

#### TWAIN {MIXED-STYLE BEER}

This hazy, quaffable brew is a thrilling combination of two different sours with apple cider.



Peter Kiley, Monday Night Brewmaster

## Monday Night Brewing Second Runner-Up 2019

Monday Night Brewing in Atlanta, Georgia was 2019's second runner-up for Brewery of the Year.

The brewery's top-scoring beer in our Official Review was **Stranger Danger**, an amusingly named beer that featured an astonishing combo: chocolate and peanut butter. Any discerning chocolate fan knows that peanut butter and chocolate is one of the finest flavor combinations in the history of food, so a beer that channels this truth was sure to be a hit. The fact that the beer isn't overly sweet or heavy goes a long way in showing just how skillful the brewers at Monday Night truly are.

Following that, the brewery actually had three beers that received a rating of 94, including **Lundi**, a smooth and elegant hazy IPA. Brewed with a delectable combination of Simcoe, Mosaic and El Dorado hops, this citrusy and pleasant brew expertly fits the bill for its style.

Rounding out Monday Night's World Class and Exceptional selections is **Currant Events**, a Wild Specialty Beer brewed with the rarely used adjuncts of black currants and boysenberries. Clocking in at 4.5 percent ABV, this sour tippie is a truly thirst-quenching fruited brew.



96

### STRANGER DANGER {EXPERIMENTAL BEER}

This beer is a candy lover's dream: a decadent imperial stout aged in bourbon barrels with chocolate and peanut butter.



94

### LUNDI IPA {AMERICAN IPA}

This elegant, lush IPA offers up abundant citrus notes in aroma and flavor topped off by a soft, pleasant mouthfeel.



94

### CURRENT EVENTS {WILD SPECIALTY BEER}

The addition of black currants and boysenberries provides a tantalizing fruit backbone for this easy-drinking tart ale.

# The Best of 2019-2021

## #1-Rated BEERS

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2021

### St. Feuillien FIVE

Brasserie St. Feuillien S.A.  
Le Rœulx | Belgium

Style: Belgian Blond Ale  
Availability: Year-Round  
ABV: 5.0%  
Serve at: 40 to 45°

**Rating: 98**

*Reviewed by Michael Bury*

Aroma: 24/24  
Appearance: 5/6  
Flavor: 39/40  
Mouthfeel: 10/10  
Overall Impression: 20/20

**This beer has been evaluated as a  
Belgian Blond Ale.  
(2015 BJCP Category 25A)**

**S**t. Feuillien FIVE poured a solid yellow color with significant haze and a tall, mousse-like white head that's persistent. It looked the part of a terrific brew as I admired it in its glass.

The aroma is more intense than a typical Belgian blond but very much welcome. Moderately high black pepper with coriander, orange and pear dominate throughout. Subtler notes of apple and even banana emerge as it warms up. It's a bit zippy with its high carbonation, but the gas allows the light grainy malt and restrained herbal hops to still present themselves clearly despite the other, more intense characteristics.

The flavor is exactly what you'd expect from a high-quality Belgian fermentation with a mélange of light pomme fruit flavors coupled with pepper, coriander and a hint of clove. The light herbal hop flavor and reserved hop bitterness balance the beer beautifully. Moderate grainy malt and herbal hops linger into the aftertaste following a dry finish.

St. Feuillien FIVE is the embodiment of the Belgian blond ale style due to its depth of fermentation character, quaffability and tremendous finesse, which few other beers can claim to have. Don't hesitate to put this into your rotation of go-to beers, as it's one of the finest beers I have had the privilege to drink. As close to flawless as possible.

2020

### Barrel Aged Brownie Batter Blend #1

Pontoon Brewing  
Georgia | United States

Style: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer  
Availability: Limited Release  
ABV: 13.1%  
IBUs: 55  
Serve at: 50°

**Rating: 98**

*Reviewed by Dan Martich*

Aroma: 24/24  
Appearance: 5/6  
Flavor: 40/40  
Mouthfeel: 9/10  
Overall Impression: 20/20

**This beer has been evaluated as a  
Specialty Wood-Aged Beer.  
(2015 BJCP Category 33B)**

**T**he aroma begins with moderate vanilla and an absence of the presumed oak barrel notes. Pleasant bourbon in the nose is front and center but not harsh.

In the appearance section, we find an opaque beer that has a foamy, medium brown head that was fizzy and short-lived.

Wow! Sweet roasted malty goodness is knocking at the door, so let it in! Big, bold flavors of espresso with a touch of cream and plenty of boozy alcohols play well for this beer's intended audience. These flavors continue to evolve, developing into a wondrously complex drinking experience. While the hop flavor and bitterness are absent, the finish is semi-sweet and drying. Sweet chocolate notes are here too, and a roasty malt bitterness gives this beer yet another dimension.

This is a world-class beer that you should drink a bottle of now and put one away in your beer cellar. I'm curious to know how this beer will age three, five or even ten years from now. The flavor notes may become more subtle, but the complexity dial will most likely turn up to eleven. If you ever wanted to taste time, effort and dedication in a bottle, this is it!

2019

### Terrible

Unibroue  
Quebec | Canada

Style: Belgian Dark Strong Ale  
Availability: Year-Round  
ABV: 10.5%  
IBUs: 15  
Served at: 50 to 55°

**Rating: 96**

*Reviewed by David Sapsis*

Aroma: 23/24  
Appearance: 6/6  
Flavor: 38/40  
Mouthfeel: 10/10  
Overall Impression: 19/20

**This beer has been evaluated as a  
Belgian Dark Strong Ale.  
(2015 BJCP Category 26D)**

**T**he beer is presented in a tulip glass after a big full and splashy pour at 44°F. The beer casts a dark brown color with some obvious haze but not opaque; the foam is creamy and fine.

The nose is redolent of dark caramel and light cocoa with dark-dried fruit and nuts and a side of dried herbs and molasses. Ethanol is evident in spades.

The flavor starts with a dark caramel malt and trails off quickly to a low-but-still-there bitterness with mid-palate flavors of dark fruit dates, black cherries, modest spice, some faint chocolate and dark Brazil nut and a hit of molasses at the end. Carbonic level is high. The late palate is surprisingly short and off-dry with black cherries and an almost cola-like character that lingers sweet and herbal in the finish. The alcohol is obvious in the beer, but it's not hot. Overall, the beer is elegant and absolutely delicious but not overly complex. The subdued phenols and excellent malt structure top to bottom really make this beer shine.

If you like rich, sweetish and strong dark ales with malt, alcohol and herbs dancing, seek this beer out – it is simply outstanding and clearly World Class.



Left: Edwin Dedoncker, Brasserie St. Feuillien CEO

Bottom Left: Sean O'Keefe (left), Pontoon CEO and Owner with Head Brewer Chris Baratz

Bottom: Jerry Vietz, Unibroue Brewmaster





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## Sizzling Summer Sports

*Summertime is the perfect time to attend an Atlanta area sporting event with a thirst-quenching lawnmower beer in hand!*

The picturesque **East Lake Golf Club** is the oldest golf course in the city of Atlanta and is this year's home to the PGA TOUR Championship FedExCup finals.

STORY BY: Jonathan Ingram

Don't miss Atlanta native Cori "Coco" Gauff, the youngest player ranked in the top 100 by the Women's Tennis Association at age 18. This June, she achieved her career-high ranking of number 13 in singles after making it to the final of the French Open.



July 10

### Quaker State 400 Atlanta

Crash course or fast course? At the first race on the newly reconfigured Atlanta Motor Speedway in March, speeds were up and the wreckage piled up, too, including one 13-car incident. Participants and fans will have a second look on July 10 when NASCAR's Cup Series returns for the Quaker State 400.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. fans have a chance to see him win—as a team owner in the Xfinity Series' Alcoso Uniforms 250, the preliminary race. JR Motorsports has three victories this season with three different drivers – Noah Gregson, Josh Berry and Justin Allgaier. Atlanta-born racer Rajah Caruth, an up-and-coming driver, finished second in the ARCA series event at the Kansas Speedway in mid-May, but his limited schedule in Xfinity does not include Atlanta.

July 22

### Braves Look for Another Jump-Start in July

July was the key month for the Atlanta Braves last year as they began a push to become the 2021 World Series Champions. The return of Ronald Acuña Jr. from a knee injury bodes well for a similar push in July this year – a month when Braves fans will have a rare opportunity.

Two of the brightest young stars in baseball are scheduled at Truist Park after the All-Star Game break when the Los Angeles Angels arrive for a three-game series starting Friday,

July 22. With Acuña clearly one of the brightest young offensive threats in baseball, the Angels come to town with tremendous star power of their own in the form of defending American League MVP Shohei Ohtani. Considered the most extraordinary player in the game, the Japanese righthander throws 100 mph from the mound, went 9-2 last year as a pitcher and hit 46 home runs. He is the first major league double-threat since Babe Ruth pitched and hit for the Boston Red Sox in 1919.

"Shotime" is sure to see pitching action for the AL in the All-Star Game, but that does not preclude a start against the Braves. Playing at Truist Park for the first time, the Angels also bring three-time MVP Mike Trout, who is off to a torrid start to the season.

July 23

### Path to U.S. Open Tennis Begins at Atlantic Station

Tennis anyone? The path to the U.S. Open men's division begins at Atlantic Station, where the Atlanta Open is one of the early USTA qualifying tournaments that leads to the finals in New York. Played on hard courts set up in a temporary stadium at the center of the complex's shopping district, the tourney runs July 23-31. Rangy defending champion and six-time Atlanta Open winner John Isner, who often towers above his opponents due to his 6'10" frame, has career winnings of over \$20 million.

The women's singles exhibition on Sunday night of the first weekend features Atlanta-born teen sensation Coco Gauff against Leylah



**Atlanta Motor Speedway (Hampton, GA)**

Be sure to check out Camp Brewing Co's cozy taproom Thursdays to Sundays when you're in town for the race.

Fernandez. At the age of 15, Gauff famously defeated Venus Williams at Wimbledon in 2019. Andres Martin of Georgia Tech's men's squad received this year's wild card berth.

**July 31  
Watch Atlanta Falcons Open Training Camp Practices in Flowery Branch**

The starting quarterback job for the Atlanta Falcons is open after Matt Ryan was traded to the Indianapolis Colts. Falcons brass acquired veteran Marcus Mariota in the absence of Ryan, then drafted Desmond Ridder in the third round, the second signal-caller taken in a down year for quarterbacks.

Fans can watch open training camp practices at the Falcons' facility in Flowery Branch on July 31, Aug. 1, 3, 4 and 5 by requesting complimentary tickets online in advance. Tickets are on sale for the remaining open practice at Mercedes-Benz Stadium on Aug. 7.

**August 12  
WNBA's Rookie Sensation Rhyne Howard and the Atlanta Dream vs. New York Liberty**

Atlanta may have another pro basketball superstar in addition to Trae Young of the Hawks. Rhyne Howard, the number one overall draft pick of the Atlanta Dream, quickly made her mark as the WNBA season got under way in May. The former Kentucky Wildcat, a 6'2" shooting guard, established the high-water mark in the league for scoring in the young season with 33 points against the Indiana Fever. The first rookie to win Player of the Week in the first week of her career in two decades, Howard is a much-needed tonic for the Dream. The team is competitive in the

Eastern Division race and on pace to break out of the doldrums after three straight seasons of single digits in the victory column.

Howard and the Dream will face off against New York Liberty star and fellow number one overall draft pick Sabrina Ionescu on August 12 as the Dream will be looking to put the finishing touches on what will hopefully be a playoff-bound season.

**August 13  
Atlanta United vs. FC Cincinnati**

What is it with knee injuries to Atlanta's sports stars? Atlanta United is scheduled for eight home games in July and August, including August 13 against FC Cincinnati, which played UTD to a draw in an earlier game this season. Star striker Josef Martinez is expected to be back on offense in the match after arthroscopic knee surgery. In his absence, the Five Stripes suffered several one-goal losses and although not as prolific since the 2018 MLS Cup championship season, Martinez can definitely spice up the offense. He had ACL surgery on the same right knee in 2020.

**August 24  
PGA TOUR Championship at East Lake Golf Club**

The TOUR Championship returns in August. The conclusion of the PGA Tour Championship's FedExCup playoffs has returned to the last weekend in August at East Lake Golf Club. The two most recent Masters champions, Scotty Scheffler and Hideki Matsuyama, are among the favorites in the three-round format coming to Atlanta. 2018 East Lake winner Tiger Woods intends to participate in all four majors in 2022 after recovering from leg surgery. But, absent a victory, Woods is not likely to qualify for the FedExCup playoffs.



Catch a Braves game this summer at Truist Park where you can enjoy a Terrapin Chopsecutioner, which is brewed with actual... **MIZUNO BASEBALL BAT CHIPS!**



Atlanta United's home field, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, was voted #1 in variety of beverages.



Arches Brewing in Hapeville has partnered with the Atlanta Dream on Dream Empire Vienna Lager, which will be available at Dream home games.



**Falcons Training Camp:** With two breweries - Indio Brewing Co. and Liquid Nation Brewing Co. - less than 20 minutes away from Flowery Branch, you won't stay thirsty for long.



## Music & Arts Events

STORY BY: Kurt Spurlock

*Summer events in Atlanta revolve around two things: Outdoor festivals and great music. Well, that and spending some quality time floating down the Chattahoochee River – preferably with a cold drink in hand.*

*Of course, you're free to hop in the 'Hooch anytime you please, but if you're not up to speed on the litany of shows, festivals and gatherings coming through ATL this summer, you might miss something crucial. We just couldn't live with ourselves if that were to happen, so we decided to put together this handy guide to ensure your summer in Atlanta is a memorable one.*



July 15-16

### Tedeschi Trucks Band

Former Allman Brothers guitarist Derek Trucks and his wife, singer/songwriter Susan Tedeschi, bring their unique and Grammy-winning take on blues/rock to the Fox Theatre for two nights in July. The duo and their 10-piece supporting band are joined by Americana powerhouses Los Lobos, who have a few Grammys of their own, and Gabe Dixon for both nights.

Fox Theatre  
660 Peachtree St NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308



Scan QR code for tickets and information.



July 23

### Atlanta Ice Cream Festival

It's no secret that Atlanta summers are hot and humid, which is why the annual Atlanta Ice Cream Festival debuted back in 2010. The party returns to Piedmont Park on July 23rd from 11am to 6pm complete with frozen treats of every description, food vendors, arts and crafts, children's activities and a generous helping of live music.

Piedmont Park  
1320 Monroe Dr  
Atlanta, GA 30306



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July 30

## Kendrick Lamar

Kendrick Lamar is back on tour following the release of his first full-length album in five years, *Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers*. The Grammy- and Pulitzer Prize-winning artist comes to Atlanta on Saturday, July 30th along with supporting artists Baby Keem and Tanna Leone.

State Farm Arena  
1 State Farm Dr.  
Atlanta, GA 30303



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August 10

## Red Hot Chili Peppers & The Strokes

The Peppers are back on tour supporting their new album *Unlimited Love*, and it's a big deal for two reasons: First, the immeasurably talented guitarist John Frusciante is back in the band after a decade-long hiatus, which makes this a rare opportunity even for die-hard fans. Second, they're touring with New York rock legends The Strokes, who are well worth the ticket price all on their own. And lastly Grammy-winner Thundercat is the opening act. That's a win-win-win if we've ever heard one.

Truist Park  
155 Battery Ave  
Atlanta, GA 30339



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August 20-21

## Piedmont Park Arts Summer Festival

Support the arts! The Atlanta Arts Festival is an all-weekend event held in Piedmont Park and is home to an eclectic assortment of over 200 visual artists and craftsmen. Painters, leatherworkers, photographers, jewelers, sculptors and more gather here every year to exhibit their wares alongside local food and drink vendors and live musicians.

Piedmont Park  
1320 Monroe Dr  
Atlanta, GA 30306



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August 8

## Leon Bridges

You're going to want to go ahead and plan a three-day weekend for this one: Grammy-winning R&B artist and Atlanta native Leon Bridges is playing the fabulous Fox Theatre on Monday, August 8th, and is supported by none other than the massively talented and Grammy-nominated band Little Dragon. The show starts at 8pm and it's sure to be a party, so maybe consider calling out on Tuesday while you're at it.

Fox Theatre  
660 Peachtree St NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308



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August 19-21

## Atlanta Underground Film Festival

The Atlanta Film Series is a four-part event showcasing the best of local films from every genre. This year's Atlanta Underground Film Festival is the third installment of the event, and it specializes in local indie and short films. Showings bounce around both inside and outdoors in multiple venues including Ponce City Market's beloved Roll Call Theatre. Whether you're interested in checking out just one day or all three, you can learn more at [www.auff.org](http://www.auff.org).

Various Locations



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August 24

## Santana and Earth, Wind & Fire

Rock, soul, funk, jazz, disco and just about any other genre you might enjoy will be represented and absolutely crushed on August 24th when music legends Carlos Santana and Earth, Wind & Fire attempt to burn down Cellairis (formerly Lakewood) Amphitheatre by sharing a single stage. Whatever you do, for the love of God, don't leave the house without your dancing shoes.

Cellairis Amphitheatre  
2022 Lakewood Way  
Atlanta, GA 30315



Scan QR code for tickets and information.

STORY BY: Jim Dykstra

**July**

**July 2**

**Don't Tread on Mead Party  
@ Viking Alchemist Meadery**

**2pm - 10pm**

Kick off summer with apparel brand 1776 United's first annual independence day bash, featuring limited bourbon barrel-aged mead, specialty beer on tap, live music, food trucks, axe throwing and more.

**July 3 / July 10**

**Buttered Bourbon  
@Wild Heaven Beer**

**3pm - 6pm**

Enjoy your favorite beer at Wild Heaven Beer's original Avondale location and tap your toes to the 'lounge folk' stylings of Buttered Bourbon – a blend of jazz, blues, bluegrass and mellow rock music.

**July 7**

**Fifth Place Comedy  
@Pour Taproom West Midtown**

**7pm**

Atlanta's favorite weekly comedy showcase featuring local comics, surprise drop-ins and 88 featured beers on tap in a pay-by-the-ounce model. RSVP ahead of time to get 10% off your tab.

**July 8 / August 12**

**Savanna Nights Craft Cocktail Series  
@ Zoo Atlanta**

**6pm - 9pm**

Perfect for a date night, enjoy a selection of craft cocktails and live music amidst the animals of the African Savanna at Zoo Atlanta.

**July 8**

**Fern  
@ Steady Hand Beer Co.**

Enjoy a relaxing night of classic jam band energy by the band Fern. If you miss them at Steady Hand, check them out the following evening, July 9, at SweetWater Brewing Co.!

**July 9**

**Atlanta Creole/Kreyol/Kriol/Criolo/Crioulo  
Food Festival**

**@ Best End Brewing Co.  
2pm - 10pm**

Showcasing the best Creole chefs, cuisines and beverages from the Caribbean, Africa, Europe, Asia and South America. A festival featuring everything from tourism boards, rising star chefs, beverage connoisseurs, bartenders providing signature drinks, sample dishes, cooking demos and more.

**July 10**

**2022 RunTheATL  
@ Boxcar Hop City**

For the bold and thirsty, the 2022 Summer RunTheATL 20-mile loop around the city begins and ends at Boxcar at Hop City. Best to save the drinking for the post-run recovery! More details at RunTheATL.com.



**July 15**

**ATL Pancakes and Booze Festival  
@ Georgia Freight Depot**

**8pm - 1am**

Two things red-blooded Americans love, pancakes and booze, all rolled into one massive pop-up art exhibition featuring work from over 100 local artists. Live music, bodypainting, free all-you-can-eat pancakes and copious libations against the backdrop of Underground ATL.

**July 15 - 16**

**Brews 'n Grooves Monthly Concert Series  
@ Best End Brewing Co.**

**10pm - 2am**

Tunes and libations flow all night at Best End, with live music from local artists hosted by That Boy Ren every third Friday of the month.

**July 16**

**Whole Hog Butchery  
@ Second Self Beer Co.**

**10am - 12pm**

Get to know cuts of pork from the inside-out. During this interactive demonstration, hosts Rusty and Rohaan break down a whole pig while explaining various cuts of meat and the nuances of butchery. After the demonstration, class attendees enjoy a lunch of grilled various cuts from the pig, Southern vegetables and a tasting of beverages made by Second Self Beer Co.. Each participant has the chance to cut and take home their own pork chop or pork steak.

**July 21 / August 18**

**Alive in Roswell Monthly Festival Series  
@ Historic Roswell**

**5pm**

A festival held in Historic Roswell featuring music, food trucks, hundreds of interactive vendors, kids' games and entertainment that enjoys participation from the many boutiques, small businesses, restaurants and, most importantly, breweries from around Roswell.

**July 27**

**HIIT & Sip  
@ New Realm Brewing**

Even your keel with a 50-minute, high-intensity interval training workout at New Realm followed by a couple brews to ease the burn. Bring a mat, towel and some water.

**July 30**

**Country Wine Making Class  
@ Beer and Wine Craft &  
Sandy Springs Boutique Winery**

**10:30am**

The perfect way to learn how to make delicious wine from grapes, or just about anything else, followed by a sampling of some favorite creations in the tasting room.

**July 30**

**Honahlee-Land  
@ Fire Maker Brewing Co.**

One of the biggest events of the summer! Billed as a "Dragon Con meets beer festival," Honahlee-Land is an annual celebration full of bands, food vendors, games and entertainment featuring the mystical "Hazy Triple IPA," Honahlee. Bursting with tropical fruit flavor from big hop additions, this brew sits on fresh pineapple for over a week before it finds its way into your eager hands.

**August**

**August 13**

**Atlanta Summer Wine Festival  
@ City Winery Atlanta**

**Session 1: 12pm-4pm**

**Session 2: 6pm-10pm**

Atlanta Wine Festivals hosts the 5th Atlanta Summer Wine Festival at City Winery Atlanta. Tickets include entry, entertainment, souvenir acrylic wine glass, and the event features over 50 wines, beers, ciders, seltzers, live music and a DJ.

**August 18**

**Jekyll Brewing City Center  
@ Downtown Alpharetta Trails and Ales Walk**

For a family friendly event, register at Jekyll and enjoy a 1.5-3-mile scenic walk guided by a City of Alpharetta staff member, followed by a post-walk social at the brewery. \$15 registration fee includes a Trails & Ales t-shirt or other swag and a beverage token for the Jekyll Brewing post-trail social!

**August 20**

**13th Annual German Bierfest  
@ Woodruff Park**

**2pm - 7pm**

Head to Woodruff Park for an incredible day of authentic German beers, music and food. Festival fans will receive a commemorative glass to enjoy unlimited samples of more than 35 authentic German Beers. Designated driver tickets are available for \$10, which includes event admission plus unlimited soft drinks and water.

**August Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**@ Monday Night Brewing**

Good deals are hard to come by these days. Thankfully, Monday Night Brewing has you covered mid-week, hosting \$4 Pint Nights every Tuesday night at its original West Midtown location. The deal includes all core and seasonal beers on tap. Be sure to ask your beertender if you have any questions. Thursdays are also a good deal. For \$15, you get 6 pours of beers and a free pint glass. Both of these deals run from 4pm to 9pm.




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## Iron Hill Brings “Feel Good” Food and Beer to Dunwoody

*The most award-winning brewery east of the Mississippi opened its second GA location last summer.*

**STORY BY:** Jim Dykstra

Iron Hill’s on-site scratch kitchen serves up a bevy of tremendous dishes, including appetizers, soups, burgers and sandwiches as well as a variety of specials such as baja-style fish tacos and chicken & baby back ribs with Bedotter Ale barbecue glaze.



**T**his time last year, Dunwoody welcomed Iron Hill Brewery to its ranks – the 20th location for the most award-winning brewery east of the Mississippi.

It would be Iron Hill’s second location in Georgia, fast on the heels of a 2020 opening for a Buckhead location, which managed to find firm footing amidst pandemic chaos. How did they iron out the kinks? Here’s the inside scoop on one of Atlanta’s hottest new craft establishments.

### Fresh Iron in Dunwoody

Founded in 1996, in Newark, Delaware, Iron Hill distinguished itself as many other successful brands have – by focusing on quality and standards. The decision to ensure every location would brew beer on-site helped keep beers and creativity fresh. The model was in line with what craft is all about, and the results spoke for themselves.

The Dunwoody location, or Iron Hill Perimeter, boasts its own on-site craft brewing facility and scratch kitchen on top of a 7,500-square-foot space with seating for approximately 350 guests in the bar area and dining room plus additional patio seating. Its menu features appetizers & soups, burgers & sandwiches, hearth-baked pizzas, salads, entrées and several craft kitchen items inspired by award-winning beers – including the Vienna red lager-battered baja-style fish tacos and



the chicken & baby back ribs with Bedotter Ale barbecue glaze.

In addition to the core menu, the head chef offers rotating selections of feature dishes made to be paired with Iron Hill’s signature beers, and a rotating list of seasonal offerings made on site, which are available on tap. Online ordering, take out, delivery, plus beer to-go are also available at this location.

Iron Hill’s signature dessert, the Triple Chocolate Hill, is truly a “feel good” choice. For each one sold, Iron Hill donates 75 cents to CureSearch for Children’s Cancer, and another 75 cents to a local charity. As part of this program, the Perimeter location partnered with Malachi’s Storehouse, an organization dedicated to addressing food insecurity in Metro Atlanta.

### Ironclad Legacy

The brewery gets its name from the Battle of Cooch’s Bridge, also known as the Battle of Iron Hill, fought on September 3, 1777, between the Continental Army and American militia, outside of Newark, Delaware, where Iron Hill was founded.

200 years later, Delaware local Kevin Finn began homebrewing with friend Mark Edelson, quickly entering and winning competitions for their beer. Not long after, they would partner with restaurant professional Kevin Davies to cement the core Iron Hill model, and within a year they would be an established brewery

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with a Great American Beer Festival gold medal win for their Lodestone Lager.

Iron Hill's cycle of growth made a full revolution in 2020, when it opened a large-scale production brewery at its Exton, PA location, entering the off-premises retail beer market in Delaware and surrounding states.

A key to Iron Hill's continued success is its proper delegation of power. Its general business 'charter' sets it up for success, and individual locations employ talented brewers, chefs and knowledgeable servers to fully localize each experience. Iron Hill Perimeter is no different.

**Iron Hill Perimeter Food and Beverage**

There's no shortage of beer to try at Iron Hill. With over 15 beers on draft and as many in cans, you'll have plenty of styles to pair with the extensive food menu. Standouts include Imperial Stout, Bedotter Tripel and the Vienna Red Lager, each heavily decorated with GABF and World Beer Cup hardware. The newly canned Lemon Cerveza lager promises to quench summer thirst.

To add to its roster, Iron Hill also has a few Bottled Reserves, pieces of 'drinkable history' with a heap of medals to their names. These bombers are perfect for special occasions.

These include Big Pig Porter, Russian Imperial Stout and Solzhenitsyn, a 9.8% aged version of the RIS named after the famous Russian novelist. These two sister beers have taken home 17 GABF and WBC medals between them, which says all you need to know about their quality.

The food menu is extensive. There are a dozen appetizers from fried Brussel sprouts to mushroom and brie egg rolls, as well as many soups and salads and shareable table foods such as warm mini croissants with housemade whipped orange honey butter – a good option to pair with the pineapple-infused INKredibly Juicy IPA.

You'll find 12 burgers, sandwiches and tacos to choose from along with 10 brewhouse entrées from blackened chicken linguine to Moroccan salmon served with buttery mashed potatoes, *haricots verts* with toasted almonds, red onion jam, scallion sauce and lemon – perfect to pair with a Lemon Cerveza.

Iron Hill Perimeter's menu is versatile enough to make it a perfect location for a light weekday lunch and happy hour drink or a weekend celebration with friends. You can keep things easy with finger foods and focus on the beer or come for an all-out feast. There may be wilder, more experimental options in Atlanta, but few can guarantee quality as confidently as Iron Hill.



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# LIMITED RELEASE CALENDAR

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Release Date	Producer	Locations*	Brand	Availability
July 1	Arches Brewing	Hapeville	Sap Stories: Chapter 1	TAP, LRD
July 1	Redtop Brewhouse	Acworth	Farmhouse Saison	TAPO
July 1	Reformation Brewery	Canton, Woodstock	There & Back Again	TAPO
July 1	Reformation Brewery	Canton, Woodstock	Base Camp - Mountaintown Creek Trail	TAPO
July 1	Cultivation Brewing	Norcross	Gather 'Round	TAPO
July 16	Fall Line Brewing	Macon	Warped Pour Prickly Pear	TAP, LRD
July 15	Reformation Brewery	Canton, Woodstock	Knucksie	TAPO
July 16	High Card Brewing	Tucker	Elvis is Everywhere	TAPO
July 29	Cochran Mill Brewing	Fairburn	Flying Kiwi v2	TAPO
July 29	Arches Brewing	Hapeville	Yūrei	TAP, LRD
August 1	Redtop Brewhouse	Acworth	Solara Saison	TAPO
August 5	Reformation Brewery	Canton, Woodstock	Southern Hemisphere #3 - Dry Hopped Pilsner Series (New Zealand Nectar)	TAPO
August 6	Service Brewing	Savannah	Teufel Hunden Oktoberfest Märzen	TAP, LRD
August 6	Line Creek Brewing	Peachtree City	Melted Ice Cream Sandwich Nitro Stout	TAPO
August 6	Line Creek Brewing	Peachtree City	Spicy Nugs Mango Habanero IPA	TAPO
August 26	Arches Brewing	Hapeville	Festbier	TAPO
August 26	Reformation Brewery	Canton, Woodstock	Forage - Key Lime Pie	TAPO
September 1	Redtop Brewhouse	Acworth	Oatmeal Stout	TAPO
September 9	Fall Line Brewing	Macon	Web Walker	TAP, LRD
<b>Seasonal Products</b>				
July & August	Arches Brewing	Hapeville	Heritage Helles	TAP, LRD
July & August	Best End Brewing	Atlanta	Friend of Dorothy	TAP, LRD
July & August	Burnt Hickory Brewery	Kennesaw	Plum Arcadia	TAP, LRD
July & August	Cherry Street Brewing	Alpharetta, Cumming	Juicy Suzy	TAP, LRD
July & August	Creature Comforts Brewing	Athens	Pineapple and Lemon Athena Paradiso	TAP, BRD
July & August	Currahee Brewing	Alpharetta	Stay Peachy	TAP, LRD
July & August	Glover Park Brewery	Marietta	Peachin' to the Choir Hard Seltzer	TAPO
July & August	Halfway Crooks Beer	Atlanta	Summertime Lemon Radler	TAPO
July & August	Ironmonger Brewing	Marietta	Orange Quench	TAP, LRD
July & August	Liquid Nation Brewing	Gainesville	American Obsession	TAP, LRD
July & August	NoFo Brew	Cumming	Skipping Stones	TAPO
July & August	Riverwatch Brewery	Canton, Woodstock	NPR Wheat	TAPO
July & August	Variant Brewing	Roswell	Daybreak Wit	TAPO
July & August	SweetWater Brewing	Atlanta	Glacial India Pale Cold Ale	TAP, BRD
July & August	Three Taverns Craft Brewery	Decatur	Saporous	TAP, BRD

**Release Date:** Date available for purchase

**Producer:** Brewery, cidery, meadery, distillery

**Brand:** Beer, cider, mead, seltzer, spirits, specialty beverages

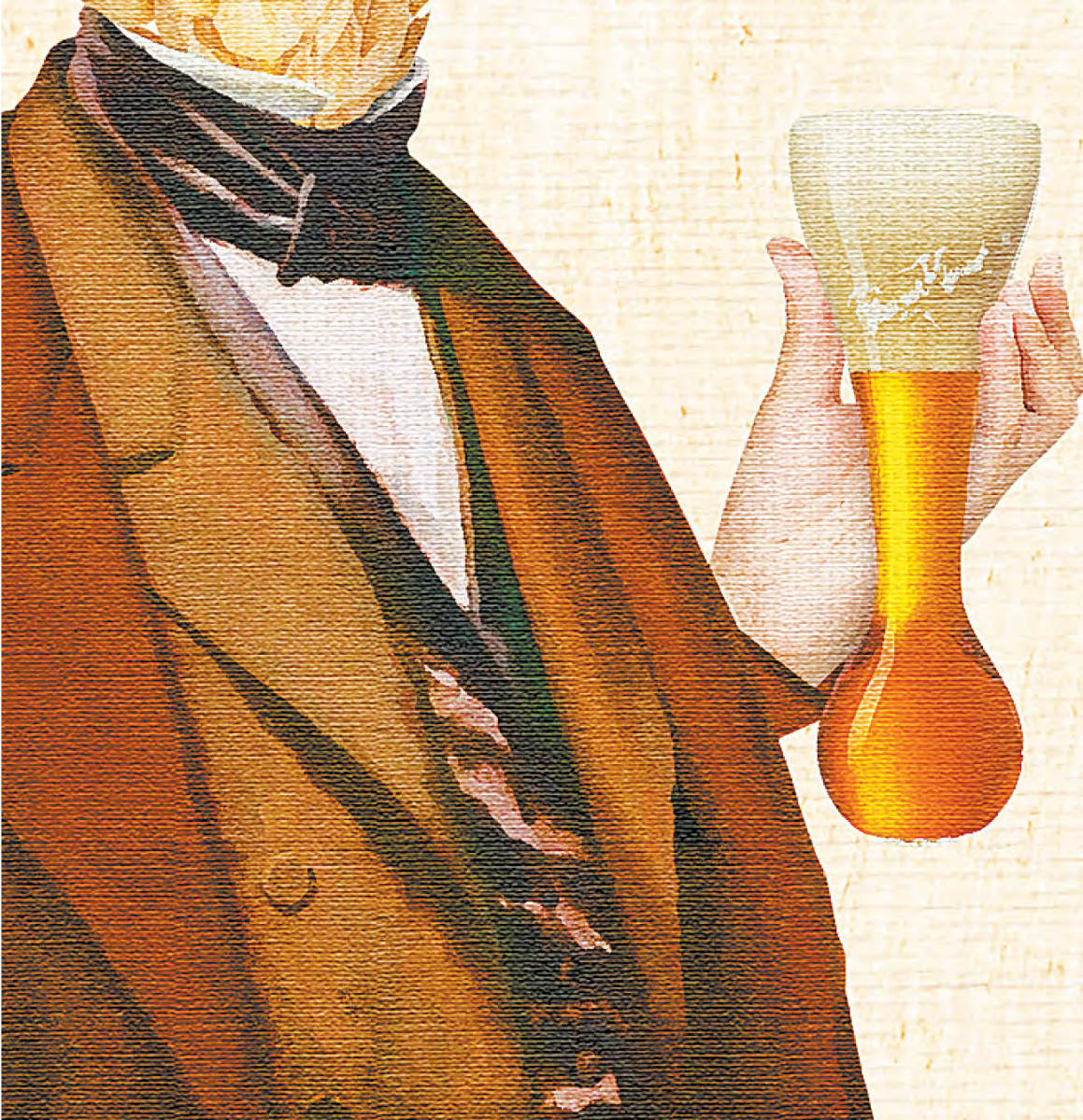
**Availability:** (TAP) Producer's Taproom, (TAPO) Producer's Taproom Only, (LRD) Limited Retail Distribution, (BRD) Broad Retail Distribution

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## Arches Brewing Co-Founder Jeff Dake Talks *Yūrei*

INTERVIEW BY: Chris Guest

I spoke with Arches Brewing Co-Founder Jeff Dake about his brewery's summer seasonal Japanese-style lager that received high praise from our judge Michael Heniff. *Yūrei* is a wonderfully engaging summer sipper that is sure to pair well with all manner of foods, as its mild sweetness and light, piquant maltiness would complement rich umami flavors in backyard favorites such as burgers and barbecue as well as sweeter desserts. This beer is only available for a limited time during the summer months, so be sure to nab a six-pack or three before they're gone!

### What's your favorite aspect of this beer (flavor, aroma, etc.)?

The stone fruit that underlies the flavor profile really sets this beer apart. You get a clean apricot aroma and taste, and the bitterness is reminiscent of the sharp bite of the fruit near the pit. The light body makes the sweet fruit flavor so powerful, and it leaves a distinct aftertaste.

### Where does this beer's name come from?

The name is Japanese and approximately translates to "ghost." We named the beer as an amalgamation of both the country of origin for the style and the primary hop used Grungeist, which is German for "Green ghost."

### Is this your "desert island beer?"

While we only make *Yūrei* as a seasonal release, I could drink this beer all year round.

### Do you know a story – or have a personal story – that revolves around this beer?

On our original printing of the cans, we described the flavor the Grungeist hops imparted to the beer and how it influenced the name. Despite several brewers proof-reading the label, we misspelled the hop as "Grugeist." Figuring that no one would really notice, we went with the labels as is. We were surprised that just as frequently as people sent us messages about how much they



### JUDGE'S REVIEW

by: Michael Heniff

**Rated 94  
(Exceptional)**

Aroma: 22 / 24

Appearance: 6 / 6

Flavor: 37 / 40

Mouthfeel: 10 / 10

Overall Impression: 19 / 20

*Yūrei* by Arches Brewing is a Japanese-style Lager and was evaluated as an **International Pale Lager, Category 2A** via the 2015 BJCP Beer Style Guidelines

These beers are golden-colored lagers with less adjuncts than typical American lagers. The malt is light but noticeable, esters are not present and the hop intensity can be from low to medium. *Yūrei* is brewed with German Grungeist hops.

*Yūrei* pours golden in color with a good clarity and a big, fluffy white head. The aroma is of moderate-light apricot and spicy hops over a light pils malt. The flavor is moderate-light pils malt that is evenly balanced by spicy and herbal hops with citrusy notes. The beer finishes dry and crisp with a moderately light bitterness, light pils malt and light spicy hops.

*Yūrei* has a quality pils malt flavor that is well balanced by a unique hop that has traditional noble hop spicy and herbal characters to go along with citrus and apricot.

Cheers, Prost, Kanpai!



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loved the beer, they also had to point out that they noticed a typo in our description! It just goes to show that craft beer enthusiasts pay attention to the details.

### Can you describe this beer in 10 words or less?

Light, dry, subtle stone fruit and apricot flavors.

### What's a good food pairing for this beer?

*Yūrei* pairs well with all ramen, especially Tonkatsu where the dry pilsner character can work as a foil to the silky pork bone broth. It's also a great surprise pairing with sweet lychee-based desserts.

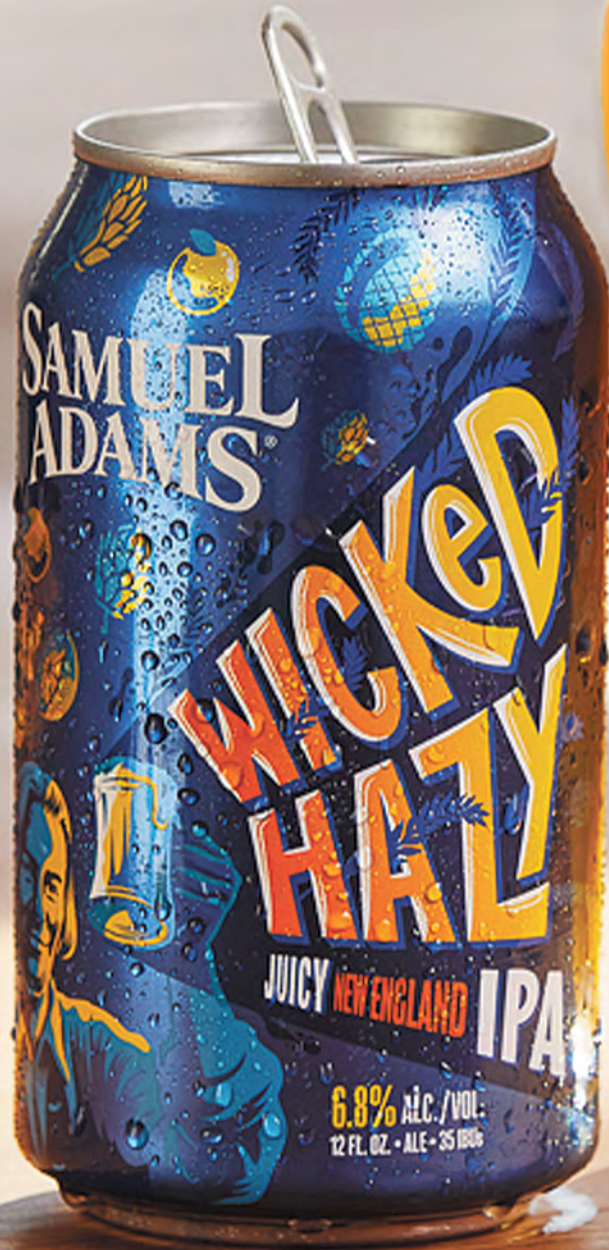


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