
Favorite Beer

Posted by gallri01 - 2008/03/11 11:04

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Cheers,

Rich

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by neilharnr - 2008/03/12 06:16

This is indeed a difficult question to answer... I think overall my favorite beer would have to be Troeg's Troegenator. To me, it's the perfect balance of a traditional doublebock and modern craft-brew.

My other favorite beer, and some may laugh, is Yuengling Lager. It's by no means a "great" beer but sometimes a beer holds a special meaning. For me, it was my first beer (going back to sips from my grandfather when I was a boy), a beer my family drinks, and a beer extremely common in my area.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Joeymo - 2008/03/14 06:26

Easy question.... Chimay is my favorite, but Blue Moon, which is available at most bars is very good too. If I have to drink light beer,(which I do lately, unfortunately) is definitely Corona Light.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by smelt41 - 2008/03/15 17:50

I would have to say my favorite beer is Leinenkugel's Sunset Wheat. Perfect any time of year.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by tbellisari - 2008/03/23 19:25

I don't know that I have a favorite beer...but my top five list would include (in no particular order):

PBR (Draft not can or bottle)
Pete's Wicked Summer Ale
Franziskaner Hefe-Weisse Hell
Beamish Irish Red
Hacker-Pschorr Oktoberfest

Cheers!

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Smitty1 - 2008/03/24 19:26

I'm not much of a fan of the pale lagers. Thankfully there are over 71 different styles of beer out there. Recently I had a beer that knocked my socks off it was so good. Saison Dupont Vieille Provision brewed by Dupont Brasserie in Belgium is actually pretty easy to find and typically costs \$7-9 for 750ml bottles. This is an incredibly refreshing beer that is perfect in summer. So much more flavorfull and enjoyable than any macro that I've ever had.

<http://www.alestreetonline.com/images/fbfiles/images/saison.jpg>

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by kooz - 2008/03/25 11:31

Mackeson's XXX Stout--it's a milk stout, sweet finish--excellent. Similar, though not quite as good is Cooper's Best Extra Stout out of Australia.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by FreeStater - 2008/03/26 10:42

My standing favorite is Andechs helles, enjoyed from their sunny biergarten overlooking the rolling Alpine foothills just south of Munich. On a brilliant clear day you can even glimpse the mountains way in the south. Part of my enjoyment of this wonderful beer is, of course, the incredible setting, the Andechs Monastery.

My favorite bottled beer is between Jever Pils and Stiegl pils.

Favorite Belgian is Chimay, although I get in a Duvel mood. I also enjoyed one called Artevelde when I was in Belgium.

And it's pretty impossible in my eyes to top Pilsner Urquell at the brewery restaurant in Prague. Likewise, the Guinness at some pubs in Dublin is otherworldly.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by JPH712 - 2008/03/26 12:27

I have to say that mine is the Westvleteren 12. I've had the good fortune to have one and it seems to be everything it is hyped to be.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Smitty1 - 2008/03/26 13:52

I gotta get my hands on a Westy 12 one of these days. I do love a good Belgian beer, and that's pretty much at the top of everybody's list of good Belgians. I guess the closest I've had to the Westy 12 is a Rochefort 10, and it was amazing.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by KBinIL - 2008/03/28 20:45

Boulder Beers Hazed & Infused. Great taste, great hop aroma, great beer!

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by asbaer - 2008/03/30 17:55

Last fall tried Pumking,from Southern Tier. This was very tasty, not usually a fan of Pumkin style Ale, but I will try and stock up on some around release time in 08-

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Harry Barker - 2008/04/02 14:40

I agree with you that this is tough. I have so many "favorites" that picking one is like picking a favorite child.

Since discovering "real" beer a few years ago, I have sampled many, and found that there is nothing better than a fresh beer from a local brewpub.

I have been to many of them all over the Northeast, and there is none better than the Brown Ale at Davidson Brothers Restaurant and Brewery in my own hometown of GLens Falls, NY.

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by naftaking - 2008/04/05 17:26

So many beers, hard to come up with a favorite. I would have to start with Ubu Ale from Lake Placid Brewing Co. This has to be one of the best dark ales and in a very limited market. On the lighter side, Otter Creek Copper Ale is fantastic. Damn too hard to pick just one. <http://www.alestreetonline.com/images/fbfiles/images/truck5.gif>

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by WoodyChandler - 2008/04/05 18:35

As a traveling beer scribe, I am asked this Q all the time. For me the answer is simple: Victory Hop Devil on Cask. Heck, I even wrote an Ode to Hop Devil poem on the topic.

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by marshman - 2008/04/07 05:58

I'd have to go with Yards IPA as my number 1. Massive hop kick with a nice body, very tasty.

But it would be tough to call the next 9, if that were asked of me...

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by brewmanhyman - 2008/04/07 16:15

GUINNESS!!!!

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by HopandWine - 2008/04/09 14:59

Depending on the weather,
Bells Oberon, Bells Lager, Delirium Tremens, Lakefront Fuel Cafe stout, Eggenberg Samichlaus Helles, Smuttynose Really Old Brown Dog(big bottle series), Stone Smoked Porter, Anderson Valley summer solstice cerveza Crema,

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Danplante819 - 2008/04/09 17:10

I think that one of my favorite beers is Black Berry Wheat from Long Trail. It is a great beer for any time of year. Its great ice cold for the winter time, and it is light enough to enjoy in the summer months as well.

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by raceclark - 2008/04/11 09:37

I would have to say that any of the beers from Clipper City in Baltimore. They have a great line up high gravity beers under the Heavy Seas label. Their Loose Cannon Hop 3 ale is great as well as the Below Decks barleywine and Winter Storm ESB.

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Kingof7 - 2008/04/11 15:13

One Of my favorites that I recently discovered is Leinenkugel's

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by budboy@optonline.net - 2008/04/12 06:33

Over the years Guinness has been there, like a rock, to really meet most beer cravings, so I feel almost obligated to mention them.

But, several years ago, 90 Minute IPA from Dogfish Head, opened up a world of hop-mania in my taste buds.

I have to include Flying Dog's Double Dog, as a very close second in the IPA world as well.

But I'd take a Shakespeare Stout, Hop Wallop, Leffe Brune, Storm King Imperial, McEwans Scotch Ale, Taddy Porter, or Salvador anytime they are offered.

And if I have a Designated driver... World Wide Stout, 120 Minute IPA, Sami Klaus, or Sammy Utopia if I am lucky enough to find them.

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by bdigi66 - 2008/04/12 11:30

Though a difficult question as others have stated, I would have to go with Alpha King. There's just something about it that always draws me in to pick up a sixer.

Cheers!

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by bankerjoe - 2008/04/14 09:45

I would have to say Westy 12, Rochefort 10, or Avery's Mephistopheles' Stout. I definitely prefer darker beers, especially RIS.

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Harris - 2008/04/15 19:48

The answer would usually be the one my buddy just finished brewing and is passing around like a proud papa. As far as beers that you buy I's have to go with Ommegang's Three Philosophers Quadrupel or La Fin du Monde by Unibroue. There was a stout made by Great Lakes brewing that I tried once that had a great flavor. Hell, I don't know, just hand me another home brew and I'll be happy.:) :)

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by jonfoxx - 2008/04/19 04:44

Here are my top 3;

1. Stoudt's American Pale Ale
 2. Yuengling Lord Chesterfield Ale
 3. Magic Hat #9
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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by jimccc35 - 2008/04/25 21:03

My favorite beer is generally the one in my hand. Right now i am a double IPA and barley wine freak with most of my favorites coming out of southern CA

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by rob@laffertyny.com - 2008/04/28 10:17

For the everyday beer, newcastle Brown is my favorite. nice and smooth

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by bosnm8 - 2008/05/04 07:59

Gotta love the Blue Moon with an orange slice

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Daubenspeck - 2008/05/04 19:45

Top 5, in no special order.
Penn St Nicholas Bock
Dogfishhead 90 minute IPA

Brooklyn Brown Ale
Victory Storm King
Harpoon IPA

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by belgianbeerrocks - 2008/05/07 13:27

Saw this thread and, being new here, thought I'd and my 5 cent deposit. In no particular order

Chimay(all of them)
La Fin Du Monde
Maudite
Tres Pistoles
Arrogant Bastard
Stone IPA

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by redbach - 2008/05/11 23:26

I am a huge fan of sour ales so I would have to say my favs are: Rodenbach, Liefmans Goudenband, Redbach (although they discontinued it, and many people didn't like it, but I loved it), and Monks Flemish Sour Ale. But as a beer I can sit down and drink any time, I would have to say Brooklyn Brown and Negro Modelo are up there too.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Truth520 - 2008/05/15 17:51

At the moment I would have to say that Nuggett Nectar would have to be my fav. Can never go wrong with hops!

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Brokenman - 2008/05/16 05:03

I had a Belgian Triple last night that I think is my new favorite! St. Feuillien Triple Abbey Ale. All kinds of complexity and a clean finish. I'm new to big beers, but this has been the best so far.

http://www.alestreetonline.com/images/fbfiles/images/STFTriplebout_verres.gif

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by uncamark - 2008/05/17 05:36

Favorite beer? Too many to mention but for the moment I'll say Tripel Karmeliet, Terrifically yummy and really impressive looking especially when served in their signature glass. I first had it in Belgium then pushed an importer for months to bring it into this country just in time to get three cases for Karen's and my wedding almost nine years ago. Npw that I think about it, we also toasted my daughter , Olivia's, birth in the delivery room with Karmeliet. BTW Tony, if you're reading this one ... I just got the Karmeliet hat you picked up for me in Belgium in the mail yesterday and, if I do say so myself, I look great in it! Thanks again.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by blatzboy - 2008/05/18 06:30

For the sake of nostalgia a can or two of Blatz or Old Milwaukee
but true bliss is found in a bottle of Orval.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by glroberts - 2008/05/23 06:37

DFH 90 min

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by peabody81 - 2008/06/27 18:54

I have many, but you can never go wrong with a Sierra Nevada Bigfoot barleywine. Exquisite.

Re: Favorite Beer - Westvleteren

Posted by jcalumna - 2008/06/29 04:18

Westvleteren 12. Those Trappist Monks must pray for divine intervention for all their beers that never disappoints when they brew at the Abbey of Saint Sixtus. The monks try to live a quiet & modest life, searching for God. This beer definitely helps you appreciate God's fine gifts to us, including their beer. :)

We've had the honor of riding bicycles from Poperinge to the abbey. It was an amazing experience; once we arrived we enjoyed a nice sandwich and beer at In De Vrede. We were thankful that a beer that costs us 15 USD cost us less than 5 EURO in the cafe.

It was amazing to see all the cars lined up on the road to the abbey just to buy 2 cases of this heavenly beer. Just a note, the monks will not allow you to buy a case of beer if you go up on a bicycle.

God bless the Trappist Monks and their beer!

<http://www.sintsixtus.be/eng/home.htm>

<http://www.indevrede.be/languagee/index.htm>

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Jethro796 - 2008/06/30 06:52

Dieu du Ciel's Peche Mortel (translates to Mortal Sin) an imperial stout from Montreal.
Too bad we can't even get it in the province next door.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by big urb - 2008/07/02 10:41

Best on a hot day is Terrapin RPA on draught. Brewed in Athens, GA

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by briansvictory - 2008/07/04 18:04

i agree, i depends on the mood, time of year, i just never know what i'll come out of the store with....to many favorites

gallri01 wrote:

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Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Besound - 2008/07/04 19:21

Blue Moon has always been there for me!

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by goodwench - 2008/07/08 09:27

I like brooklyn lager... its good

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by rigoz - 2008/07/08 09:29

blue moon is very rockin!!

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by Nicholaz - 2008/07/09 05:52

Where do you go in NYC to find sixpoint? I have not yet come across it in my beer travels.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by gallri01 - 2008/07/09 19:22

They are usually at most beer bars and great gastropubs but I'm going to treat you to a great new york city beer website

(I have no affiliation with this one).

<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/sixpoint-craft-ales>

beermenus.com is a great new resource for the nyc beer drinker.

Cheers,

Rich from Democracysdrink.com (this one is mine)

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by FreeStater - 2008/07/12 16:04

peabody81 wrote:

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If you can find a place with Bigfoot on tap, this place deserves your repeated patronage.

I don't get all the love for Blue Moon. But I'm not much for the witbiere style anyway.

Big ups for Orval, Duvel and hundreds of other worthy Belgian dubbels and tripels. I don't care for Belgian people but I dig their brews.

If you're ever in Orlando, Florida, check out Orlando Brewing Company, just south of downtown (about 20 minutes north of Walt Disney World, a safe enough distance). Not only are their beers organic and increasingly award winning, but every Monday they are \$2 per pint. It's an unbelievable deal that expires on January 1, 2009.

See ya there.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by etop - 2008/07/27 16:15

Must agree with everthing you said. From Troegenator to Yuengling. If you get a chance to get to Reamstown, stop at the Union Barrel Works and have a Mai Bock. Also try the sampler. Just some of the better beers around. Currently have Boddingtons in the refer with St. Pauli Girl for the wife.

Re:Favorite Beer

Posted by royums - 2008/07/31 17:35

Whichever beer I made that week! :P