



BUZZ PICKS



LINDSEY

New Belgium Snow Day

6.5% ABV, American Dark Ale Available in 6 packs

This year is the debut of New Belgium's new winter brew, Snow Day. Snow Day is dark in body and bold on flavor. The use of Midnight Wheat malt contributes to Snow Day's deep color and smooth flavors, such as chocolate, caramel and a little bit of coffee, without the astringent bitterness usually associated with darker beers. The real surprise is in the middle to finish of this beer. Brewed with Cascade and Centennial hops, Snow Day is big on hop aroma and flavors such as pine and citrus, without battering your taste buds with overwhelming bitterness, but working well with the mild roast and chocolate notes from malt.



"Borderline Black IPA, Snow Day is a nice break from the maltier, spiced winter warmers out right now."body."



AUGUSTINE

Santa Fe State Pen Porter

6.4% ABV, American Porter Available in 6 packs

Santa Fe recently relaunched their lineup of beers here in Houston and with that brought State Pen Porter. State Pen Porter hits all the right notes if you are looking for a good porter. The deep brown, almost black body is accentuated by the off white head and aromas of roast and hops. The roasted malt lends State Pen Porter very nice chocolate nose and aroma while giving the body a nice bitterness. With a little smokiness and hoppiness in the finish, this beer is fairly dry with a little malt sweetness.



"Don't knock this beer until you try it; I loved the rich roasted malt flavor and the clean finish."

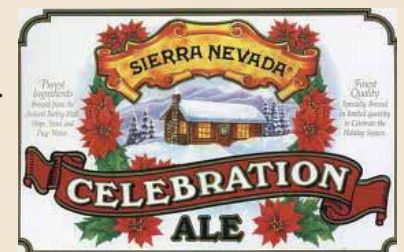


RYAN

Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale

6.8% ABV, American IPA Available in 6 pack

There is no better time than now for a good fresh hopped ale and Sierra Celebration definitely is the one I look forward to every year. Amongst a sea of amber colored, strongly alcoholic winter beer, Sierra Nevada releases what is probably the best known fresh hop beers in the US. Fresh Cascade and Centennial hops give this beer great floral scents of pine and citrus peel and a fresh hoppy taste without becoming overly bitter.



"I always celebrate the release of Sierra Nevada Celebration"