



BUZZ PICKS



JOEY

Saison Dupont

6.5% ABV, Saison/Farmhouse Ale

Designed to quench and sustain the seasonal (Saison is French for "season") farmhands and laborers of Wallonia, a region straddling the borders of France and Belgium, Saison is a rustic style developed out of necessity and brewed with what was at hand on the family farm in the winter and stored until summer harvest. The arrival of the Industrial Revolution and mechanized harvests put an end to the necessity of seasonal laborers and most saison breweries closed down. Brasserie Dupont is one of the surviving farmhouse breweries, still located on the family farm where the beer has been brewed since the turn of the 20th century.

"A true classic in the beer world and an absolute favorite of mine. Saison Dupont is an amazing display of what can happen when a talented brewer sets the stage for an unbelievable yeast strain, and then gets out of the way. Complex fruit, citrus, pepper, grassy hops and dry, husky grain all provide a satisfying, refreshing and enlightening experience."



AUGUSTINE

Deschutes Black Butte Porter

5.2% ABV, Robust Porter

More intense, higher in alcohol and packing loads more flavor, Robust Porter is an evolution of the historical English Brown Porter. Generally favored by American Brewers because the style lends itself to bigger taste and opportunity for hop impact, Deschutes uses a decidedly restrained hand to create Black Butte Porter. With all of the expected caramels, bruleed sugar, cocoa, dark chocolate and roasted coffee with an underlying and balancing hop bitterness wrapped in a blanket of smooth, luxurious liquid, Deschutes has created one of the finest examples of the style to date.

"If you like Saint Arnold's Winter Stout, this is a year round beer with a comparable taste. I like it, easy as that."



JOSE

Blanche de Bruxelles

4.5% ABV, Belgian Witbier

"Brussel's White" is a classic Belgian wheat beer, a perfect style for warm weather drinking. Spiced with coriander and orange peel, Blanche de Bruxelles shows a very restrained spice character, in comparison to others of the style, that allows the tart, grainy wheat to shine through. Fresh baked bread and husky grain are perfumed with citrus and a subtle spiciness, an impressive feat considering modern brewers affinity for huge "in your face" flavors. A pleasant change of pace from the Pilsners and Blonde ales of summer.

"I've tried many whites and this is one of the most refreshing. I like the smooth, easy finish for this hot weather."

