



BUZZ PICKS



JOEY

Stone IPA

6.9% ABV, American IPA

The quintessential West Coast IPA, Stone IPA is all about the hops. A paler blonde than most IPAs, the simple grain bill allows for the flavors and the dynamic of the hops to shine through. The flavor and aroma of grapefruit, other citrus fruits, tropical fruits, pine and herbs work harmoniously together to create a world class and classic American IPA.

"I had been into beer for quite some time, and IPAs for a bit, before I'd experienced Stone IPA. I ordered the beer to go along with some grilled fish tacos I was having for lunch at a local beer friendly place. The beer was like a squeeze of lime on the fish. It was easily one of the best meals I had last year and that was due in large part to the beer. I regularly revisit this beer with similar foods and am reminded each time why I fell in love the first time."



AUGUSTINE

Anchor Humming Ale

5.9% ABV, American Pale Ale

The newest seasonal from one of America's oldest breweries, Humming Ale is a pale ale in the aggressive American style that Anchor helped to create. Hopped exclusively with the Nelson Sauvin hops, a New Zealand varietal prized for its white grape (Sauvignon Blanc) character, Humming ale is paler than your usual pale ale, displaying a straw-gold color, suggesting a restrained malt profile. The flavor confirms the reserved maltiness, with just a suggestion of grainy, husky malt, that gives way to an incredibly unique citrusy, herbal, fruity and floral hop character. The fact that all of these flavors and aromas come from one varietal is mind blowing.

"Surprisingly, not as hoppy as I expected and the peach finish adds more to the flavor."



AUSTIN

Flying Dog Raging Bitch

8.3% ABV, Belgian-style IPA

Released to commemorate the brewery's 20th Anniversary, a milestone worthy of a bit of fun and obscene humor, Raging Bitch is the newest beer to join the ranks of American IPAs to use Belgian yeast strains to add fruit complexity and create a "Belgian IPA". Bready specialty malts and caramel malts lay the ground work for the truckloads of earthy, citrusy and herbal hops that the brewery loads into the kettle before fermenting with the fruity Belgian yeast. The layers of hop and yeast flavors jumping out of the glass and the level of balance that the brewery has achieved with such bold additions is a perfect example of why this brewery has made it this far and will continue on for much longer.

"Raging Bitch is an amazing beer. I tried it with some of the other beer guys and this beer blew my mind. This is one raging bitch that you will never forget."



JOSE

Ska Brewing True Blonde Ale

5.3% ABV, American Blonde Ale

True Blonde is a summer thirst quencher, made year round by the boys at Ska Brewing in Durango, Colorado. It's hard to believe that a brewery in a state known for ski resorts and snow covered mountains would know much about satisfying the summer thirst of a sun-beaten, humidity choked Texan, but that's exactly what sits just under the label of True Blonde bottles and cans. An American Blonde like Real Ale Fireman's #4 or Southern Star Bombshell Blonde, lightened and flavored with the addition of honey, that packs enough flavor to be satisfying without being overly aggressive or heavy.

"Had this beer with a coworker a couple of weeks ago and we both liked it. Nice subtle honey finish. This is perfect for the pool or hitting the river."