

Amberley Beer Festival 2016 – Tasting Notes

Arundel Wild Heaven 5.2%

A collaboration with Wild Heaven Brewery in Georgia, this classic American Pale Ale is a hop forward, grapefruit led beer with a dry, lingering aftertaste.

Arundel Summer Daze 4.7%

An amber coloured premium beer with fruit and hops in the aroma. The use of Cascade hops gives an initial citrus flavour followed by a hint of fruit and a nice bitter finish.

Black Jack Equinox 6.0%

A single hopped clear golden IPA with a high grapefruit citrus character.

Black Jack Dragons Tears 5.2%

A jasmine tea saison with fruit aromas and a dry, spicy, herbal hop bitterness.

Bristol Beer Factory Bitter Kiwi 5.0%

An aromatic New Zealand hopped pale ale. Really strong tropical fruit aromas make it a hugely refreshing drink.

Bristol Beer Factory Enigma 4.4%

A new world red ale brewed to balance maximum flavour with endless drinkability. Delicately dry hopped with the unique Enigma hop alongside a blend of the most fruity aromatic hops they could find.

Brighton Bier West Pier Pale 4.0%

A modern pale ale which is crisp and clean, built around classic American hops including Columbus and Cascade.

Burning Sky Aurora 5.6%

A premium strength pale ale, Aurora has a satisfying blend of malts to provide a juicy backbone and a pale amber colour.

Burning Sky Plateau 3.5%

Pale gold in colour, with a crisp malt edge and sharp bitterness. Plateau has been hopped at different stages of the brew with a big mix of US and NZ hops to satisfy the discerning drinker.

Crouch Vale Brewers Gold 4.0%

A pale, refreshing and extravagantly hoppy golden beer with aromas of topical fruits.

Crouch Vale Jarrylo 4.0%

Named after the Slavic god of fertility and springtime, the Jarrylo hop is derived from Summit which gives a distinctive banana, pear and spice aroma to this golden beer.

Dark Star Original 5.0%

The brewery's eponymous former Champion Beer of Britain, a dark strong bitter beer that defies classification. It has a complex malt flavour with a hint of burnt flavour from the mixture of Crystal and Chocolate grist.

Dark Star Festival 5.0%

A chestnut-bronze coloured bitter with a smooth mouth feel and freshness.

Dark Star Hylder Blonde 4.2%

A delicate and lightly hopped beer with the fresh fruitiness of South Downs elderflowers, which are added after the boil to preserve their delicate aroma.

Dark Star Sunburst 4.8%

A hint of initial sweetness adds to the fruitiness and grapefruit tang of this summer ale with detracting from its clean flavour and rich hop aroma.

Dark Star Revelation 5.7%

A blend of Columbus, Chinook, Cascade, Crystal and Warrior hops go into this beer which is then dry hopped during conditioning.

Downlands Black Seven Four 7.4%

A deeply dark liquid abounding with nutty, chocolate, toffee, coffee and subtle smokey flavours.

Downlands Session Oatmeal Stout 4.2%

A luxurious and creamy mid-to-full bodied session strength Oatmeal Stout with deliberately understated coffee & liquorice flavours and a smooth slightly sweet finish.

Fat Cat Green Tea & Lemon EPA 5.0%

Golden Maris Otter barley provides the malt base to carry English hop flavours of Admiral, First Gold and Progress. And then they went a bit mad and added a “whisker” of tea and lemon

Fat Cat Rhubarb & Rose Petal EPA 5.0%

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Firebird Summer Sorachi 4.1%

A super pale ale packed with bitterness and in your face aroma. A stand up and be counted thirst quencher.

Firebird Two Horses 3.8%

A pale ale intensely hopped with Simcoe, Willamette, Centennial and Cascade varieties from the US to give a bold aroma and intense bitterness which punches well above it's ABV.

Franklins North Shore IPA 5.5%

Inspired by a trip to the Coromandel this is a bold flavoured dingle hopped IPA. The robust New Zealand Rakau hop gives big fruit flavours, apricot and resinous pine coming in waves against a sweet malty backdrop.

Franklins Smoked Porter 5.0%

An English hopped porter with an extremely pleasant smokiness from the German barley which is smoked over beechwood fires.

Goldmark American Hop Idol 4.4%

A pale ale brewed using six American hop varieties balanced with roasted malt.

Goldmark Red IPA 4.3%

A refreshingly hoppy red ale brewed using five American hops.

Great Heck Washington Red 4.7%

Brewed with Columbus and Mount Hood hops and then dry hopped with Chinook, this beer has a slightly red colour and a hint of sweetness.

Great Heck Black Jesus 6.5%

Black as the coal mined from beneath the brewery, this beer is a black IPA brewed with biblical quantities of premium American hops and special dehusked German roasted malt.

Great Heck Amish Mash 4.7%

A cloudy, hoppy Weizen brewed with Apollo, Bravo and Galena hops. It is light, refreshing and extremely fruity as the hops balance the banana and clove notes from the German yeast. This beer is naturally cloudy as it is unfiltered, and it therefore suitable for vegans.

Great Heck Apocalypse Now 6.1%

A super smooth, strong, dark ale made from a blend of Yakima IPA and Patrick Irish Stout. The constituent parts of the beer complement one another to give a rich, satisfying ale with a silky mouth feel, bold flavour and potent punch.

Green Jack Ripper 8.5%

Inspired by Belgian Tripel beers, this champion Barley Wine is dangerously drinkable. Rich amber in colour, Ripper is sweet and fruity with a warming finish.

Green Jack Red Herring 5.0%

Brewed as a tribute to the smokehouse that the brewery is built into, this is a rich fruity red ale brewed with Oak and Beech smoked malt, which gives the beer a subtle smoky finish.

Hammerpot Red Hunter 4.3%

A dark ruby bitter with a full bodied, rich and slightly vinous malt character, balanced with the finest English hops.

Hammerpot Brighton Belle 4.6%

A pale amber bitter with fresh floral hop notes, spicy orange, crisp grapefruit and a hint of caramel.

Ilkley Summer 4.0%

A dark golden coloured refreshing beer with orange, citrus, mango and vanilla flavours leading to a dry finish.

Ilkley Hanging Stone 5.0%

A rich and creamy oatmeal stout with a bitter finish of forest fruits and coffee and a nose of treacle, chocolate and smoke. The beer is named for the abundance of Celtic runes found on the moors surrounding the brewery.

Hawkshead Dry Stone Stout 4.5%

A dry oatmeal stout, named after that enduring feature of the Lake District. Aromas of coffee and chocolate, complex rich deep flavour from a blend of seven malts, moderate bitterness and a long dry finish make Dry Stone Stout a satisfying and warming black beer.

Hawkshead Brodies Prime 4.9%

A dark, ruby brown, rich, complex beer with aromas of dark chocolate, treacle sweet flavours, roasted bitterness and a surprising fruitiness from a medley of English and American hops.

Harveys Armada 4.5%

A premium bitter with vibrant hop tones – a brewer's choice. Commissioned by the Greenwich Maritime Museum in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

Harveys Wild Hop 3.7%

Brewed with the aptly named "Sussex Hop", originally found growing wild in a hedgerow in Sussex, this is a beautifully balanced beer, which is a bit on the wild side.

Kissingate Four & Twenty 7.2%

Smooth, chocolatey and creamy vanilla. Overtones of smoked oak and raisins.

Kissingate Pernickety Pale 4.5%

Gentle malt and biscuit notes balanced with peach fruit and a bitter sweet finish.

Kissingate Metal Cat 5.8%

A strong amber ale with a rich toffee and roasted nut character ending with a gathering sherbet bitterness.

Langham Saison 3.9%

Belgian Saison yeast gives an amazing banana/clove nose, "super" hopped with a blend of German malts for a fabulous dry finish plus a lovely creamy head. Unfiltered, so vegan friendly.

Langham Decennium 4.0%**Langham Easy Ryeder 4.1%****Lazy Lizard Primavera 4.6%**

An orange sunset coloured ale with hints of grapefruit, caramel, saffron spice, drenched in tangerine and orange aroma. Made with the finest German red caramelised barley and balanced with American hops for a crisp finish.

Lazy Lizard Verano 4.8%

A refreshing crisp, summer rain ale with hints of wild flowers, spices, pine and a mango aroma. Made with maris otter barley, English and American hops including the beautiful Simcoe.

Marble Built to Fall 5.6%

A fresh American Pale Ale singing with ripe white flesh nectarines, floral-tropical notes and a hint of tangerine. Lovely resinous pine sap and ripe Seville oranges lead out to a thirst quenching and super zesty grapefruit finish.

Marble Earl Grey 6.8%

A copper coloured IPA with a malty flavour, floral hop notes and an Earl Grey tea finish.

Milk Street Bootleg Beer 4.2%

A session IPA with big hop flavours.

Milk Street Golden Moonshine 4.5%

An amber ale which is full of bitterness and great, fresh, floral flavours.

Rother Valley Golden Valley 4.2%

Brewed with both lager and wheat malts, this celebration of summer is smooth and light.

Saltaire Pacifica 5.5%

Seven New World hops from around the Pacific rim are used to create this balance beer with citrus and grapefruit notes.

Saltaire Empress 5.0%

A traditional English pale ale with a good malt base, strong bitterness and the marmalade citrus flavours of the Golding hop.

Thornbridge Black Harry 3.9%

A fruity aroma with notes of raspberry, a light creamy body and long nutty finish. Dark, refreshing and very drinkable.

Thornbridge Hopton 4.3%

A burnt gold Pale Ale brewed with Pioneer and Bramling Cross hops. Slight malt aromas with a hint of lime and lemon peel. Medium bodied with biscuit character and citrus in the taste.

Vocation Bread & Butter 3.9%

Layers of US hops are set against a backbone of British malts, so what this beer lacks in strength it makes up for in character. Look out for fresh flavours and aromas of pine, peach, lychee & citrus fruits, tempered by a smoothly rounded bitterness which leaves you wanting more.

Vocation Pride & Joy 5.3%

A pale, crisp, very hoppy and aromatic beer. Robust hop flavours are layered over a balanced malty backbone. Initially soft to the palate, Pride & Joy builds to a generous but clean bitterness. Flavours and aromas of mango, citrus, earthy pine, tropical fruit and blueberry.

Welton Pridenjoy 2.8%

Included in Roger Protz's book of 300 beers to try before you die, this tastes like a good 4% session beer.

Welton Hurricane 4.1%**Welton Hop Burst 5.0%**