



**WestBier Imports**

**Artisanal and Craft Beer**

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## **Brasserie St Feuillien - Belgium**

St. Feuillien is a family owned brewery founded in 1873 and located in the town of Le Roeulx – southwest of Brussels in Belgium. It is currently run by the fourth generation of the Friart family on the original site of the Abbey of Premonteres (now Abbaye St-Feuillien du Roeulx).

The brewery is the producer of several international award winning beers. The full product line includes a Blonde, Triple, Brune, Saison, Grand Cru, a Noel, and a line of fruit and wit beers under the Grisette label.



### **St Feuillien Triple**

The Triple is a medium to full bodied Belgian Triple. On the nose there is a definite fruity aroma that also carries honey, spice, and typical Belgian yeast aromatics. Flavors include a mélange of malts, apricot/peach/banana, spice, and Belgian yeast. Compared to other Belgian Triples it is crisp and dry, less yeasty, and very refreshing. Winner of Gold for Belgian Triple at Barcelona Beer Challenge 2016.

Ratebeer 97/99. ABV of 8.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **St Feuillien Brune**

The Brune is a classic example of a Belgian Abbey Dubbel, malty and fruity, with a good dose of caramel and a touch of spice. It is somewhat sweet and rich, with medium to full body.

Ratebeer 92/97. ABV is 8.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **St Feuillien Quad**

New to St Feuillien in 2020 the Quad complements the line of exceptional quality Belgians. Aromas of raisins, caramel, soft malts, and vinous wood. Flavors of caramel, sweet malts and dark fruit. Slight sweet overall with distinctive St Feuillien yeast.

Ratebeer 98/93. ABV is 11%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### St Feuillien Saison

This beer is a great example of style in the hard to define Farmhouse/Saison category. It is crisp and fruity, yeasty and tangy, and quite refreshing. Well known worldwide, it won Gold at the Barcelona Beer Challenge in 2016 and Silver at the European Beer Star in 2015.

Ratebeer 91/88. ABV is 6.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24

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### St Feuillien Cuvee de Noel

The Noel is one of the best winter beers in Belgium. It is produced annually as a vintage product and is generally available after September. The beer is creamy and warm with a big malt and toffee presence and lots of spice. Brewed for cellaring.

Ratebeer 95/97. ABV of 9%. Available in 750ml bottles - case of 12 and 30 litre key kegs.

## **Abbaye des Rocs - Belgium**

Located in Montignies-sur-Rocs in Hainaut province near the French border this very small family run brewery (less than 2000 hl annually) started commercial operation in 1979 and is located on the original site of the Abbaye des Rocs. Some of the buildings date from the original abbey and water is still drawn from the original source on the abbey grounds.

Run by Nathalie Eloir, one of the few women brewsters in Belgium, the brewery focuses on artisanal products using original recipes that have been handed down through generations. A number of dark, complex, Abbey style beer are brewed in a traditional manner along with a number of lighter blondes and witbiers.



### **Abbaye des Rocs Brune**

The Brune is an incredibly big, malty, Abbey style beer made with seven types of malts and three different hops. To the nose there are rich aromas of warm spice, dark roasted malts, dark pitted fruit, and raisins. Flavors are of toffee, dark cherries, dates, and spice. There is an inherent sweetness, but of interest, no sugar is added during production.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 9%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **Abbaye des Rocs Grand Cru**

The Grand Cru is also a big malty, Abbey style beer. Not to be outdone by the Brune it is also very complex, with more dark fruit, cherries, and caramel in the mix plus hints of licorice and tobacco to make thing interesting. Smooth and medium to full bodied.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 9.5%. Available in 750ml bottles, case of 12.

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### **Abbaye des Rocs Triple Imperiale**

The Triple Imperiale is a big Belgian Dark Strong Ale. It is malty, soft, full bodied, and sweet. There is definite dark fruit and malts to the nose, and the flavors carry these along with a good dose of caramel, a bit of orange/citrus and a hint of chocolate. A good paring as an appetizer or with a desert.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 10%. Available in 750ml bottles, case of 12.

## **Bockor Brouwerij (Brouwerij VanderGhinste)**

Located in Bellegems in West Flanders near the French border, this one hundred year old brewery is one of the few remaining family run breweries still brewing Flanders sours using traditional spontaneous fermentation and barrel aged methods.



### **Cuvée des Jacobins Rouge**

Cuvée des Jacobins Rouge is a Flanders Sour Red Ale, garnet red in color with a balance of malty sweetness and acidic sharpness. The characteristics of the beer are a result of spontaneous fermentation and an 18 month aging in French oak cognac barrels. The beer has a strong aroma of oak and flavors of sour cherries, vanilla, and fruit abound. Bronze medal (Belgian and French Ales) 2015 Vancouver Magazine Craft Beer Awards. Gold Medal winner for Best Wood Aged Beer at the World Beer Awards.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 5.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **VanderGhinste Oud Bruin**

This Flanders Oud Bruin was the first beer brewed by Bockor in 1892 and is a regional product that can only be brewed in Southern West-Flanders. The aroma is dark fruit and wood, and the taste is characterized by a balance of fruitiness and a soft tartness. Ultimately tart and refreshing, the Oud Bruin won a gold medal in the category “Oud Bruin” at the World Beer Awards.

Ratebeer 84 ABV is 5.5%. Available in 250ml bottles, case of 24.

## **Brekeriet - Sweden**

Brekeriet is the three brothers Ek; Christian, Andre, and Fredrick who focus on tank and barrel fermented Brett and sour beer. Starting in 2010 they have produced some incredible beers and generated a lot of buzz in Europe. In 2017, the guys moved to a new location north of Malmo which offered room for expansion, and more barrels and foeders. The Vild series was initiated utilizing the available foeders; producing one time collaborations and extending the ability to produce more of the incredible Cassis and other classics.



### **Cassis – Vild Series**

Back as part of the Vild series, the Cassis is a sour ale mainly fermented with Brettanomyces. Black currants are added during the secondary fermentation and Brett loves berries.... Big, thick flavors of tart cranberries, currants, and raspberries.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 5.4%. Available in 375 ml bottle - case of 15.

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### **Brekeriet Sour & Salt**

This is the Brekeriet Gose equivalent brewed with salt and coriander, and fermented as a sour. Crisp and refreshing. Tangy and salty. Nice flavors of lemons, coriander/spice and wheaty malts.

Ratebeer 90. ABV is 4.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **Brekeriet Purple Rain**

Purple Rain was also part of the original Berliner Weisse series, and is also now in regular production. So good it made the top 50 Ratebeer for style... Blackcurrants and passion fruit provide a depth and fruitiness not typical of the style. Nice and tart.

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 5.3%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24, and 20 L kegs.

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### Brekeriet Pink Passion



Pink Passion is one of the original Brekeriet Berliner Weisse. Brewed as part of a special series it was well received in Europe and now is now in regular production. Brewed with passionfruit and hibiscus flowers there is a nice soft fruitiness, a lemony tartness, and light floral notes. Of significant note - it's gluten free!

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 4.7%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24, and 20L kegs

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### Berliner Raz



Another in the Berliner Weisse series, Raz is fermented with raspberries, vanilla beans, lactobacillus and Brett. Pours a cloudy pink. Aromas of raspberry ice cream, tart red berries, and wheat. Flavors of sour berries leaning towards raspberries. Mouth puckering and huge for a Berliner! Also in the top 50 Ratebeer for style.

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 5.3%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24, and 20L kegs.

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### Berliner Spazz



And another in the Berliner Weisse series, Spazz is fermented with passionfruit, vanilla, lactobacillus and Brett. Take the Raz and substitute passionfruit. Lighter in color with notes of passionfruit, peach, limes and melons. Also big and mouth puckering, and also in the top 50 Ratebeer for style.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 5.3%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24.

## **Siren - United Kingdom**

Located outside of Reading, west of London, Siren has grown since its birth in 2013 into one of the UK's best and diverse craft breweries. Named the 'Best Brewer in England' by Ratebeer in 2015, and presented the Supreme Champion Beer of Britain award by CAMRA in 2018, the brewery has gone on to win several awards for individual beers.

### **Nitro Caribbean Chocolate Cake**



The beer that started it all. Caribbean Chocolate Cake is a dense, rich and luxurious stout – even more so this year with the smooth, thick drinking nitro edition. The body of this beer is full and decadent, encapsulating the 'Cake' element in the name more than ever before, hand-roasted cacao nibs give hints of tamarind and soft lemon, along with a beautiful chocolate baseline. The malts provide coffee and roast notes in abundance, while the hop profile adds orange and coconut flavours. Spinning on Cypress wood is the icing on the cake - offering lightly toasted vanilla wafers and delicate tannins, balancing the inherent sweetness of the beer.

Ratebeer 99. ABV of 7.4%. Available in 330 ml cans, case of 12.

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### **Death by Caribbean Chocolate Cake**



Death by Chocolate Cake doubles down on everything. More cacao nibs, more cacao husks, more lactose, and even more wood. And a ramping to imperial strength. The effect is lots of nutty chocolate fudge and caramel with additional wood and spices. Big and tasty.

Ratebeer 99. ABV of 10.2%. Available in 330 ml cans, case of 12.

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### **Caribbean White Chocolate Pancake Stack**



This year's Caribbean Chocolate Pancake is little less malty (color and base), with a bit more bourbon and maple syrup coming from the barrels. A little coffee balances out the sweetness.

Ratebeer 87. ABV of 7.4%. Available in 330 ml cans, case of 12.



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### Caribbean Chocolate Mole Cake



A new version of the Caribbean Chocolate Cake is inspired by Mexican Mole. Ancho, Pasilla and Guajilla chilies add flavour, while additional spicy notes come from Amburana, nutmeg and vanilla.

Ratebeer 98. ABV of 8.8%. Available in 330 ml cans, case of 12.

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### Project Barista: Mucha Mocha

Project Barista experiments with different coffee and malts. Mucha Mocha is the big beer of the project. Lots of chocolate, vanilla, coffee, and malts. And lots of flavor. Big cans and the best ratings...

Ratebeer 100. ABV of 10%. Available in 440 ml cans, case of 12.

## **Brouwerij Kees - the Netherlands**

Kees Bubberman, the Emelisse brewer of fame, has his own brewery! Same philosophy as before – great base beer with barrel variants. And just like Emelisse, Kees is getting great reviews. He is so successful it's a challenge getting his beers. But worth it when available!



### **Caramel Fudge Stout**

Dark rich chocolatey fudge. And a ton of it... Lots of dusty dark chocolate, sweet rich coffee and cream, vanilla, and sweet roasted malts with a little spice. Slick, almost syrupy. An Imperial chocolate explosion and a decadent dessert beer.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 11.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### **American Barley Wine**

Lighter than Kees' previous behemoths, this barley wine is still big and full, and also worthy of cellaring. Malty and sweet when young, there are a multitude of flavors including rich caramel, oranges, ripe fruit, and vanilla.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 11.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### **Export Porter 1750**

Don't get fooled by the name – this is really a Russian Imperial Stout, and just as good if not better than some of Kees' previous stouts. Big and complex. Smooth and slightly warming. Bittersweet with roasted malts, caramel, dark chocolate, black coffee, licorice and molasses. Yummy. Top notch.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 10.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### **Caramel Fudge Stout Wild Turkey Barrel Aged**

The latest barrel aged variant of the Caramel Fudge Stout. Aged in Wild Turkey barrels, the pastry stout gets an injection of spice, oak, and soft bourbon to balance the big chocolate sweetness of the base beer.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV is 11%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### Barrel Project Buffalo Trace 2022

Continuing Projects in 2022, this Imperial Rye Stout was aged in Buffalo Trace bourbon barrels. The result is a slightly sweet stout with notes of chocolate, vanilla, and caramel; balanced with woody bourbon and raisins/tobacco.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV is 12.1%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### Barrel Project White Wine & Jim Beam 2022

A unique project using a Strong Ale base and blending variants aged in white wine and Jim Beam bourbon barrels. The end result is a flavorful beer with underlying Belgian Strong characteristics, sweet fruity white wine elements, and soft woody bourbon notes.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV is 8.0%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### Catch Me By The Coconuts

The name says it all for this coconut infused Pastry Stout; it's a chocolate coconut bar in a can. Sweet chocolate balanced with coconut and roasted malts. Dessert territory.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV is 11.9%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

## **Hanssens Artisanaal – Belgium**

Hanssens Artisanaal is a very small, traditional lambic blendery located in Dworp, Belgium. It is a family run operation that is one of the oldest lambic blenders in Belgium. They have been blending since 1871! The family has continued to focus on the traditional Lambic and Gueuze styles while also recently experimenting with various new fruited Lambics and a Mead/Gueuze blend. The initial Westbier selection includes the classics.



### **Oude Gueuze**

As with all Gueuzes, this is a mixture of several vintages. A second fermentation takes place inside the bottle, which is stored for a minimum of six months. The result is refreshingly fruity. The Oude Gueuze pours a hazy copper with a light head. Aromas of barnyard and citrus. Flavors of sour peach candies, additional stoned fruit, citrus, and tart wheat.

Ratebeer 98. ABV of 6%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **Oude Kriek**

The Oude Kriek is a blended black cherry lambic of different ages with a second fermentation in the bottle. Pours a deep red with lots of sharp black cherries in the aromas and flavors. Crisp, with a light body. Oh...It has a thirty year Best Before. Definitely a cellarable lambic that will evolve over time.

Ratebeer 97. ABV of 6%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **Cassis**

The Cassis is a lambic brewed with black currants (cassis). Pours a deep garnet red color. Dusty rich aromas of red berries and currants with just a touch of funk. Rich flavors of tart berries, currants, salal and wheat. A classic.

Ratebeer 94. ABV of 6%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 24.

## **Sori – Estonia**

Sori Brewing and its two founders Pyry and Heikki split time between the brewery in Tallinn Estonia and taproom in Helsinki Finland. Perfect for the Westbier portfolio these guys manage an extraordinary big beer and barrel program, including Baltic Porters, Imperial Stouts, and Barley Wines.

### **Dark Humor Club**



“DHC” is the core beer used as a base for a number of great barrel aged variants. It’s a sweet, dessert-like Imperial Stout with loads of flavor. Cocoa nibs, hundreds of Bourbon vanilla pods, and espresso make this a liquid mocha cake. To be enjoyed with a dessert or chocolate.

Ratebeer 94. ABV is 8.0%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **Coffee Gorilla**



Coffee Gorilla is a gluten free Baltic Porter with espresso. This lager style beer is tasty, with lots of flavors, including sweet roasted malts, dark chocolate, coffee, dark sugar, nuts, and a little spice. Hard to believe it is gluten free.

Ratebeer 93. ABV is 7.0%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

## Tempest – Scotland

Gavin and Annika Meiklejohn met in a brewpub in Whistler before travelling the world together and finally settled down in New Zealand. It was there, while working as a chef, that Gavin began home brewing in their garage in Christchurch. Moving back to Scotland in 2010 the team started creating some of the world's best beer to match the quality of Gavin's culinary creations.

### **Mexicake**



One of Tempest's sought after core beers Mexicake is an Imperial Stout with Mexican character brewed with chocolate, vanilla beans, cinnamon, and both chipotle and mulato chiles. Aromas of dusty dark chocolate, vanilla, roasted peppers and slick roasted malts. Flavors of dark chocolate, vanilla, light cinnamon, and smooth roasted malts with a nice peppery heat in the finish.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 11.0%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

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### **Mexicake Bourbon Barrel Aged**



Take a great beer and barrel age it to add big bourbon notes. Aromas of chocolate, vanilla, and soft bourbon. Flavors of oaky bourbon, dark caramel, spice, creamy dark chocolate and smooth roasted malts. This is a big sipping beer.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 12.4%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

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### **Old Parochial Barrel Aged**



An Imperial Scotch Ale aged in Speyside single malt whiskey barrels. The barrel aging of the Old Parochial takes the original raisin bread, toasty malts, and brown sugar flavors and adds notes of woody whiskey with a little smoky peat. Another big sipper.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 13%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

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### **All the Leaves Bourbon Barrel Aged**



An Imperial Brown Ale aged in Heaven Hills Bourbon barrels re-fermented with Canadian maple syrup. Aromas of dark caramel and bready malts. Flavors of soft oaky bourbon, maple syrup, raisins, and biscuity malts. Beautiful balance. Not too sweet. Rich and sticky.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 11.2%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

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### Smoked Islay Stout

Barrel Aged Project #3 plays with peaty scotch whiskey. Islay barrels add rich peatiness and smoky flavours to a base Imperial stout that itself contributes flavours of fruit cake, dark chocolate and molasses. The end result is a big, intense, decadent stout.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV is 13%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

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### Sidecar Barrel Aged Imperial Pale Ale

Barrel Aged Project #4 is a Heaven Hills bourbon barrel aged Imperial Pale Ale tailored after a Sidecar cocktail. Very unique; it's a fruity ale with zesty orange and big bourbon notes reminiscent of Christmas cake.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV is 10.5%. Available in 330ml can, case of 24.

## **Fierce – Scotland**

Headed up by Dave Grant and Dave McHardy and launched in 2016, Fierce has been winning awards since 2017. In 2021 Fierce was named Scottish Brewery of the Year. Big beers are a staple, along with lots of barrel aged versions.

### **Very Big Moose**



Sounding very Canadian rather than Scottish, Very Big Moose is indeed a very big Imperial Stout. Originally a collaboration with Brewdog in Scotland, VBM has aromas of dusty dark chocolate, nougat, and rich roasted malts. And there are flavors of dark chocolate cake, a little spice, a bit of roasted pepper, vanilla, and lots of roasty malts. Finishing super dry, it's an intense beer, earning a Ratebeer 100...

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 12.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.

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### **Very Big Moose Coconut**



Adding coconut to the VBM yields a coconut chocolate bar experience. Lots of rich dark chocolate and coconut with a little spice.

Ratebeer 96. ABV is 12.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.

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### **Very Big Moose Bourbon Barrel Aged**



Aging the VBM in bourbon barrels adds sweet bourbon, additional vanilla from the oak, and a little bit of cinnamon to both the aromas and flavors. And there is still lots of dark chocolate, nougat and rich roasted malts to round out the beer. An excellent barrel aged beer.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 12.5%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.



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### Very Big Chomp



Originally brewed to celebrate Fierce's fifth anniversary. Best described by the brewer: This is a huge - and we mean seriously huge - imperial stout that has massively decadent levels of caramel, chocolate, and vanilla. One sip will transport you back to your school tuck shop days.

Ratebeer 91. ABV is 12.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.

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### Heavy on the Bourbon



The name is a play on the beer style; a Wee Heavy aged in Bourbon barrels...A collaboration beer with Fallen Brewing, there are notes of woody bourbon from old oak barrels along with the biscuity malts and coppery fruit of a very nice Wee Heavy.

Ratebeer 91. ABV is 9.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.

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### Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Café Racer



Imperial Cafe Racer is a rich Imperial Porter and core beer from Fierce. This version has been aged in Buffalo Trace barrels. A little softer on the malts than the big stouts, there is a nice balance of sweet bourbon, chocolate nougat, and graham crackers.

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 9.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.

## De Moersleutel – the Netherlands

Meaning Wrench in Dutch, De Moersleutel was founded by four Engineering brothers, Pim, Tom, Rob, and Max Zomerdijk. These guys push the brewing processes and equipment, engineering big flavorful Imperial stouts, Pastry Stouts, and Barley Wines, with additional barrel aged variants.

### Motor Oil



Motorolie is the original big Russian Imperial Stout stout that put de Moersleutel on the map. It is now a core beer. Aromas of creamy dark chocolate, dark fruit, vanilla, and slick roasted malt. Flavors of dark chocolate powder, espresso, soy sauce, vanilla, and rich roasted malts. Really rich and tasty.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 12.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.

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### Macaroon Machine



Just like the candy, Macaroon Machine brings out chocolate and coconut along with marshmallow, dark caramel, vanilla, and rich roasted malts. Sweet chocolate coconut. A great pastry stout.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 10.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 12.

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### Crod, Cinnamon Churros Chugger



The Monster series is a line of Imperial Pastry Stouts with different adjuncts and sweet flavor targets. Crod targets a Mexican cinnamon pastry. Aromas of dark sugars, cinnamon, dried fruit, dark chocolate and vanilla. Flavours of dark chocolate, cinnamon, vanilla and a bit of maple syrup.

Ratebeer 94. ABV is 11.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 24.

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### Kivex, Muscovado Pecan Pie Finisher



In the Monster series, Kivex targets Pecan Pie. Think chocolatey pecan pie mixed with a rich stout. Brown sugar, caramel, chocolate and pecans with roasty malts. Big with full body.

Ratebeer 96. ABV is 11.0%. Available in 440ml can, case of 24.