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## DRAUGHT

### QUENCHING

*Softly spicy and fruity German- and Belgian-style wheat beers*

#### Blanche de Chambly

Québec, 5% alc./vol. \$7.52/half-litre  
Style: Belgian White \$5.75/375 ml

Québec's Unibroue produces what is commonly considered the finest Belgian-style wheat beer brewed in Canada. Making use of a centuries-old tradition of spicing ales with *gruit*: a melange of ingredients that predate the use of hops; Belgian whites always have coriander seed and orange peel in the recipe. In this beer, you'll find both in the refreshing aroma and citrusy flavour.

#### Weihenstephaner Hefe Weissbier

Germany, 5.4% alc./vol. \$7.96/500 ml  
Style: Hefeweizen \$5.53/300 ml

When the brewery you're operating out of was established almost one thousand years ago, there's only one conceivable way you could still be in operation today: you brew one hell of a beer. Considered by many as the benchmark German wheat, this offering from the world's oldest existing brewery carries all the characteristics that brewers have been copying for centuries: light, refreshing and beautifully cloudy, with expertly-balanced notes of banana and clove.

## CRISP

*Dry, refreshing lagers ranging from moderately bitter to appetizingly hoppy*

#### Hacker-Pschorr Edelhell

Germany, 5.5% alc./vol. \$6.86/400 ml  
Style: Helles

This beer is only one of two that has constantly been on our menu from the very first day we opened. For those dedicated to more mainstream tastes, this blonde lager is the finest interpretation of what is the most popular family of beers in the world, and is dry, not too bitter, and driven by malt.

#### Pilsner Urquell

Czech Republic, 4.4% alc./vol. \$7.30/half-litre  
Style: Czech pilsner \$5.09/300 ml

It took over one and a half centuries to get draught Pilsner Urquell pouring in Canada, but we're proud to have been the bar that served it first. The world's most popular style of beer was born with this brand, origin-ating from the Czech town for which the style is named: Plzeň. Local Bohemian Saaz hops add not only a floral note, but a delicate bitterness that is kept in perfect balance by the presence of sweet, bready malt.

## DRAUGHT

### APPETIZING

*Ales with a varying balance between tart and sweet, with fruitiness and mouth-wateringly dry malt*

#### Rodenbach Grand Cru

Belgium, 6% alc./vol.

\$7.96/330 ml

Style: Flemish sour ale

"You love it or you hate it" is the advertising slogan for Rodenbach's prized sour ale. And true to those words, the extraordinarily tart and sweetly refreshing flavour of this beer can surprise even that guy over there with the 'beeriodic table of elements' t-shirt. Matured for up to two years in the same uncoated oak vats the brewery has used for over a century and a half, this is an assertive, wine-like and satisfying ale that stretches the boundaries of what a beer can be.

### SOCIABLE

*Ales and lagers with moderate strength, medium body and near-perfect balance*

#### Shillow Beer Co. Sass on the Side

Ontario, 5.6% alc./vol.

\$7.52/half-litre

Style: American brown ale

\$5.31/300 ml

Exclusive to beerbistro is this offering from one of our favorite breweries, helmed by our very own Jamie Shillow and her husband Ben. Sass on the Side was their first of a growing line of excellent beers, so we're pretty happy to have backed this horse from the get go. This American brown ale has layers of flavour from start to finish. Smooth chocolate and delicately roasted malts are at the forefront of a beer that gently converts to an earthen and lightly astringent hoppy bitterness, and then to a quenching off-dry finish. Pairing with a wide variety of dishes, it's exactly what a beer cuisine restaurant could ask for.

#### Side Launch Dark Lager

Ontario, 5.3% alc./vol.

\$7.08/500 ml

Style: Dunkel

\$4.65/300 ml

The brewery formerly known as Denison's started from humble beginnings in the forever cursed brewpub right around the corner to produce two of the most highly regarded beers in the world. This dunkel, rebranded and produced at Side Launch Brewery over in Collingwood, is one of them. Dunkels are German-style dark lagers, and this one is a prime example with rich malt aromas and a clean palate carrying notes of nuts and cocoa.

## DRAUGHT

### BOLD

*Hoppy ales with a moderate to full bitterness  
and a naturally fruity character*

#### Lagunitas IPA

California, 6.3% alc./vol. \$6.86/350 ml  
Style: India pale ale

With all the craft brewing competition going on in California, it takes a real standout to be crowned the best-selling IPA in the state. Lagunitas tells us that they combine 43 different hops and 65 different malts in the creation of this beer, but they're probably just being jerks about it. Whatever the recipe, here you'll find a crazed cascade of flavours that starts spicy-sweet and citrusy, and ends with the best kind of dry bitterness you could possibly expect.

#### Publican House Square Nail Pale Ale

Ontario, 5.9% alc./vol. \$5.75/half-litre  
Style: American pale ale \$4.20/300 ml

Peterborough's The Publican House Brewery opened its doors to thirsty locals in late 2008, and they did us a great favour back in 2010 by personally driving some of their kegs over to us in Toronto. Now it's back, and we think they even hired a delivery guy. Dominated by Cascade hops, the aromas are the classic one-two punch of grapefruit and pine, but the taste is restrained, with toasted malt, nuts and fruit backed by moderate bitterness.

#### Sierra Nevada Pale Ale

California, 5.6% alc./vol. \$7.08/350 ml  
Style: American pale ale

It's so common in The States that you can pretty much get a six-pack at every 7/11 in the country. That's why Americans sometimes struggle with our excitement over Sierra Nevada Pale Ale. It's a long story, but it involves the government, a barrel, and a good amount of bending. But that's all over now, because our overlords have finally allowed the sale of draught Sierra Nevada Pale Ale in Ontario, a mere 35 years after the beer was first brewed. Winner of an astonishing 7 GABF Gold Medals, this is simply what an American Pale Ale is all about. Cascade hops give this beer its bright citrus aroma and delectable hop bite, serving as the standard-bearer for Pale Ales across the continent.

This book is written by David Bronfman, who has a degree in molecular biology but refuses to use it properly. It also contains some entries written by renowned beer authority Stephen Beaumont, from like 10 years ago when he used to have this job and which David is too lazy to replace.

## DRAUGHT

### SATISFYING

*Ales, porters and stouts with gentle bitterness and chocolaty or roasty character*

#### Collective Arts Stranger Than Fiction

Ontario, 5.5% alc./vol. \$7.08/500 ml  
Style: Porter \$5.31/300 ml

Hamilton's Collective Arts Brewing is one of the great success stories of the Southern Ontario beer scene, and it seems none of it has to do with luck. From fantastic recipes to exacting execution to beautiful packaging, they are an example of how the combination of hard work and talent pays off in the end. Stranger Than Fiction is their porter and it's so good that it can't even be written about without a masturbatory preamble like the one you just read. A World Beer Cup award winner in its first year of production, Stranger Than Fiction is multidimensional with chocolate and pale ale malts creating a harmony of molasses, cocoa and dark roast coffee.

#### St. Ambroise Oatmeal Stout

Québec, 5% alc./vol. \$7.30/half-litre  
Style: Stout \$5.09/300 ml

Richer than your typical dry Irish stout, St. Ambroise's Oatmeal stout is perhaps the finest example of the style. Oats lend a silken texture to this beer that drinks with notes of mocha, fruit, and a bitterness that's perfectly balanced between roast and hop.

### SPICY

*Malty, well-rounded ales with a natural spiciness either from fermentation, a spice addition, or both*

#### Bench Brewing Clean Slate Brett Saison

Ontario, 5.7% alc./vol. \$7.08/350 ml  
Style: Saison

Part of the new wave of talent to hit the Southern Ontario beer scene, Bench is a farmhouse brewery plunked right in the middle of Niagara's wine country, and is an outfit with lofty vision and spot-on delivery. They've set their sights on using only local ingredients—including hops they grow themselves—to create agriculturally-minded beers like saisons, sours and freshly-hopped creations. Clean Slate embodies this vision with a burst of fresh lemon and grain springing from the glass. Their judicious use here of the funkifying yeast *Brettanomyces* adds an earthen element to make you feel like you just finished a day tilling the fields.

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SAMPLES FOR \$6**

## DRAUGHT

### SPICY (Cont'd)

*Malty, well-rounded ales with a natural spiciness either from fermentation, a spice addition, or both*

#### Shillow Beer Co. Beer Snob Belgian Rye Ale

California, 6% alc./vol. \$7.52/500 ml  
Style: Rye beer \$5.53/300 ml

Jamie and Ben Shillow have taken their brewing company from modest startup to recognizable brand in a shockingly short period of time and we get to say we knew them when. Belgian rye beers have been rising in popularity as of late. The naturally peppery character of the grain lends itself well to enhancement with the spicy products of Belgian yeast. Brewing with rye is a tough process though, best reserved for brewers who really know what they're doing. Enter Shillow Brewing Co. and their Beer Snob. Well-balanced with a full fruit character and modest tang, it's the sort of beer that can pull double duty both on the patio and as a winter warmer too.

### ROBUST

*Rich and warming ales with a full maltiness and impressive complexity*

#### Maudite

Québec, 7.8% alc./vol. \$5.75/375 ml  
Style: Dubbel

La Maudite (the damned one) is a dark, coriander-spiced ale from what is now the most successful Québec brewery in existence. Although it's been in production since 1992 it continues to receive accolades, including a gold medal at the 2016 World Beer Awards. Effervescent with aromas of ripe fruits, it drinks slightly sweet with warming spice, caramel and more fruity notes. Enjoy it on its own or with tomato-based pastas or red meats.

#### Paulaner Salvator

Germany, 7.9% alc./vol. \$7.52/400 ml  
Style: Doppelbock

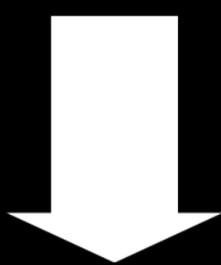
If you ever stumble across a beer with a name ending in "-ator", you should know it's descended from Paulaner Salvator. The naming convention began with this, the world's first doppelbock (strong, dark German lager), and most every other "-ator" beer is based on the same brewing methods. Salvator ("Saviour") is remarkably food friendly, boasting malty tones of caramel and currant.

### ROTATIONAL TAPS

*Ask your server about...*

- 1) The Ontario cider of the moment
- 2) The IPA of the moment
- 3) The other beer of the moment
- 4) The Samuel Adams Seasonal tap

## BOTTLES & CANS



## QUENCHING

*Softly spicy and fruity German- and Belgian-style wheat beers*

### Cheval Blanc

Québec, 5% alc./vol. \$5.69/341 ml  
Style: Witbier

Les Brasseurs RJ took home two of Canada's seven medals at the 2014 World Beer Cup, considered the Olympics of beer by people who don't consider competitive chugging to be the Olympics of beer. This Belgian style wheat beer took silver, beating out 60 other entries from around the world. Brewed with orange zest and coriander, Cheval Blanc is milder and lighter than many of the style, making for a lean, fruity, fresh and clean patio refresher.

### Hacker-Pschorr Hefe Weisse

Germany, 5.5% alc./vol. \$6.96/500 ml  
Style: Hefeweizen

The most popular beer from this brewery located in the centre of Munich is a mild rendition of the classic Bavarian wheat beer. Medium dry with a light citrusy character, also along for the ride are the signature banana and clove notes that exemplify the style.

### Schneider Weisse

Germany, 5.4% alc./vol. \$7.25/500 ml  
Style: Hefeweizen

The fact that the original Bavarian weisse is darker and spicier than most is testament to the fact that its recipe has remained unchanged for more than a century. Look for notes of clove and black pepper, supported by a soft fruitiness and a satisfying character.

## CRISP

*Dry, refreshing lagers and ales ranging from softly bitter to appetizingly hoppy*

### Collective Arts Saint of Circumstance

Ontario, 4.7% alc./vol. \$6.27/355 ml  
Style: Golden ale

This is a light and spritzly blond ale that's been infused with the zest of seasonal citrus fruits. The lemon and lime flavours are perfect for folks that like a wedge squeezed into their beer, or really for anyone who enjoys that perfect moment in time cooling down on the patio.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### CRISP (Cont'd)

*Dry, refreshing lagers and ales ranging from softly bitter to appetizingly hoppy*

#### Czechvar

Czech Republic, 5% alc./vol.      \$7.30/500 ml  
Style: Czech pilsner

Even though this Czech lager is known through the rest of the world as Busweiser Budvar, please, please, please don't think for a moment that it has anything to do with American Bud. This is a pilsner that can easily beat Budweiser into submission—with solid, clean malt and hop flavours making for a refreshing beer that actually tastes like a beer.

#### Dieu du Ciel! Sentinelle

Québec, 5.1% alc./vol.      \$8.63/341 ml  
Style: Kölsch

That's no marketing oversight—the lighthouse on the label is giving you the finger. It's Dieu du Ciel!'s way of saying "you wanted something light? Here. Go f\*\*k yourself". Better known for their barrier-breaking ales, this bottle is Montreal's greatest brewpub's straight-up German-style Kölsch. Historically, the Kölsch was Western Germany's answer to the wave of blonde pilsners spreading out of Bavaria in the 1800s. The brewers of Cologne retained their ale-making traditions, but still aimed for a golden, hoppy beer like the competition. Sentinelle is an exacting interpretation, with its characteristic light fruity notes and clean, bitter finish.

#### Singha Lager

Thailand, 5% alc./vol.      \$5.65/330 ml  
Style: Premium Lager

Bangkok is hot. And wet. I mean come on, the entire city exists on converted swampland. And when it's this hot and wet, a person's choice of beer is going to be as uncomplicated as possible. For maximum refreshment, the brewers of Thailand's most successful beer have kept the malt and hop profile to a minimum, leaving the lightest spice note in the body just to remind you that you're still drinking a beer.

#### Stiegl Pils

Austria, 4.9% alc./vol.      \$6.86/500 ml  
Style: German pilsner

A 500-year long brewing tradition has resulted in a fine, golden lager with a spicy bouquet produced by Bohemian Saaz hops. If you're looking for a new beer but fiercely dedicated to familiar flavours, you can't go wrong with this one.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### CRISP (Cont'd)

*Dry, refreshing lagers and ales ranging from softly bitter to appetizingly hoppy*

#### Sweetgrass Golden Ale

Ontario, 4.9% alc./vol. \$8.25/473 ml  
Style: Blonde ale

Toronto's own Sweetgrass Brewing entered the fray in late 2013, originally as a house ale for local landmark pub The Auld Spot. Since then, they've slowly grown into a recognizable Ontario brand. This golden ale is their flagship beer, and is the perfect pour for someone looking for something light and local. Brewed under the direction of one of our long-time regulars Steven Rich, it is straightforwardly clean with a sweet malty aroma and a light flavour of lemon cake.

#### Zywiec

Poland, 5.3% alc./vol. \$6.95/500 ml  
Style: Premium Lager

Not only a fantastic scrabble word, Zywiec is also one of the most popular native beers in Poland, and easily the most recognizable Polish brand in Canada. And if you don't speak Polish, chances are you're pronouncing it wrong. So say "je-vi-ets" when you're looking for a blond lager that's slightly sweet on the nose with a straightforward, uncomplicated palate.

## APPETIZING

*Ales with a varying balance between tart and sweet, with fruitiness and mouth-wateringly dry malt*

#### 3 Fonteinen Zwet.be

Belgium, 7% alc./vol. \$17.70/330 ml  
Style: Porter

Here's a sour beer unlike any to ever grace our menu. 3 Fonteinen ("*drray fontaynen*") is a producer of some of the finest spontaneously-fermented beer in Belgium, but this bottle is just a little different from their usual releases. To make Zwet.be, they cultured native yeast from their lambic casks and pitched it in a porter made from wheat, Maris Otter malt and cara malt. Tasting it, you aren't quite sure if you're experiencing the acidity of a Belgian sour or the astringency of a roasted black beer, but you do know you like it. The foamy carbonation so familiar to lambic is a stellar surprise here, like a bubblebath in your mouth cleaning your palate for the next sip.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### APPETIZING (Cont'd)

*Ales with a varying balance between tart and sweet, with fruitiness and mouth-wateringly dry malt*

#### Alvinne Phi

Belgium, 8% alc./vol. \$11.50/330 ml  
Style: Sour ale

Fans of sour beers should be pretty excited with Alvinne Phi, which gives a glimpse into their production simply by virtue of how it *isn't* made. Rather than souring on oak like an historic Flemish brown, Alvinne uses their Morpheus yeast matrix, which is a mix of critters working together to produce a mouth-watering acidity, followed by ageing on stainless steel. Called a "demi" sour ale by some, there's nothing demi about the alcohol content, or the satisfaction it leaves behind. What the beer lacks in complexity it unabashedly replaces with refreshing notes of green apple and tangy fruits.

#### Bacchus Vlaams Oud Bruin

Belgium, 4.5% alc./vol. \$13.94/375 ml  
Style: Flemish sour ale

By now you may have heard about the sour ale revolution that everyone's talking about. If not, consider this beer your first step into a new world. Significantly milder than some others of the style, Vlaams Oud Bruin is a lively old ale matured on oak casks, with a happy fruity acidity and remarkably clean finish. If you've got a pal that's stuck on cider, this is the beer for them. Or if you're already a fan of the style and want one of the more refreshing renditions around, take this bottle for a ride.

#### Bockor Cuvée des Jacobins Rouge

Belgium, 5.5% alc./vol. \$11.06/330 ml  
Style: Flemish sour ale

Rather than adding a carefully-selected pure strain of laboratory yeast, this brightly sour red ale is fermented by exposing the batch overnight to the native airborne flora outside this west Flemish brewery. As such, it's produced like a lambic, but marketed as a Flemish sour ale probably only due to geography. In the end, who cares, because the cuvée is a delectably sour and not overly aggressive addition to our "Appetizing" category. It drinks with a whiff of Welch's and tart cranberries, and is less oaky than the others of the style.

**OUR BEER CELLAR IS FILLED  
WITH SOME OF THE MOST  
UNIQUE VINTAGES AROUND.  
CHECK IT OUT NEAR THE  
BACK OF THIS BOOK.**

## BOTTLES & CANS

### APPETIZING (Cont'd)

*Ales with a varying balance between tart and sweet, with fruitiness and mouth-wateringly dry malt*

#### Del Ducato Beersel Morning

Italy, 6.2% alc./vol. \$44.25/750 ml  
Style: Lambic/saison blend

Remember when the Klingon moon Praxis exploded, forcing the Klingons to reach out to the Federation with an overture of peace in exchange for resources, ushering in an era of prosperity for both republics? This beer is kind of like that. In 2009, world-renowned lambic producer 3 Fonteinen suffered a thermostat failure leading to the explosion of 3000 bottles of beer and potential ruin of their barrels. Desperate to stay afloat, they forged an alliance with Italy's Birrifico Del Ducato, who bought quite a lot of 18 month-old sour ale and then blended it with New Morning saison, their beer spiked with wildflower, chamomile, coriander, green peppercorn and ginger. The resulting beer had an extra layer of sour and leathery complexity, and was so successful that not only did 3 Fonteinen survive their disaster, but a new, regularly produced beer was born.

#### Evil Twin Sour Bikini

South Carolina, 4.8% alc./vol. \$8.63/355 ml  
Style: Sour pale ale

If you're a fan of Denmark's Mikkeller Brewing, Evil Twin should be of some interest to you. That's because it's owned by Mikkel Borg Bjergso's identical twin Jeppe, and like the name of the brewery suggests, the two of them can't stand each other. Both Mikkeller and Evil Twin are what are now referred to as "phantom breweries", in that neither of them actually have a physical brewery, but rather strike deals with brewers around the globe to co-produce their beers. Sour Bikini was made at South Carolina's Westbrook brewing, and it's as refreshing as they come. A strikingly citrus sour element is the first single note of this beer which transitions to raw grain lingering in the finish.

#### Indie Ale House Ritual Madness

Ontario, 8% alc./vol. \$29.87/750 ml  
Style: Flemish sour

Despite their impeccable ability to poach our bartenders, we really like Toronto's Indie Ale House. Part of their "Fates and Furies" series, Ritual Madness is a blended sour beer, part of which has been aged on grape must in reclaimed wine barrels. It's sweet and tart, with an approachable flavour of raspberries, plum wine and deep wooden notes. The 8% abv is well hidden beneath the flavour, making this big fat bottle suitable for both sharing and solitary contemplation.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### APPETIZING (Cont'd)

*Ales with a varying balance between tart and sweet, with fruitiness and mouth-wateringly dry malt*

#### St. Louis Kriek Fond Tradition

Belgium, 6.5% alc./vol. \$13.94/375 ml  
Style: Lambic, fruit

There's been some argument as to whether or not true lambic can be produced outside of the Senne Valley in Belgium. Legally the answer is yes it can, mostly thanks to this West Flanders brewery. Brewer Luc Van Honsebrouck famously called the Senne "the sewer of Brussels" and sought to produce a spontaneously-fermented beer in what he deemed a more suitable environment, getting a royal decree overturned in order to do so. His Kriek Fond Tradition does the style proud. Fermented by wild yeasts with the addition of sour cherries, this lambic is as real as it gets. The taste is tart, the body effervescent, the colour shockingly red. This is a beer that will wake up all the senses.

### SOCIABLE

*Ales and lagers with moderate strength, medium body and near-perfect balance*

#### Anchor Steam Beer

California, 4.9% alc./vol. \$5.89/355 ml  
Style: California Common

The secret of this classic Californian brew is a hybrid fermentation that combines a lager yeast with ale-type conditions, yielding a deliciously complex beer with both the round fruitiness of an ale and the appetizing crispness of a lager.

#### Black Oak Nut Brown Ale

Ontario, 5% alc./vol. \$6.86/473 ml  
Style: Brown ale

Black Oak recently moved from Oakville to Etobicoke, but since no one wanted to drink a beer called "Black Coke", they kept the old name. All that really matters to us is that they've been able to adapt their new brewing facilities to replicate their Nut Brown Ale, the multiple award-winning beer that put them on the map a scant ten years ago. This is a great beer for pairing with hamburger and other grilled meats, with a solid nutty maltiness that stays away from the sweet side.

#### Erdinger Weissbier Dunkel

Germany, 5.6% alc./vol. \$8.74/500 ml  
Style: Dunkelweizen

Can a drink so dark really be refreshing? When it's a dunkel weiss, you bet it can. Erdinger's dark wheat beer drinks with a wisp of roasty caramel sweetness backed by a soft fruitiness that finishes clean and smooth.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### SOCIABLE (Cont'd)

*Ales and lagers with moderate strength, medium body and near-perfect balance*

#### Hobgoblin

England, 5.5% alc./vol. \$8.63/500 ml  
Style: English Brown Ale

Funny name aside, this is one serious ale. Expect fragrant currant notes on the nose and a full, rich and chocolaty-fruity body. A touch of dryness on the finish makes this a fine ale to complement stews and braised meats.

#### Innis & Gunn Oak Aged Beer

Scotland, 6.6% alc./vol. \$8.89/330 ml  
Style: English strong ale

This beer was born through one of the best accidents ever. To create a unique whiskey, oak barrels were filled with beer so the wood could soak up all the malt and hop flavours. Once the beer was discarded, the casks were filled with whiskey and aged. Turns out the workers responsible for emptying the casks were drinking the beer themselves and liking it a whole lot. As a result, the whiskey was forgotten, and Innis & Gunn has been brewing beer like this ever since. The oak and further aging on stainless steel gives the ale a smooth blend of vanilla, citrus, wood and tropical fruits.

#### Köstritzer Schwarzbier

Germany, 4.8% alc./vol. \$7.96/500 ml  
Style: Schwarzbier

Köstritzer brewery was founded way back in 1543, and it isn't even considered one of the older breweries in Germany. It is, however, one of the oldest producers of *schwarzbier*, a style that a lot of beer newbies have trouble wrapping their noodles around. That's because it pours out pitch black, but doesn't drink at all like a big-bodied stout or porter. Part of the reason is because it's a lager, not an ale, and so carries a style-defining crispness of character. The dominant flavours are a mild roastiness and a drying cherry edge.

#### Samuel Adams Boston Lager

Massachusetts, 4.8% alc./vol. \$5.45/355 ml  
Style: Premium Lager

Since the 2008 takeover of Anheuser-Busch by InBev, The Boston Beer Company has become the single largest American-owned brewery, and Samuel Adams' Boston Lager is their flagship beer. This is something of a coup, because for the first time in modern history, the best selling 100% American beer is actually something that doesn't make you want to kill yourself. With just a wisp of fresh floral hop aromas, this premium lager carries moderately bitter and light caramel flavours.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### SOCIABLE (Cont'd)

*Ales and lagers with moderate strength, medium body and near-perfect balance*

#### Stillwater Classique

Connecticut, 4.5% alc./vol. \$8.63/355 ml  
Style: Specialty grain

Brian Strumke is doing something special with Stillwater Brewing. Under his watch, he intends to redefine what beer means to the masses, and he's steadily collecting the awards that show he's succeeding. He calls Classique "your grandfather's new beer". That is, he's taken the grains that dominated the post-prohibition industrialization of beer—corn, rice and pilsner malt—and has crafted something delicious and accessible. With just a touch of farmhouse mustiness and a super dry bitter finish, this is the beer to celebrate a job well done.

#### St. Peter's English Ale

England, 4.4% alc./vol. \$9.97/ 500 ml  
Style: English ale

So many folks ask us for organic beers that we had to find one of the best to pour at the restaurant. Made entirely of organic malt and hops, deep well water and St. Peter's proprietary strain of yeast, this beer is mild, woody, and easy-drinking as hell.

### SATISFYING

*Ales, porters and stouts with gentle bitterness and chocolaty or roasty character*

#### Guinness

Ireland, 4.2% alc./vol. \$6.50/440 ml  
Style: Stout

Want a light beer but hate light beer? How about a bit of the black? In part due to its mild abv, Guinness is our diet beer of choice with this can clocking in at a mere 132 calories. That's less than a glass of skim milk, and everyone hates skim milk. And contrary to popular belief, Canada still gets the stuff that's brewed in Dublin.

#### Indie Ale House Breakfast Porter

Ontario, 7.2% alc./vol. \$12.17/500 ml  
Style: Porter

Indie Ale House is a local success story, surviving and thriving against the odds in a building that stood derelict for over a decade before they made it their home. And this porter may just be one of the several reasons why The Junction is so beer-obsessed today. Brewed with oatmeal and what they describe as (air quotes) milk but what we're guessing is lactose, this is a beer that inspires greater use of the word "yore" in discussions. Smooth with a good measure of chocolate and coffee flavours, this beer is perfectly at home with anything bacon-related, in true breakfast fashion.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### SATISFYING (Cont'd)

*Ales, porters and stouts with gentle bitterness and chocolate or roasty character*

#### Young's Double Chocolate Stout

England, 5.2% alc./vol. \$9.83/500 ml  
Style: Flavoured stout

Chocolate and stouts go together like, well, chocolate and stouts. So it comes as little surprise that this offering from one of England's most prolific breweries presents a hedonistic combination of flavours. Not overly sweet, the melding of real dark chocolate, chocolate essence and the dark-roasted barley malt (not coincidentally) also known as chocolate creates here an easy-drinking excuse to enjoy chocolate with dinner. Chocolate.

### BOLD

*Hopped-out ales with a moderate to full bitterness and a naturally fruity character*

#### Black Oak 10 Bitter Years

Ontario, 8% alc./vol. \$17.70/650 ml  
Style: Double India pale ale

In November 2009, Black Oak's Ken Woods kicked the collective asses of everyone in the Ontario brewing world with his astonishing 10 Bitter Years. A heavily hopped high-octane IPA, he brewed it to commemorate and commiserate with everyone over the first not-so-smooth decade of Black Oak Brewery. The beer was such a huge success that even though it's a painstaking and time devouring process to brew, heavy demand has convinced Woods to now produce it year-round. The crazy aromas from wet hopping and double dry hopping this beer include grapefruit, pineapple and mango, with enough chewy caramel malt in the body to successfully chaperone its heavy bitterness.

#### Central City Red Racer India Style Red Ale

British Columbia, 5.5% alc./vol. \$7.96/473 ml  
Style: India red ale

With brewers essentially taking any recipe they can and seeing if they can mold it into an IPA, we've seen more colour variety these days than a Crayola family pack. There are black IPAs, white, green, brown and grey, but the one that seems to actually have the most substance is the red. Central City's version melds UK malts with Pacific Northwest hops to create a chewy beer filled with flavours of crusty bread and fresh pine with a delicate sweetness in the finish.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### **BOLD** (Cont'd)

*Hopped-out ales with a moderate to full bitterness  
and a naturally fruity character*

#### **Central City Red Racer IPA**

British Columbia, 6.5% alc./vol.     \$7.95/473 ml  
Style: India pale ale

The American IPA claims its roots in 1975s San Francisco, and from there it grew like the best plague ever to eventually take over the USA. To the north, Canadians could only stay immune for so long, really only getting into the game some 25 years later. In the I-just-made-this-up category of classic Canadian IPAs, Central City's stands out as one of the first in our country to get it right. Four different breeds of hop provide flavours of grapefruit pith and peach, with a long bittersweet finish that doesn't threaten to completely obliterate your tastebuds.

#### **Collective Arts Ransack the Universe**

Ontario, 6.8% alc./vol.     \$7.30/500 ml  
Style: India pale ale

Collective Arts calls this their "Hemisphere IPA", because they sourced hops from opposite sides of the planet. In this beer, you get the juicy collision of Australian Galaxy hops and Mosaic hops from Yakima, Washington. Both of these hops are just flavour monsters, characterized by Jolly-Rancher-levels of tropical fruitiness. The beer is named after a vintage oddities store in The Junction, and at 85 IBUs has layers of taste as eclectic as the selection you'll find over there.

#### **Collective Arts Rhyme & Reason**

Ontario, 5.7% alc./vol.     \$6.27/355 ml  
Style: American pale ale

Bordering somewhere between an IPA and a pale ale, Rhyme & Reason has already made a big impact in its short existence, earning Collective Arts the title of Best New Brewery in Ontario by Ratebeer.com. It pours out like the palest of pale ales, and is bright and lemony with a good burst of bitterness that won't resurface your soft palate like some hoppy beers tend to do. You're fully going to want a second pint right after the first, and at 5.7%, it's just on the right side of the edge of sessionability for you to justify it.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### **BOLD** (Cont'd)

*Hopped-out ales with a moderate to full bitterness and a naturally fruity character*

#### **Collective Arts State of Mind**

Ontario, 4.4% alc./vol. \$6.27/355 ml  
Style: India session ale

As modern brewers continue to bend recipes, sometimes a new style sticks. Such is the case with the session IPA. With all the hops of a standard IPA but less alcohol and drier than a typical pale, the style has risen quickly to the point where most craft breweries have tried it at least once. And Collective Arts didn't just give it a go, but they made one into a core brand. State of Mind is super clean with brisk hop aromas and moderate bitterness. Not simply for teetotalers-in-training, but a beautiful, crisp alternative to your standard pilsner or pale ale.

#### **De la Senne Taras Boulba**

Belgium, 4.5% alc./vol. \$11.06/330 ml  
Style: Belgian pale ale

When a few of us took a trip to Belgium, this was *the* session beer. The name comes from a Nikolai Gogol story of a forbidden love affair between a couple from rival houses. The name fits, because Taras Boulba drinks like an ancient grudge breaking to new mutiny. On one side, there are the spicy, fruity notes that only Belgian yeasts can provide. On the other, you have a full hop bitterness that's historically been shunned throughout Belgium. And from forth the fatal loins of these two foes has sprung a torrid romance of a beer unlike any other.

#### **De Ranke XX Bitter**

Belgium, 6.2% alc./vol. \$9.87/330 ml  
Style: Belgian pale ale

De Ranke claims this is the hoppiest beer in Belgium, and it's best to take them at their word. Essentially, touting a Belgian beer as the hoppiest around carries the risk of backfiring through the international market harder than New Coke. But the market exists. And it's not just composed of Belgians in the know, but also amongst a dedicated faction right here in North America. You'll see why when you experience this: a heavy hop aroma of citrus and grass leading into a powerful bitterness and sweet malt that gives way to an Orval-like, drying *brett* finish.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### **BOLD** (Cont'd)

*Hopped-out ales with a moderate to full bitterness and a naturally fruity character*

#### **Dieu du Ciel! Disco Soleil**

Québec, 6.5% alc./vol. \$8.63/341 ml  
Style: Fruit beer

It was only a matter of time before someone brewed an IPA with kumquats, so it's hardly surprising that the party responsible would be the weirdos over at Dieu du Ciel. Otherwise known as the tiniest orange you've ever seen, the kumquat tastes more like a cross between a mandarin and a lime, which here serves to bolster the citrus elements already present in the style.

#### **Dieu du Ciel! Moralité**

Québec, 6.9% alc./vol. \$8.63/341 ml  
Style: India pale ale

Montreal brewpub Dieu du Ciel! doesn't do anything half assed. They use their whole ass. And this time they added even more ass in the form of The Alchemist Brewery out of Vermont. You may recognize The Alchemist as the folks behind Heady Topper, the bucket-list double IPA that made them famous. Here these two craft breweries have developed an unfiltered IPA that pours out bright in the glass, almost announcing its fresh accents of pineapple and lemon, with the sharp, resinous hop bitterness that The Alchemist has apparently mastered.

#### **Goose Island Goose IPA**

Illinois/Québec, 5.9% alc./vol. \$6.42/341 ml  
Style: English India pale ale

It's hard to fault Chicago's Goose Island for going corporate. If Anheuser-Busch handed you a sack filled with \$40 mil, you'd probably do the same. To Budweiser's credit, they've done a pretty bang-up job of keeping the craft beer flavour in what is decidedly not a craft beer company anymore. No better is this exemplified in their IPA, which does the European roots of the style proud. Rather than just a bitter hop assault, it's spicy and toasty with a drying effect that keeps the hops alive on your palate long after each swallow.

#### **Indie Ale House Instigator IPA**

Ontario, 6.5% alc./vol. \$12.17/500 ml  
Style: India pale ale

The flagship IPA from Toronto's Indie Ale House is a welcome glass of restraint in a category so often dominated by the pissing contest of hop addition. Clearly these folks know what they're doing. Fresh with flavours of Christmas tree and creamsicle, there is of course the requisite bitterness of an IPA, but just not in a fingernails-on-chalkboard kind of way. Treat yourself to this with a cheeseburger or pizza and you'll be doing yourself a favour.

### **BOLD** (Cont'd)

*Hopped-out ales with a moderate to full bitterness and a naturally fruity character*

#### **Lagunitas Sucks**

California, 8% alc./vol. \$7.96/355 ml

Style: American strong ale

Some time ago, Lagunitas was brewing up a batch of their barleywine and totally screwed up the recipe. That delicious mistake turned into Brown Shugga, a strong ale so successful that it became a regular release. But in those days, Brown Shugga just took too long to brew with the limited capacity at Lagunitas and other beers were being held back because of it. Enter Lagunitas Sucks: their replacement beer that's brewed with speed in mind but still has lots of heft to it. Hoppy enough to be an imperial IPA but caramelly enough to remind you that it's not, lots of people think it's even better than the original.

#### **Nickel Brook Headstock IPA**

Ontario, 7% alc./vol. \$6.86/473 ml

Style: India pale ale

Unofficial winner of the Ontario Comeback of the Decade Award is Nickel Brook Brewing, who saw fit in 2010 to hire brewer Ryan Morrow, responsible for producing a string of winners ever since. One of his first creations was Headstock IPA. Nugget hops offer a sustained bitterness along with wood and grassy elements that dominate over a modest citrus background.

#### **Nickel Brook Naughty Neighbour**

Ontario, 4.9% alc./vol. \$6.86/473 ml

Style: American pale ale

Brewed, named and labelled to celebrate the craft brewing revolution emanating from the USA, Naughty Neighbour is an American style pale ale in every respect. Easily a beer that somebody could drink several times a day, the fresh orange and grain notes might make you feel that it's actually good for you. True to style, the hop bitterness is just present enough to let you know it's there, but not so strong that it rips the enamel off your teeth.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### **BOLD** (Cont'd)

*Hopped-out ales with a moderate to full bitterness  
and a naturally fruity character*

#### **Shillow Beer Co. Bitter Waitress Black IPA**

Ontario, 6.5% alc./vol. \$7.52/473 ml  
Style: Black India pale ale

What began as 5 gallons of award-winning homebrew by one of beerbistro's very own servers is now a provincially-available offering from partners in life and crime, Jamie and Ben Shillow. Bitter Waitress is the courageous flagship brew of Shillow Beer Co., and a standout amongst safer first-offerings from the other new breweries on the block. It's a Trojan horse of a beer, sheathed in impossibly black roasted malt. But within lay the surprise. 86 whopping IBUs of fresh, earthy hops makes this unmistakably the IPA you're looking for, bringing forth a cacophony of flavours, from coniferous sap to the blossoms of citrus, all wrapped in a cloak of crushingly savory stout.

#### **Tree Brewing Cutthroat West Coast Ale**

British Columbia, 5% alc./vol. \$6.86/500 ml  
Style: Pale ale

Already a staple of British Columbia in a time back when Ontario craft brewing was just starting to become an organized force, Tree Brewing is still making beers that cause the rest of the continent to stand up and take notice. Cutthroat bills itself as a "West Coast" ale, but it's best to consider it a hybrid pale, evidenced by the use of the very best new- and old-world ingredients. German Perle and English Golding hops are there for bags of flavour, while North American "Big C" hops provide a nice herbal bite. A serious contender for the most food-friendly beer we carry, you certainly couldn't go wrong having it with a burger or even our New England mussels.

# ROBUST

*Rich and warming ales with a full maltiness and impressive complexity*

## Aventinus

Germany, 8% alc./vol. \$7.64/500 ml  
Style: Weizenbock

Officially rebranded as Schneider Weisse Tap6 Unser Aventinus, we're just going to go ahead and keep calling it Aventinus, if for no other reason than to save on printer ink. This, the first weizenbock ever created has remained relatively unchanged since 1907. This is all the more impressive when you discover that the beer just won gold at the 2014 World Beer Cup. Proof that wheat beers can be just as big-bodied and complex as the other guys, the rich and lively accents of ripe banana, plum and liquorice are what have made this gorgeous beer dominate for over a century.

## Chimay Première

Belgium, 7% alc./vol. \$19.95/750 ml  
Style: Dubbel (Trappist)

The flagship ale of the world's most famous Trappist monastery brewery, the beer also known as Chimay Red sports an assertive spiciness and notes of plummy fruit in the body. A natural for sharing at dinner.

## Dragon Stout

Jamaica, 7.5% alc./vol. \$5.65/300 ml  
Style: Foreign Stout

When the Irish brought stout to the Caribbean, they fermented their ale to higher strengths to preserve it over the long sea voyage. The style caught on, and even though most are now lager fermented, island stouts like this one from the makers of Red Stripe remain sweet and strong.

## Kwak

Belgium, 8% alc./vol. \$8.78/330 ml  
Style: Belgian Strong Ale

Belgians have a fairly relaxed take in regards to drinking on the job, and there is no better evidence for this than Kwak. This traditional strong ale was once a favorite among coach drivers, who drank it so regularly that special glassware was designed to be hitched to the side of the cab, keeping the beer in constant reach. We serve Kwak in its idiosyncratic glass—just the beginning of an experience that is deliciously mellow, very fruit-forward (think plum and caramelized banana) with the softest touch of bitterness at the end.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### ROBUST (Cont'd)

*Rich and warming ales with a full maltiness and impressive complexity*

#### Rochefort 8

Belgium, 9.2% alc./vol. \$10.96/330 ml  
Style: Belgian Strong Ale (Trappist)

The Abbaye Notre-Dame de Saint-Rémy is more informally known among beer aficionados as Rochefort, the name of both the nearby town and the beers it produces. The 8 is a masterpiece of malty complexity, and perhaps the finest beer you will ever find to enjoy with dark chocolate.

#### Sinha Stout

Sri Lanka, 8.8% alc./vol. \$5.89/330 ml  
Style: Foreign Stout

Since its discovery by beer writer Michael Jackson, this rich, slightly peppery brew normally sold under the "Lion Stout" label has become a minor world classic. Expect notes of bitter chocolate and espresso in what is perhaps Sri Lanka's finest ale.

#### St. Paul Double

Belgium, 6.9% alc./vol. \$7.99/330 ml  
Style: Dubbel

From the day we first opened in November 2003, St. Paul double has been a fixture on our shelves. Largely ignored in those early years, this gently malty and super smooth brown ale has turned out to be the hidden gem on our roster, slowly emerging as one of the most popular beers we carry. It's the Munenori Kawasaki of beers. Is it the (now retired) candlestick-shaped bottle? Is it the lack of a viable alternative? Or is it just excellent on its own as well as a pairing for a wide swathe of menu items? Have one and decide for yourself.

#### Traquair House Ale

Scotland, 6.9% alc./vol. \$8.98/330 ml  
Style: Scotch ale

Traquair House was once famed as a refuge for the Jacobites, and some centuries after that that, somewhat less famed as a brewery, which was the stylish thing to have in your big house with servants in early 1700s Scotland. By the time the 1800s rolled around though, the brewery had closed. A century and a half later it was rediscovered, intact, during renovations. So the family revived their old recipes and started brewing again. Now their Scotch Ale is heralded as one of the better ones around, with a nutty and earthy character that lies more heavily on the caramelly malt side of things.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### ROBUST (Cont'd)

*Rich and warming ales with a full maltiness and impressive complexity*

#### Tree Brewing Captivator Doppelbock

British Columbia, 7% alc./vol.      \$16.37/650 ml  
Style: Doppelbock

Doppelbocks were originally developed by 17<sup>th</sup> century German monks who drank this “liquid bread” to cheat their way through Lenten fasts. Tree Brewing’s Captivator is very much a homage to the original, while other modern interpretations tend to lean towards much thicker sludges. A deliciously sweet beer with sustained notes of toffee and nuts, there is a woody bourbon heat to temper the brown sugar finish.

#### Trois Pistoles

Québec, 9% alc./vol.      \$5.97/341 ml  
Style: Belgian Strong Ale

Another of Unibroue's big, Belgium-inspired ales is this mahogany beauty. Prepare yourself for heavy doses of chocolate, black plum and liquorice palate with a coriander spiciness on the nose. Rich and very robust.

### SMOKY

*Ales and lagers with flavours ranging from a wisp of smoke to a roaring campfire*

#### Aecht Schlenkerla Rauchbier Märzen

Germany, 5.1% alc./vol.      \$8.74/500 ml  
Style: Rauchbier

If there were ever a beer that could divide households, this is the one. Some folks love the fact that its intense aroma and taste give it an unmistakable flavour of a big ol’ smoked ham, while others feel like some desperate accountant salvaged a batch after the brewery burned to the ground. The barley malt used in this lager is smoked over a beechwood fire prior to brewing, and that’s the dominant taste throughout. Try it and see if you’re a fan or a foe.

## SPICY

*Well-rounded ales with a natural spiciness either from fermentation or a spice addition, or both*

### Achel 8 Blond

Belgium, 8% alc./vol. \$11.95/330 ml  
Style: Belgian golden strong ale (Trappist)

With an annual output lower than Westvleteren (the most elusive of Trappist breweries), there's a certain amount of pride attached to being able to offer beer from Achel brewery. Pouring with a tight, creamy head that crinkles into fjords as it dissipates, Achel 8 Blond is effervescent with a fruity and slightly metallic scent. The taste begins with a spiciness that holds onto the back of your tongue and gently converts to a modest bitter end.

### Chimay Dorée

Belgium, 4.8% alc./vol. \$9.96/330 ml  
Style: Trappist, singel

The mere existence of the Belgian Trappist beer styles dubbel, tripel and quadrupel begs the question "what ever happened to the singel?" Well it never went away, it was just never meant for you. Until now. Normally brewed by Cistercian monks for their own consumption, the singel (*single/enkel*) is light enough not to screw up an entire day of praying and brewing. Chimay Dorée is the first widely commercially available Trappist singel in existence, from the most entrepreneurial Trappist monastery in existence. Brisk, lemony and with the freshest hop presence of any Trappist release, this little glass of blasphemy is certain to make the other monastic brewers take notice.

### Chimay White

Belgium, 8% alc./vol. \$8.98/330 ml  
Style: Tripel (Trappist)

The only ale from the Chimay Trappist monastery brewery with a pronounced hoppiness, this dry-ish, faintly peppery ale has a full palate and dry, modestly bitter finish.

### De la Senne Jambe-de-Bois

Belgium, 8% alc./vol. \$12.61/330 ml  
Style: Tripel

Take a lively and citrusy spiced-up Belgian tripel and then cram so many hops up its hop hole that it tastes about as bitter as an IPA. The result is De la Senne's "Wooden Leg". Like most everything that this brewery produces, the noticeable American hop presence (a growing trend in Belgium) creates a treasured drying effect in the finish.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### SPICY (Cont'd)

*Well-rounded ales with a natural spiciness either from fermentation or a spice addition, or both*

#### Delirium Tremens

Belgium, 8.5% alc./vol. \$9.96/330 ml  
Style: Belgian golden strong ale

Some years back, we took a trip to Belgium to convince Huyghe Brewery to export draught Delirium Tremens to Canada. It started coming in, and now the pink elephant tap handle is a common sight all over Toronto. But we learned something in the process: this potent golden ale is simply better in the bottle. When bottle conditioned, the extra yeasts contribute to a more refined, smooth and lightly fruitier beer than the more assertive draught version.

#### Duvel

Belgium, 8.5% alc./vol. \$8.98/330 ml  
Style: Belgian golden strong ale

Best served with a large, fluffy head in an enormous glass, Duvel is a Belgian classic of the first order. Using the same yeast strain that's been living at the brewery for about a century, one of the only things that hasn't changed there in a hundred years is the recipe. Duvel Moortgat is now one of the largest brewing groups in the world, and much of its success is due to this bad boy right here. Crisp, clean and aromatic with a ridiculous drinkability considering its enormous alcohol content, you'll understand why this beer is called "the devil" by the time you finish your glass.

#### Hitachino Nest Saison du Japon

Japan, 6% alc./vol. \$12.83/330 ml  
Style: Saison

Kiuchi Brewery has been producing sake since 1823 but only got into the beer-making business closer to the end of this past century. And for those right now pointing out that sake is beer, calm down. It's just a menu. That being said, since Kiuchi is necessarily swimming in rice it seems only prudent that some makes it into their beer. Koji (malted rice) adds a noticeably sweet note to this Belgian-style saison. Also in the mix is yuzu, a Japanese citrus fruit best described as what you get when a grapefruit and a mandarin orange get overly friendly with each other. It's particularly noticeable in the aroma, which provides a delicate counterbalance to the notes of black pepper in this blonde farmhouse ale.

## SPICY (Cont'd)

*Well-rounded ales with a natural spiciness either from fermentation or a spice addition, or both*

### La Fin du Monde

Québec, 9% alc./vol.

\$5.97/341 ml

Style: Tripel

So it turns out that the world didn't end in 2012 like the Mayans said, which only means you've bought yourself more time to drink this prize winning pepper-and-citrusy kick to the head. Québec's Unibroue has long produced many staff favorites over here, and La Fin du Monde has got to be near the top of the list for catching up after work.

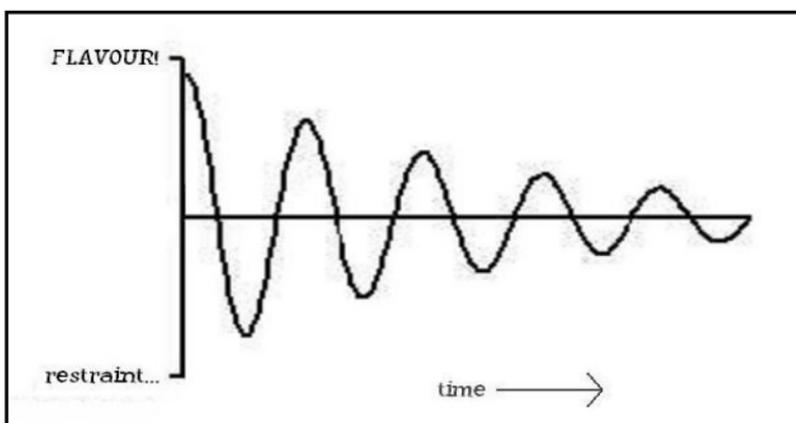
### Orval, January 2015

Belgium, 6.9% alc./vol.

\$13.27/330 ml

Style: Belgian strong ale (Trappist)

Brewed by the Trappist monks of l'Abbaye Notre-Dame d'Orval, this earthy ale would normally be on our cellar list but has proved so popular that we wanted to draw more attention to it. Orval is a prized curiosity of a beer: lively and complex with true farmhouse character, light fruit, acidity and a delicate whiff of horse-blanket. But with age it goes through a rollercoaster of changes, best described with the following diagram:



(fig. 1: both Orval and I have too much time on our hands)

With time, Orval becomes less assertive in terms of bitter hoppiness, but much bigger on the funky side of things. Once even older, the farmhouse character becomes more refined and balanced. As of this menu writing, the 01/15 vintage tastes pretty funky to us, something prized by a select few intrepid souls.

### SPICY (Cont'd)

*Well-rounded ales with a natural spiciness either from fermentation or a spice addition, or both*

#### Stillwater Stateside Saison

Connecticut, 6.8% alc./vol.      \$10.62/355 ml  
Style: Saison

It's a real pleasure to be able to offer beers from one of the most noted of travelling breweries, now that it's seemingly grown semi-permanent roots at Connecticut's Two Roads. In the short time that Stillwater Artisanal has been on the planet, their steadily increasing range of farmhouse-style beers has launched them to the top tier of American craft brewers. And of those beers, Stateside Saison has got to be the most popular. Doughy, tangy and jumping with pepper and herbs, it has a lemony effervescence with a lingering earthy finish.

#### Tripel Karmeliet

Belgium, 8% alc./vol.      \$8.78/330 ml  
Style: Tripel

From the makers of the champagne/beer hybrid DeuS comes another ingenious concoction: a strong golden ale brewed with wheat, oats and barley. The complexity of this brew's aroma is apparent in the amazing way that everyone seems to smell something different leaping from the glass. Try it out to see what you can find; and then be rewarded with a taste that's herbal and spicy.

#### Zundert Trappist Ale

The Netherlands, 8% alc./vol.      \$13.94/330 ml  
Style: Tripel (Trappist)

Maybe it's the new Pope but this decade has seen the debut of four new Trappist breweries, monasteries that devote much of their time producing beer coveted the world over. *Trappistenbrouwerij de Kievit* is one of the world's latest, The Netherlands' second, and the single beer they produce is this tripel named after the city where it's brewed. Pouring out amber to gold, it tastes slightly sweeter than other tripels with caramel, a light bitterness and just a touch of nuts.

### SOOTHING

*Potent ales with almost sinfully decadent maltiness and profound depth of flavour*

#### Achel Extra Bruin

Belgium, 9.5% alc./vol. \$39.96/750 ml  
Style: Abt/Quadrupel (Trappist)

When Achel Extra first hit the scene about fifteen years ago, Trappist monks everywhere retreated to a renewed life of solemn contemplation, having just been righteously schooled by the monks of Achel brewery. And when Achel Extra first hit our shelves about ten years ago, it stunned us with its multilayered complexity of rich malt, chocolate, raisins and spices. And then as suddenly as it appeared, it was all gone. Mostly drank by the staff here. Well now it's finally back after some worthless non-Achel Extra years, and maybe if you can rip it out of a bartender's hands, you can have some too.

#### Chimay Blue

Belgium, 9% alc./vol. \$13.89/330 ml  
Style: Belgian Strong Ale (Trappist)

This is the strongest and maltiest ale from the Trappist monastery brewery, Abbaye de Notre-Dame de Scourmont. Roundly spicy and winy in character, it's an after-dinner treat that also pairs nicely with chocolate. *(Also available in vintage 1.5 Litre Magnums: \$60)*

#### Rochefort 10

Belgium, 11.3% alc./vol. \$16.24/330 ml  
Style: Abt/Quadrupel (Trappist)

One of the most revered of the Trappist ales, the '10' from Rochefort is bottle fermented with dark candy sugar to offer a massive, uncompromising body and flavour, with bitter chocolate and liquorice notes and great depth. A warming, off-dry finish completes the profile.

#### St. Bernardus Abt 12

Belgium, 10% alc./vol. \$27.89/750 ml  
Style: Abt/Quadrupel

This malt bomb has been consistently ranked as one of the top beers in the world, and for good reason. It's a masterful mix of complexity that can shame even the rarest of strong Trappist ales. Rumor is that this beer makes use of a magical strain of yeast that once fermented the elusive Westvleteren 12. Perhaps that's the source for this beer's character of figs, spice, and that tart part of a plum that's a hair's breadth from the inner skin. Along for the ride is a dark, bready and boozy experience capable of collapsing your soul upon itself.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### SOOTHING (Cont'd)

*Potent ales with almost sinfully decadent maltiness and profound depth of flavour*

#### X.O. Beer

France, 8% alc./vol. \$11.76/330 ml  
Style: Fortified Lager

If the idea of cognac and beer blended together strikes you as odd, you're not alone. But incredibly, the combination works in this inspired ale from the cognac company L&L. Anyone who enjoys a good brandy after dinner should be very pleased and satisfied with this fruity, warming nightcap.

### FRUITY

*Beers fermented or finished with real fruits or fruit juices*

#### Früli Strawberry

Belgium, 4.1% alc./vol. \$9.51/330 ml  
Style: Fruit Beer

A Belgian witbier flavoured with real strawberry juice, our most popular fruit beer is also in the running to be the most popular bottle that we've ever carried. "Approachable" is a pretty good descriptor here, because everybody wants to get all up in on its fizzy strawberry sweetness.

#### Pêche Mel Scaldis

Belgium, 8.5% alc./vol. \$11.32/330 ml  
Style: Fruit beer

For some reason, lots fruit beers we've found have been pretty light on the alcohol side of things. Guess it took the brewers of what was once Belgium's strongest beer to raise the bar. Pêche Mel was originally a local beer cocktail made with equal parts of that 12% ale, Scaldis Ambrée, and peach lambic. It got so popular that now the brewery makes a version from scratch. Sweet and strong, this is the dessert to have when you're not having dessert, and a beerbistro alternative to the after-dinner liqueur. You can almost taste the fuzz.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### FRUITY (Cont'd)

*Beers fermented or finished with real fruits or fruit juices*

#### Rodenbach Rosso

Belgium, 4% alc./vol.

\$9.07/250 ml

Style: Flemish sour with fruit

And it only took just under 200 years for the world to catch up to Rodenbach. Founded in 1836, this brewery produces what is widely regarded as the benchmark for sour beers, a category now widely sought and celebrated. Rodenbach Rosso is something of a departure, but is a glass of fun that could only be made now that the brewery is so massively popular. Their blended Flemish sour ale is partially macerated with cranberries, raspberries and kriek cherries, to which is then added cherry and elderberry juice. The result is a fruit beer to be consumed without shame: lightly tart, sweet and delicious with cotton candy aromas and fond memories of juicebox lunches.

#### Stiegl Radler Grapefruit

Austria, 2.5% alc./vol.

\$6.86/500 ml

Style: Fruit beer

Before North Americans were drinking Shandies, German-speaking parts of Europe were mixing Radlers—beer blended with soda pop or lemonade. And when Austrian brewer Stiegl started sending their grapefruit juice-spiked lager over to Toronto, it quickly hypnotized the cooler crowd into drinking a beer. Sweet and fizzy with hardly a hint of its host beer, it's only second to the Caesar as the perfect brunchtime drink.

## GLUTEN-FREE

*Brought to you by the miracle of science*

#### Lakefront New Grist

Wisconsin, 5.7% alc./vol.

\$6.54/355 ml

Style: Specialty grain beer

You may be gluten intolerant, but we understand. It's not like gluten used to beat you up when you were a kid—the two of you just don't get along. But before you curse your pals for dragging you to a place called 'beerbistro', just order one of these and hoist up a glass. Brewed entirely with sorghum and rice, New Grist drinks with light sweet notes of green apple and grain.

## BOTTLES & CANS

### GLUTEN-FREE (Cont'd)

*Brought to you by the miracle of science*

#### Strathroy 1815 Freedom Framboise

Ontario, 5.5% alc./vol. \$9.07/250 ml  
Style: Fruit beer

Why should the gluten-tolerant have all the fruit beers? Strathroy brewing company likely asked the same question, and 1815 Freedom Framboise is their answer. Blended with a mix of raspberries, blackberries and blueberries and bottle fermented for a champagne-like effervescence, this is a light-bodied and refreshing release. Bittering hops provide a clever counterbalance to the sweetness of the berries, giving you reason to come back for a second sip.

### CIDER

*Not beer, but still nice*

#### Spirit Tree Draught Cider

Ontario, 6% alc./vol. \$8.67/473 ml  
Style: Apple cider

Spirit Tree has been producing ciders for only a few years now, but they're already a multiple award-winning cidery. Formerly known as their Pub Style Cider, their flagship product was a welcome change to the Ontario scene that had for too long been dominated by cloyingly-sweet hard apple juices. Spirit Tree is not only dryer with delectable acidic notes, but it also carries farmhouse flavours of hay, cork and wood.

### ALCOHOL-FREE

*What.*

#### Erdinger Weissbier Alkoholfrei

Germany, 0.4% alc./vol. \$8.34/500 ml

So it's come to this. For reasons we don't need to discuss, you want an alcohol-free beer. Well we've got your back. This half-millennium-old brewery has gone all science on us and figured out how to take the alcohol out of a beer while still leaving the beer part behind. It's light, drinks with touches of white bread and agave nectar, and is a hell of a lot better for you than Gatorade, so feel free to tank up with this before the big volleyball game.

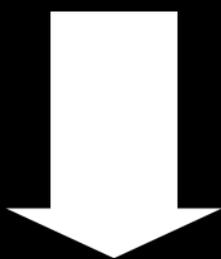
## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

In late 2013, Scotland's Brewmeister Brewery released "Snake Venom", which clocked in at a ridiculous 67.5% abv. This handily took the title of World's Strongest Beer from BrewDog and Germany's Schorschbräu, who had been duking it out with each other for the previous half-decade. Both of those breweries went on to say that they're no longer interested in going further, as the limits of beer technology seem to have been reached. Purists said the whole damn thing was moot though, since no yeast can survive past about 28%, and these jerks were just freezing the beer and removing the ice crystals to concentrate it. All seemed settled in the world of questionable brewing contests until some time later when rumblings began online regarding Brewmeister's practices. The first volley was over their second-strongest beer, Armageddon, which was claimed to be 65% abv. After many said it tasted way too smooth to be stronger than whiskey, the brewery admitted that "some" of the bottles were actually somewhere between 15 and 20%. Then followed the Snake Venom debacle, in which the brewery said it was common practice for them to top up the batch with raw ethanol to get the numbers up. Now according to all these clearly insane people, it's all fine and good if you're removing the water, but adding extra alcohol? That's crossing the line. beerbistro has some strong beers which have the quirky distinction of actually being beer. Here's a few of our picks that are both good and pack a punch:

Samichlaus (14%)    Baladin Xyauyu (14.5%)  
Utopias (28%)      Rochefort 10 (11.3%)

## BEER CELLAR

A few select beers show huge improvement after spending some years in the bottle. Beer with active yeasts, high alcohol content and sometimes high sugar or acidity are the best candidates to experiment with. Flavours can evolve, combine and soften to create a sublime drinking experience. Some brewers even insist that their beers best not be touched until they've had time to mature. We've been carefully ageing chosen bottles in our 12°C cellar for over the last ten years, and are pretty pleased with the results. Here is our current selection from the cellar: each one a sought-after rarity.



## BARLEY WINES

*Complex ales of high alcohol content, vinous character and concentrated flavours*

### Brooklyn Monster Ale 2010

New York, 10.1% alc./vol.      \$11.98/355 ml

No longer in production, this lively barley wine brewed under the watchful eye of master brewer and beer author Garret Oliver is an accomplishment to be savored with every sip. A complex nose of toffee and citrus announces the arrival on the palate of a medium-bodied, warm and leafy hop body that stays on the sweeter side and finishes milder than its high alcohol content would suggest.

### Dieu du Ciel! Solstice d'Hiver 2015

Québec, 10.2% alc./vol.      \$10.62/341 ml

Leave it to the Rain Men over at Montreal's magical brewpub to come up with a beer that breaks the rules for a style that some say has no rules. This winter seasonal is aged at the brewery for up to five months simply to give the massive hop hurricane a time to calm down. Once bottled, the resulting beer still has a strong bitterness, tempered by burnt caramel and dried fruits.

### BARLEY WINES (Cont'd)

*Complex ales of high alcohol content, vinous character and concentrated flavours*

#### Renaissance Tribute Barley Wine 2012

New Zealand, 10.8% alc./vol.     \$19.91/330 ml

This supersmooth barley wine is a great way to finish a night. Save all your ports and grappas for a restaurant that doesn't have the word "beer" in its name. This is the stuff. Sweet and replete with notes of honey and figs, Renaissance Brewing has proved again that the New Zealand beer scene is filled with amazing strong stuff if you know where to look.

### SOUR ALES

*Fermented with wild airborne flora or soured through ageing on wood that hosts its own microenvironment or both, this is an historical style that is seeing massive recent popularity*

#### Panil Barriquée 2007

Italy, 6.5% alc./vol.     \$32.50/750 ml  
Style: Flemish sour ale

Our latest experiment in ageing sour ales is this prized Italian beer that's been sitting at 10°C for the better part of a decade. Panil Birra Artigianale produces two versions of this ale: one for export to North America, and one domestic. This is the true Italian version. Of the three fermentations this beer goes through, it is the second—a three-month maturation in cognac barrels from Bordeaux—that bestows upon it an earthy, sour body with true depth of character. Cellaring has brought the spirituous woody notes straight up to the forefront in astonishing fashion, while the sour aspect has maintained at a constant relative mildness. The result is a sipping sour with fruit, funk and spice.

#### Rodenbach Vintage 2012

Belgium, 7% alc./vol.     \$25.00/750 ml  
Style: Flemish sour ale

Travelling this deep into the menu can yield huge rewards. So don't tell anyone else, but here's a hidden gem. Rodenbach Grand Cru (currently pouring from our taps....holy hell) is a blend of two versions of the same beer: A young, sweet version, and a 2 year-old oak-aged version that's been allowed to sour. This bottle is just the old stuff, from what the master brewers have judged to be the best barrel of the year. 2012 was a good year. Ripe with balsamic vinegar notes, a good balancing sweetness and hints of trail mix.

### **SOUR ALES** (Cont'd)

*Fermented with wild airborne flora or soured through ageing on wood that hosts its own microenvironment or both, this is an historical style that is seeing massive recent popularity*

#### **Rodenbach Vintage 2013**

Belgium, 7% alc./vol. \$25.00/750 ml  
Style: Flemish sour ale

It's always nice when we can offer multiple vintages of well-aged beer from our cellar, and this release is no exception. Rodenbach's 2013 vintage was a World Beer Cup 2014 gold medal winner, and for good reason. Drawn this year from Foeder #149, this barrel is basically the George Blanda of beer, producing consistent results annually and at 59 years old is still top of the pack. If you're daring enough, try it side-by-side with the older vintage and play with the delicate differences that are the product of sour beer fermentation.

### **OTHER RARITIES**

*Belgian strongs, English strongs, mostly strongs*

#### **Gouden Carolus Cuvée Van de Keizer Blauw 2014**

Belgium, 9.1% alc./vol. \$25.22/750 ml  
Style: Belgian strong ale

Considered one of the finest beers in the world by not just the faceless crowds of critics that get paid to drink and judge, but also by a couple of people that work here who actually do have faces. This big corked bottle is simply a masterpiece of brewing. So wine-like that some of your amateur sommelier pals might not believe that there isn't a single grape in the entire sweet, rich, and lovingly complex batch. Seriously, some folks have no problem plunking down three times as much for a bottle of moderately crappy wine. How about this: save your money for Christmas presents and enjoy a wine-sized bottle of maybe the best thing ever.

**OTHER RARITIES** (Cont'd)*Belgian strongs, English strongs, mostly strongs***Struise****Pannepot Grand Reserva  
2005**

Belgium, 10% alc./vol.

\$18.76/330 ml

Style: Belgian Strong Ale

This small family company recently sprouted from nowhere to become one of the most highly sought-after brewers in the international craft market, and their Pannepot Grand Reserva is a perfect example as to why. Dark, spicy and complex, this beer drinks somewhere between a strong Trappist ale and a steak dinner. Brewed with spices, aged for 14 months in French oak and then a further 8 months in reclaimed Calvados casks; the combination of all these courageous techniques has produced an outstanding piece of brewing.

**Unibroue 17****Grande Réserve 2014**

Québec, 10% alc./vol.

\$28.32/750 ml

Style: Belgian strong ale

In 2007, Unibroue produced the final of their numbered anniversary beers with #17, which was promptly named "the world's best dark ale" at the UK World Brewing Awards. So why'd they pull a Michael Jordan and retire when they were on top? We don't know. But the good news is that they've now pulled a Michael Jordan and decided to flog this recipe until the end of time. Presenting Unibroue 17 Grande Réserve: aged on French oak and bottle-conditioned, this beer is an intense malt experience with highlights of mocha and cocoa and a distinct woody finish.

**Chimay****Grand Réserve Magnum  
2012**

Belgium, 9% alc./vol.

\$60/1.5 L

Style: Belgian Strong Ale (Trappist)

This is the strongest and maltiest ale from the Trappist monastery brewery, Abbaye de Notre-Dame de Scourmont. Known as Chimay Blue when served in less comically large bottles, it's roundly spicy and winy in character and only getting smoother with age.

### OTHER RARITIES (Cont'd)

*Belgian strongs, English strongs, mostly strongs*

#### De Ranke Hop Harvest 2014

Belgium, 5.5% alc./vol.

\$35.40/750 ml

Style: Belgian pale ale

De Ranke produces this beer once a year by taking a Belgian golden ale and adding an enormous amount of hops fresh from the field. This ancient technique, now known as “wet hopping”, transfers to beer much of the volatile oils and aromas usually lost when processing hops into pellets. In what has now become an annual event, when Hop Harvest was first produced in 2010 the wet hopping stunk up the entire village of Dottignies for two days. Well it was worth it. Smell and savor this beer style that’s so old it’s new again, and you’ll come to understand just why some Belgians carry such an enormous chip on their shoulders when people say hoppy beers aren’t a part of their tradition.

#### Samichlaus 2014

Austria, 14% alc./vol.

\$12.83/330 ml

Style: Doppelbock

When the original Swiss brewer of Samichlaus stopped producing this winter seasonal in 1997, it was thought that the world’s strongest lager would sadly become the stuff of distant memories and increasingly dwindling cellar supplies. But the spirit of Christmas was resurrected in 2000 by the Castle Eggenberg Brewery in Austria, and it is a miracle to behold. Brewed on only a single day of the year and aged for ten months prior to bottling, this beer is a hearth for the heart, with strong alcohol warmth floating atop a body of cherry brandy, apricots and raisins.

**OTHER RARITIES** (Cont'd)

*Belgian strongs, English strongs, mostly strongs*

**Fuller's Vintage Ales**

England, 8.5% alc./vol.

Style: English Strong Ale

Since 1997, the storied London brewery Fuller's has produced an annual vintage ale. Their intent has been to brew a strong English ale with the finest old-world hops and malts of the season to create a beer that develops with age, replete with all the boozy fruit notes and aromas that define the style. We've been cellaring their beers since we've opened, and hope to keep doing it until the end of time. If you're looking for the best day ever, grab some friends and try a vertical tasting of all the vintages we have left.

**2006** \$26.49/500 ml

Super Styrian hops and floor malted barley. Only 100,000 bottles produced.

**2007** \$25.96/500 ml

10th Anniversary edition, we're carrying some of the lower range of these individually numbered bottles (3000s out of 150,000 produced). Fuggles, Target and Super Styrian hops.

**2008** \$24.49/500 ml

Northdown and Challenger hops, floor malted Maris Otter malt.

**2009** \$23.49/500 ml

Kent-grown Golding hops and East Anglican Tipple malted barley.

**2010** \$22.49/500 ml

Only 125,000 bottles produced. Expected by the brewer to age into a "Classic Vintage".

Goldings and Fuggle hops, Dry-hopped with Golding and Target hops, Tipple malted barley.

**2011** \$20.67/500 ml

Goldings, Organic First Gold and Sovereign hops; organic barley.

**2012** \$20.67/500 ml

Goldings, Sovereign and Target hops; family-grown organic barley.

**2014** \$21.85/500 ml

English Goldings hops alongside American Liberty and Cascade.

### OTHER RARITIES (Cont'd)

*Belgian strongs, English strongs, mostly strongs*

#### Le Trou du Diable L'Impératrice Spec.Ed.

Québec, 10% alc./vol.                      \$37.83/750 ml  
Style: Imperial stout

"The Empress" is an Imperial stout aged for three to six months in American Bourbon casks, and it's one of the boozier tasting bottles we've got, not that that's a bad thing. The coffee, chocolate and fig notes that form the strong stout base of this beer are transformed into something otherworldly with conditioning. Vanilla, caramel, toasted wood and hot alcohol heat are very much at home here in this aggressively foamy beer, and while it's big enough to share, we'll understand if you want to keep it to yourself.

#### Fuller's Imperial Stout 2016

England, 10.7% alc./vol.                      \$23.67/500 ml  
Style: Imperial stout

This sexy-looking bottle comes from one of England's most storied breweries, and will take you back to what an Imperial Stout is supposed to taste like. Beautifully rendered with a wine-like aroma, there is an upfront brandy kick that quickly mellows to a plummy, nutty smoothness. The floral character here isn't just due to the products of fermentation, but is also there thanks to the addition of rose buds why not. Don't think it's a gimmick. Well, maybe it's a gimmick. But let your tastebuds decide. We think you'll like it.

## BEER BY THE SHOT

*Rich, rare and potent beers meant to be consumed like a fine spirit*

### Baladin Xyauyù Copper Label 2007

Italy, 14.5% alc./vol.

\$20/1.5 oz

Xyauyù (which as far as we can tell is pronounced *X-shi-eye-you*) has been produced as an homage to purposefully oxidized wines like Madiera. It takes about two entire years to get from boil to bottle, resulting in a still, slick and vinous sip, drinking with the body of an icewine. Prepare yourself for a concentrated blast of raisin, apricot, port and a little bit of smoke. So rich and rare, we only sell it by the shot.

### Samuel Adams Utopias 2015

Massachusetts, 28% alc./vol.

\$19.91/1.5 oz.

Style: American strong ale

Some folks will dispute the fact that Utopias is the strongest beer ever brewed. Well, those folks are wrong. This piece of brewing genius clocks in at an astounding 28% alcohol without using any method of water removal. The 2015 vintage was blended from previous vintages that have been further aged on a variety of barrels, seemingly with the intent of creating balance rather than focusing on limited barrel types like previous releases. To wit, portions of this beer have been aged on barrels that once housed white carcavelos wine, cognac, Armagnac, ruby port, sweet Madeira and Buffalo Trace bourbon. This silken elixir carries strong and smooth flavours of sherry, Manischewitz wine, maple and bright fruit. Also present is a beautifully rendered umami complexity that contributes savory soy notes.

BEER ENDS HERE

Proceed further at your own risk.

## WHITE WINE

————— 5 oz. / 8 oz. / Bottle —————

### **Vineland Estates Pinot Blanc 2014**

Niagara Escarpment, Ontario \$7.69 / \$13 / \$38

Light and cheerful with intriguing aromas & tastes of lemon, grapefruit and beeswax.

### **Echeverria Reserva Sauvignon Blanc 2015**

Curicó Valley, Chile \$6.21 / \$10.50 / \$31

Fresh, crisp and balanced. Fresh herbs, green peppers and tomato leaves with notes of grapefruit and lime.

### **Tin Roof Chardonnay 2013**

Sacramento Delta, California \$8.28 / \$14 / \$41

Bold, smooth and complex. Stainless steel fermentation provides a floral nose and mouth-filling palate of Fuji apple and crème brûlée.

————— Bottle —————

### **Cantine Francesco Minini Pinot Grigio delle Venezie IGT 2014**

Trentino and Veneto, Italy \$38

Round and deep flavours. Vinous fruity, green apples and hints of quince on the nose.

### **Cave Spring Riesling Estate 2014**

Niagara Peninsula, Ontario \$48

Off-dry with good acidity. Intense grapefruit and slate; long, clean and refreshing finish.

### **Girasole Vineyards Chardonnay 2014**

Mendocino, California \$55

Organic. Medium bodied and well balanced. Lush fruit complimented by a touch of spicy French oak.

### **Featherstone Estate Canadian Oak Chardonnay 2014**

Niagara Peninsula, Ontario \$60

Fermented by wild, local yeast. Rich and buttery, with poached pear, vanilla wood spices and brioche notes.

## RED WINE

————— 5 oz. / 8 oz. / Bottle —————

### **Humberto Canale Black River Malbec 2015**

Patagonia, Argentina      \$6.21 / \$10.50 / \$31

Bouquet of cassis, raspberries and prunes combined with hints of mint, followed by a well balanced taste, with sweet tannins, velvety structure and a fruity young taste.

### **Five Vineyards by Mission Hill Pinot Noir 2014**

Okanagan Valley, BC      \$9.15 / \$15.50 / \$44

Medium-bodied. Aromas of wild strawberries and black tea. Earthy tones, plums and toasted almonds on the palate. Soft tannins.

### **Tall Poppy Hillside Cabernet Sauvignon 2015**

Langhorne, South Australia      \$8.28 / \$14 / \$41

Easy drinking wine with generous fruit character of blackcurrant and berries. Well-balanced with soft tannins.

————— Bottle —————

### **The Velvet Devil Merlot 2014**

Columbia Valley, Washington State      \$40

Smooth with classic Merlot aromas of dark cherries, cedar and pipe tobacco. Hints of anise, stone and cherry blossoms.

### **Paula Malbec 2015**

Mendoza, Argentina      \$46

Lovely dark fruit, bramble spice and cigar box aromas: a serious, concentrated wine with a ripe tannic structure.

### **Echeverria Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2014**

Curicó Valley, Chile      \$55

Intense aromas of strawberries, blackberries and cherries blended with coffee and tobacco. Round and silky on the palate with a lingering finish.

### **Whispering Tree Syrah 2014**

Columbia Valley, Washington State      \$64

Smooth yet robust. Complex notes of white pepper, clove, and smoky bacon fat that linger on a long, lengthy finish.

## SPARKLING WINE

*Bottle only*

### Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial NV

France \$120

Predominantly pinot characteristics, very ample on the palate, with lime blossom and a discreet finish.

### Giró Ribot “Ab Origine” Cava Brut Reserva

Catalunya, Spain \$59

Rich and balanced. Full, flavourful, fresh, with a touch of red fruits and yeasts.

## FORTIFIED WINE

### Taylor Fladgate Late Bottled Port 2011

Duoro Valley, Portugal \$7 / 2 oz.

Spicy with plums and dried fruit, elegant and dry.

### Campbells Rutherglen Muscat NV

Rutherglen, Australia \$50 / 12.7 oz. bottle  
\$22.50 / 5 oz. glass

Luscious and mouthfilling, raisined fruits combine with the oak flavours to produce a wine of great length.

## ICEWINE

### Cave Springs Riesling Icewine 2003

Niagara Peninsula, Ontario \$24.50/3 oz. glass  
\$98/12.7 oz. bottle

Dried apricot and grilled pineapple fruit with nuances of crème brûlée.

## ICE CIDER

### Spirit Tree Ice Cider

Caledon, Ontario \$16.04/3 oz. glass  
12.5% alc./vol. \$68/12.7 oz. bottle

Bold baked apple taste with hints of caramel.

## COCKTAILS AND MARTINIS

\$8.55 / 2 oz.

### Maple Walnut Manhattan

Crown Royal, sweet vermouth, maple syrup and toasted walnut bitters

### Not Sangria

Red wine, Weissbier, Rodenbach Grand Cru, lemon juice and raspberry syrup

### West Coast Negroni

Gin, Campari, sweet vermouth and a splash of west coast style IPA

### Scurvy no More

Tromba tequila, Ribena blackcurrant syrup, lime juice and ginger ale

### Honeydew

Melon liqueur, Vodka, grapefruit and lemon juice

### Asphalt Jungle Bird

Gin, Campari, splash of pineapple and lime juice

### Godfather II

Scotch whiskey, Amaretto, lemon juice, grenadine

## STANDARD MIXED DRINKS

\$7.50 and up / 1.5 oz., depending on the booze

## STANDARD MARTINIS

2 oz.

House pours .....\$8.55  
Premium pours .....\$11.98

## CAESARS AND MARYS

1.5 oz.

*Our Caesars are made with Worcestershire and Tobasco sauce, freshly-grated horseradish and a celery salt rim*

Vodka or Gin..... \$7.30  
Virgin..... \$4.95

## VODKA

1.5 oz.

Stolichnaya .....	\$5.97
Grey Goose .....	\$7.52
Dillon's Method 95 .....	\$7.52
Stolichnaya Elit .....	\$9.42

## GIN

1.5 oz.

Beefeater .....	\$5.97
Hendrick's .....	\$7.52
Tanqueray 10 .....	\$7.52
Dillon's Unfiltered Gin 22 .....	\$7.52

## RUM

1.5 oz.

Appleton White .....	\$5.97
Gosling's Dark .....	\$5.76
The Kraken Black Spiced Rum .....	\$7.52

## RYE

1.5 oz.

Wiser's Special Blend .....	\$5.97
Crown Royal .....	\$7.52
Forty Creek Double Barrel Reserve .....	\$13.00

## SCOTCH

1.5 oz.

Famous Grouse .....	\$5.97
Chivas 12 Year .....	\$7.30
The Glenlivet 12 Year .....	\$7.99
Glenfiddich 12 Year .....	\$7.99
Johnny Walker Red .....	\$7.99
Johnny Walker Black .....	\$8.49
Talisker 10 Year .....	\$12.69
Oban 14 Year .....	\$14.98

## WHISKEY & BOURBON

1.5 oz.

Maker's Mark Bourbon .....	\$7.30
Elijah Craig 12 Year Bourbon .....	\$7.30
Woodford Reserve Distiller's Select .....	\$10.69
Rogue Oregon Single Malt Whiskey .....	\$7.30
Bushmills Irish Whiskey .....	\$7.30
Jameson Irish Whiskey .....	\$7.30
Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey .....	\$7.30

## TEQUILA

1.5 oz.

Jose Cuervo Gold .....	\$7.30
Tromba Blanco .....	\$10.75
Tromba Reposado (9 month) .....	\$13.00
Tromba Añejo (18 month) .....	\$19.75

## COGNAC

1.5 oz.

Rémy Martin V.S.O.P. ....	\$13.99
Hennessy V.S.O.P. ....	\$13.99

## SPECIALTY COFFEES & TEAS

*All our specialty coffees come with freshly whipped cream.*

\$7.99 / 1.5 oz. liquor

### Blueberry Tea

Amaretto & Grand Marnier

### Bailey's Coffee

Baileys Irish Cream

### B52 Coffee

Baileys, Kahlua & Grand Marnier

### Irish Coffee

Irish Whiskey

### Monte Cristo Coffee

Kahlua & Grand Marnier

### Spanish Coffee

Brandy & Kahlua

## TEA

*We carry Mighty Leaf artisanal whole leaf tea pouches: signature blends wrapped in hand-stitched bags.*

\$3.75

Bombay Chai  
Chamomile Citrus\*  
Green Tea Tropical  
Hojicha Green Tea  
Mountain Spring Jasmine  
Organic African Nectar\*  
Organic Breakfast  
Organic Earl Grey  
Organic Mint Melange\*

\* = Caffeine-free

## COFFEE

*Our beans are roasted at Ontario's own Balzac's Roasters. We don't offer decaf espresso drinks.*

Coffee (decaf available) .....	\$3.25
Espresso .....	\$3.75
Double espresso .....	\$4.50
Cappuccino .....	\$4.50
Americano .....	\$3.75
Latte .....	\$4.50
Café au lait (decaf available) .....	\$4.50

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Saturday: 11:00 am - 2:00 am

Sunday: 11:00 am - 12:00 am

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