



2024 Tasting Notes



Real Ales

	Brewery	Name	ABV	Tasting Notes
1	Hornes	Dickens of an Ale	4.2%	Christmas pudding in a glass.
2	XT / Animal	Little Auk	4.6%	Double dry hopped porter. Expect peppery, herbal notes with a faint background of liquorice as well as citrus & pine.
3	Little Ox	Black Mirror	5.0%	A rich stout infused with Colombian coffee. Notes of chocolate and caramel for a roasty finish.
4	Mad Squirrel	London Porter	5.0%	London Porter is a brew of mystery and intrigue. Within its shadowy depths are notes of coffee, chocolate and smoke.
5	Love Beer	Purdy's Peculiar	5.4%	Award winning dark and smoky stout, brewed with treacle and molasses, giving a sweet kick.
6	Kirkstall	Black Band Porter	5.5%	A full bodied yet smooth dark porter. Flavours of chocolate & coffee enhanced by the mild herbal hop character.
7	Hornes	Dark Fox Bitter	3.8%	Easy drinking bitter with chocolate & roasted notes.
8	Chiltern	Festive Foxtrot	3.9%	A dark and fruity Christmas special. Rich claret in colour.
9	Harveys	Sussex Bitter	4.0%	A superbly balanced bitter with prominent hop character.
10	Vale	Santa's Ale	4.1%	Deep roasted malts give a bold malty taste, with festive aromas of orange, spice & pine.
11	Rebellion	Humbug	4.2%	Amber beer with fruity hop character.
12	Chiltern	Beechwood Bitter	4.3%	Nutty, toffee flavours, fruity and well rounded.
13	Little Ox	Ox Blood	4.3%	A malty red IPA dripping with juicy hops including Simcoe and Citra, balanced with a blend of pale and caramel malts.
14	Renegade (West Berks)	Santa Claws	4.3%	A rich, deep amber ale. Savour and enjoy the subtle chocolate character alongside blackcurrant, fig & molasses.
15	Oxford	Scholar	4.5%	An English bitter with a remarkable complexity of the classical kind. Made from four malts and four hop varieties.
16	Loose Cannon	Christmas Cannon XII	4.5%	Twelve different malts, with ginger, cinnamon and orange zest. A true Christmas special.
17	XT	XT25	4.7%	A festive rosy red ale, with English. Golding and New Zealand, Wakatu hops.
18	Dead Brewers	Harman's XXXXMAS Ale	4.8%	A traditional Christmas beer. A hop balance of herbal, floral, earthy and grassy aromas and a hint of mixed spice flavour.
19	Vale	Good King	4.9%	Rich ruby brown malty seasonal bitter.

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20	Rebellion	Winter Royal	5.4%	An original Wethereds brew. A rich maltiness, soft bitterness and a fantastic late & dry hop aroma.
21	Amwell Springs	Chairman Dave	3.5%	A sweet, crisp pale ale with a zesty bitterness that is complemented by a vibrant floral hop flavour.
22	Chiltern	Earl Grey IPA	3.9%	Pale Citrus ale infused with Earl Grey tea.
23	XT	Hopkitty	3.9%	Packed with Citra & Cascade hops, Hopkitty is bursting with intense tropical & citrus flavours.
24	Amwell Springs	Rude Not To	4.0%	A session IPA. Sweet, but not malty, golden flavour. Dry hopped with west coast hops to impart hints of mango & lime.
25	Love Beer	OG	4.1%	Extra pale, light & refreshing, with citrus, tangerine and rose flavours.
26	Vale	VPA	4.2%	Vibrant, lively and full of zest. This award-winning beer boasts a hoppy kick & a citrus aroma.
27	Oxford	Vivid Dreams of Superdelic	4.2%	A single hop fruity IPA with hints of red fruit, candy and tropical fruit.
28	Vale / ABC	Electric Sheep	4.3%	Electrify your taste buds with a crisp pale ale that's buzzing with citrus flavours, courtesy of 100% Citra hops.
29	Rebellion	Overthrow	4.3%	British hops add citrus and floral notes. American Citra hops add a distinct aroma of grapefruit and tropical fruit.
30	Hornes	Unlocked Hornes IPA	4.3%	Hoppy session IPA, citrus & grapefruit aroma and flavour.
31	Adnams	Ghost Ship	4.5%	A blend of malts create a biscuity hint. A blend of hop varieties provide flavours of lemon and lime and a hoppy finish.
32	XT / Animal	Caterpillar	4.6%	An English Pale Ale. Harlequin & Jester hops give notes of grapefruit, peach and passionfruit.
33	Little Ox	Waka Waka	4.6%	A refreshing New Zealand hopped pale bitter. Citrus notes with a subtle tropical finish.
34	Vale	Gravitas	4.8%	Bold, zesty flavours give our flagship pale ale a punchy hop hit, beautifully complemented by a smooth malt backbone.
35	Burning Sky	Aurora	5.6%	A blend of malts provide a juicy backbone and a pale amber colour, with tropical fruit flavours.
36	Thornbridge	Jaipur	5.9%	Hoppiness builds in the mouth & bursts with powerful citrus fruit flavours with a smooth finish.

Dark
 Amber/Red
 Pale
 GF
 VG
 VG & GF



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CRAFT ALES & LAGER

	Brewery	Name	ABV	Tasting Notes
1	Beavertown	Neck Oil	4.3%	A perfect balance of hop flavours to deliver an out-of-this-world citrus & passionfruit flavour that makes this beer super easy.
2	XT	Orca	4.6%	A nitro-stout. Dark and full of character.
3	XT	XT 4	3.8%	A modern session amber ale made with a blend of English and Belgian malts matched with American & English hops.
4	Rebellion	Hazy Pale	4.3%	A fruity and refreshing craft style pale beer, with an emphasis on hop-derived fruitiness and subdued but balanced bitterness.
5	San Miguel	San Miguel	5.0%	Rich golden colour and a nose of lightly smoked cereals.

CIDER

	Name	County	ABV	Tasting Notes
1	Saxby's Original	Northants	5.0%	Medium - a mix of bittersweet and dessert apples for a perfectly balanced cider
2	Gwynt Happy Daze	Wales	4.5%	Medium - a light cider with a fruity aroma & well balanced finish.
3	Lilley's Rum	Somerset	4.0%	Unfiltered smooth medium cider, mellow with a hint of rum.
4	Lilley's Gladiator	Somerset	8.5%	Strong medium rustic cider; well rounded and fruity.
5	Lilley's Apples & Pears	Somerset	5.2%	Made from 88% pears, 12% apples; sweet in flavour.
6	Lilley's Tropical Cider	Somerset	4.0%	The Caribbean in a glass. Sweet and slightly sharp, a great thirst quencher.
7	Lilley's Rhubarb Cider	Somerset	4.0%	A light delightfully balanced cider with a full rhubarb finish.
8	Saxby's Plum Cider	Northants	3.4%	A delightful medley of red plum sweetness balanced with touches of tartness.

RUM

1	Bumbo XO Rum	40%	A small batch rum is produced from molasses in a distillery in Panama that dates back more than 120 years!
2	Beckford Black Pearl Spiced Rum	40%	Guyanese Rum spiced with root ginger, allspice, raisin, hibiscus, cinnamon and a secret blend of Caribbean spices.
3	Diabliesse Clementine Spiced Rum	40%	Demerara rum using native sugar cane molasses then naturally flavoured with clementine and a warm spice mix.
4	Rumbullion Spiced Rum	42.6%	Caribbean rum with Madagascan vanilla and zesty orange peel, finished with a cassia, cloves and a hint of cardamom.

GIN

1	Verano Spanish Watermelon	40%	Bright, refreshing watermelon, with a little pep from lemon citrus and piney juniper.
2	London Hill Pink Gin	40%	Cassia and coriander, dotted with piney juniper, with bursts of juicy strawberry along the way.
3	Shortcross Rosie's Garden Gin	40%	Earthy juniper, building into sweet and vibrant fresh summer berries, with a floral bouquet lingering on the finish.
4	Black Powder Pink Elderflower	40%	Candied orange peels, juniper spiciness, rose, spring blossom, elderflower brightness and a touch of honeydew melon.
5	The Spirit of Garstang Rhubarb Ripple	42%	A limited edition, packed with fresh rhubarb and Madagascan vanilla for a tangy-sweet treat.
6	Twisted Nose	40%	Not only a fresh and invigorating gin distilled with fresh watercress but voted the most beautiful gin bottle at the World Gin Awards 2020.
7	Lind & Lime	44%	Crafted in small batches from 7 botanicals including juniper & pink peppercorns balanced by fresh lime peel.
8	Elemental Apple Cornish Gin	38%	A blend of 12 botanicals, Cornish spring water, deliciously tart apples, and a smidge of elderflower.
9	Rock Rose Premium Scottish	41.5%	Fruity berries merge with a floral nose to give a full-bodied, smooth gin.
10	Nu Era Gauva & Papaya (local)	38%	Pure natural guava, papaya essence & cane sugar for an exotic tropical twist.
11	Oxford Artisan Distillery Rye Organic (local)	43%	Distilled from local rye, grown in handmade stills with a trio of citrus peels and meadowsweet among the botanicals.
12	Foxdenton Pink Gin (local)	43%	A combination of raspberries and cranberries, with orange and juniper hints.
13	Tobermory Hebridean Gin	43%	Inspired by the Mull landscape with locally sourced botanicals, including juniper, elderflower and heather.
14	Hayman's Sloe Gin	26%	Plum and cherry aromas, hints of almond and delicious fruity flavours.
15	Gin Lane 1751 Clementine	40%	A bold citrus flavour with a sweet aroma and festive notes.
16	That Boutique Y Gin - Gingle all the way	46%	The snow globe on the label is filled with the gin's botanicals, including cocoa, orange, ginger and cardamom.
17	Cotswold Cloudy Christmas Gin	46%	Nine botanicals including sweet zesty clementine and cardamom for a touch of Christmas magic.

WINE

Red, white or fizzy from the vine. Or warm up with a **mulled wine** or **mulled cider**.



Alcohol-free. Explore our range of refreshing soft drinks, non-alcoholic gin and beer alternatives.