

Belgian Beer Styles

Pilsner/Pils - A pale, highly hopped lager beer. It takes its name from the town of Pilsen in Czechoslovakia where the bottom fermentation process producing a pale beer was first invented in 1842. Lager is often used as a synonym for pils.

Wheat Beer- Any beer containing a high proportion of malted wheat in addition to the malted barley.

Blonde Ales - Top fermented beers that range in colour from straw to golden blonde. They are clear and crisp with a low to medium bitterness and hoppy aroma. They have a slight sweetness obtained from the malt used, plus a slightly higher alcohol volume.

Amber Ales - Top fermented beers that range in colour from dark golden to deep amber. The darker colour comes from the small amount of crystal malt added which also gives some extra sweetness to the beer. Amber ales tend to have higher alcohol volumes than blonde ales and are a lot more complex and rich in flavour.

Tripel Ales - Traditionally the strongest in the range of Trappist beers. The colour can range from blonde to near black. Today the term 'tripel' is used to describe any strong ale.

Tripel can also describe any beer brewed with three times the amount of malt than a regular beer. Typically Tripels range in alcohol from 8% - 12% Alc. Vol.

Dark/Dubbel Ales - Dark refers to the colour of the ale obtained from the use of dark barley malts. The colour ranges from dark reddish brown through to almost black.

Dubbel (Double) ales are usually rich and malty with some spice and mild fruity characteristics. A slight caramel flavour is often present from the use of crystal malt or dark candy sugar. These ales usually have a low bitterness.

Trappist - Beers still brewed by, or under the control of Trappist monks. By law only 7 breweries can describe their product as Trappist, six of these are in Belgium (Chimay, Orval, Rochefort, Westmalle, Westvleteren and Achel), and the last is in the Netherlands (La Trappe).

Each must follow three rules in order to use the Authentic Trappist Product logo.

1. The beer must be brewed within the walls of a Trappist abbey, by or under control of Trappist monks.
2. The brewery, the choices of brewing, and the commercial orientations must obviously depend on the monastic community.
3. The economic purpose of the brewery must be directed toward assistance and not toward financial profit.

Saison - Meaning season in French, is a unique style of beer which undergoes a similar fermentation to red wine. It was traditionally brewed in autumn or winter to prevent spoiling by the warmer weather.

The Saison is a blend of old and new ales and is bottle conditioned. It is considered a 'farmhouse ale' as it was originally brewed to provide refreshment to the farm workers during the summer harvest.

Lambic - Spontaneously fermented beers which are unique to Belgium. The special yeast used only occurs naturally in the Senne valley in Belgium, just south of Brussels. Lambic beer is brewed with about 30% wheat and undergoes a long maturation process in oak barrels. This sourish beer is usually sweetened and blended with fruits such as cherries and raspberries



Belgian Draught Beers

Stella Artois

330ml

7.5

Stella Artois is the world's best selling Belgian beer, enjoyed in more than 80 countries around the world. A crafted brewing process uses traditionally malted barley and the finest hops, resulting in a premium pilsner style lager with superior quality and a full, unique flavour. Stella Artois is a clear, pale golden colour with a fine, clean bitterness and a hint of citric fruitiness.

Alc. Vol. 5.0%



Hoegaarden White

250ml

8.0

Known all around the world as, "The top of the white beers"... The Hoegaarden history starts around 1445 in the small village of the same name. Following a secret recipe using the purest ingredients and locally grown wheat, the villagers developed the original unfiltered white beer. Cloudy appearance resulting from continued fermentation to achieve true perfection...Light and refreshing beer with a slightly bitter and fruity taste, as well as a hint of coriander and curacao.

Alc. Vol. 4.8%



Leffe Blonde

250ml

9.0

Blonde in colour, made with clear malt and of medium strength. Leffe is Belgium's original abbey beer, tracing its origins back to the abbey of Leffe, founded in 1152. Inside, the abbey monks handcrafted their own beer according to specific rules traditions and recipes. Leffe Blonde is a perfectly balanced full bodied, light aromatic beer with delicate sweetness and light bitterness.

Alc. Vol. 6.6%



Leffe Brune

250ml

9.0

Almost black robe, perfectly balanced taste, sweet and bitter. The dark malt gives it an after taste of coffee. Perfect beer to drink after a meal or in a relaxing mood. Leffe dark, also an authentic abbey beer is brewed with roasted malts to provide its full bodied, slightly fruity taste and its rich, deep brown colour. Both Leffe blonde and dark are served with a creamy head in the chalice-type glass, continuing the traditions of the abbey monks.

Alc. Vol. 6.5%



Belle-Vue Kriek Extra

250ml

8.5

Kriek is a style of lambic beer with the aroma, taste and colour of cherries, and a sweetness to charm even the most hesitant of non-beer drinkers. Lambic beers undergo spontaneous fermentation with natural wild yeasts and are aged in oak barrels very similar to wine. Whilst in these barrels, macerated cherries are added to give it its distinctive colour and flavour.

Alc. Vol. 4.3%



Belgian Bottle Beers

Pilsner Style Lagers

- Pale, highly hopped Lagers

Real Pils 5.0%	330ml	8.5
Stella Artois 5.2%	330ml	8.0

Saison

- Farmhouse ale light in style

St. Feuillien Saison 6.5%	330ml	9.5
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Wheat Beers

- Naturally cloudy and bottle conditioned with a high percentage of wheat

Blanche De Namur 4.5%	330ml	9.5
Hoegaarden White 4.9%	330ml	8.5
Titje 5.0%	330ml	9.0
St Bernardus Wit 5.5%	330ml	10.5

Blonde Ales

- Slight Sweetness with light bitterness, golden to blonde

Duvel 8.5%	330ml	12.0
Bush Blonde 10%	330ml	13.5
Leffe Blonde 6.6%	330ml	11.0
La Gauloise Blond 6.3%	330ml	12.0
St Feuillien Blond 7.5%	330ml	11.5

Amber Ales

- Deep golden to amber, complex and rich

Bush Amber 12%	250ml	16.0
Kwak 8.4%	330ml	13.0
La Gauloise Amber 5.5%	330ml	11.5

Triple Ales

- Strong, rich, golden to black ales

Triple Karmeliet 8.4%	330ml	13.0
St Bernardus Triple 8.0%	330ml	13.5

Quadruple Ales

- great strength with bolder flavour compared to its Dubbel and Tripel sister styles

St Bernardus Abt 12 10%	330ml	16.0
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Dark Ales

- Dark, rich and malty ales

Leffe Brune 6.5%	330ml	11.5
Leffe Vielle Cuvée 8.2%	330ml	11.5
Leffe Radieuse 8.2%	330ml	11.5



Trappist Ales

- Strong Complex, bottle conditioned ales brewed by Trappist monks

Orval 6.2%		330ml	13.0
Chimay Red 7.0%		330ml	12.5
Chimay White 8.0%		330ml	13.0
Chimay Blue 9.0%		330ml	13.5
Rochefort Trappist '8' 9.2%		330ml	13.5
Rochefort Trappist '10' 11.3%		330ml	18.0
Westmalle Trappist Dubbel 7%		330ml	12.5
Westmalle Trappist Triple 9.5%		330ml	15.0

Lambic Beers

- Aged wheat beers that uses wild yeast for fermentation, usually flavoured with fruit

Lindemans Cassis 3.5%		375ml	13.0
Lindemans Framboise 2.5%		375ml	13.0
Lindemans Pecheresse 2.5%		375ml	13.0

Fruit Beers

- a blend of wheat beer and fruit

Früli Strawberry 4.1%		250ml	10.5
Grisette Cerise 3.5%		250ml	9.5

Beer Specials

- we often carry some small parcels of select bottled beers, they may be special release, seasonal beers or just plain hard to find beers

La Chouffe 8.0%		330ml	11.5
<i>Pleasantly fruity, spiced with coriander and a light hop taste. An excellent beer that should not be missed.</i>			

Augustin Blonde 7.0%		330ml	11.5
<i>The colour is blonde amber with a fluffy white head. The taste is full-bodied and mild, malted and hopped with a hint of vanilla. The finish is slightly bitter yet mild.</i>			

Ciders

- a fermented alcoholic beverage made from pears and apples

Monteith's Crushed Apple	New Zealand	330ml	9.0
Monteith's Crushed Pear	New Zealand	330ml	9.0
Rekorderlig Pear	Sweden	500ml	14.0
Rekorderlig Apple	Sweden	500ml	14.0
Rekorderlig Strawberry & Lime	Sweden	500ml	14.5
Rekorderlig Wild Berry	Sweden	500ml	14.5
Rekorderlig Winter	Sweden	Warm 250ml	8.0
		Cold 500ml	14.5
Cheeky Rascal Strawberry & Apple	Victoria	330ml	9.5
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Grandes Bières

Larger volume specialty Belgian ales, perfect for sharing,
celebrating
or to simply turn a meal into an experience

750ml Bottles

Saison Dupont 6.5% <i>- crisp and refreshing summer farmhouse ale from Brasserie Dupont</i>	20.5
Bons Voeux 9.5% <i>- coppery blonde saison ale with a fine hop aroma, sent with 'good wishes' from Brasserie Dupont</i>	27.5
Moinette Bio 7.5% <i>- well balanced and complex farmhouse ale</i>	25.5
Bière de Beloeil 9.5% <i>- strong and complex amber ale containing 5 different malts brewed by Brasserie Dupont</i>	26.5
Bière de Miel 8.0% <i>- the sugar in the organic honey, fully refermentated in the bottle, creates a beer, not sweet at all but full of honey aromas, from Brasserie Dupont</i>	27.0
Duvel 8.5% <i>- Belgium's favourite strong blonde ale, brewed by Duvel Moortgat</i>	25.0
La Chouffe 8.0% <i>- lightly hopped and spiced pale ale from Brasserie d'Achouffe</i>	22.5
Mc Chouffe 8.0% <i>- rich dark ale from Brasserie d'Achouffe with a slight hint of bitterness</i>	23.5
Chimay Cinq Cents 8.0% <i>- Trappist triple with muscat and raisin character and good hop bitterness from the Trappist monks of Abbaye de Scourmont</i>	29.0
Chimay Première 7.0% <i>- Trappist dubbel with hints of fruit and light malt character from the Trappist monks of Abbaye de Scourmont</i>	27.0
Chimay Grande Reserve - 2010 Vintage 9.0% <i>- Trappist quadruple, rich, smooth and dark. A classic from the Trappist monks of Abbaye de Scourmont</i>	30.5

1500ml Magnums

Duvel 8.5% <i>- an impressive magnum of Belgium's favourite strong blonde ale</i>	71.0
Chimay Grande Reserve - 2010 Vintage 9.0% <i>- the magnum offers a fuller and smoother character than the small format bottles</i>	76.0

