

Another Round: More Words of Wisdom About Beer

By Scott Laird



Winter and Holiday Ales – 'Tis the season for special releases of winter seasonals and holiday ales. We picked up a few to try to kick off the festivities:

New Belgium Accumulation is a seasonal White IPA that goes against the tradition of brewing dark winter ales. It is light golden in color, medium bodied, with a nice hops bitterness. The fruit and especially the citrus flavors are strong in this crisp and easy to drink brew.

Deschutes Chasin' Freshies IPA – This seasonal release is fresh hopped, with the Lemondrop hops flavor captured right off the vine and really coming through. It was golden in color and very drinkable. A nice addition to the Deschutes family.

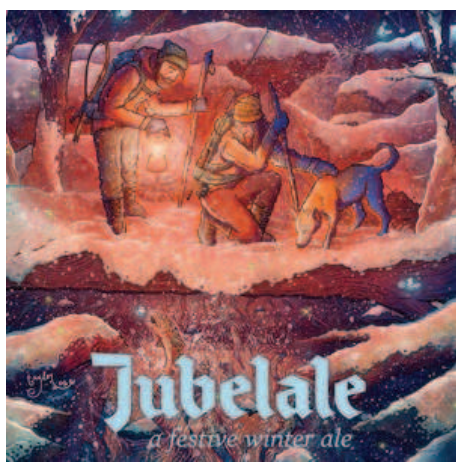
Sierra Nevada Celebration – Another fresh hopped IPA features Cascade, Centennial, and Chinook hops. This amber colored ale had a thick creamy head and lots of hops aroma and flavor. First brewed in 1981, it's one of the first American IPAs and is now a long standing holiday tradition.

Deschutes Jubelale – No winter is complete without this spicy and hoppy holiday ale. This is the 28th year the folks at Deschutes have released Jubelale. One of the best things about Jubel is the bottle artwork, which Deschutes has changed for each of the past 21 years. This year's packaging fea-



tures a detailed illustration by Bend artist Taylor Rose of a wintry hiking scene along a trout-filled river.

Anchor Winter Wheat – When I opened this bottle I was expecting to pour something golden, but instead was surprised by a very dark ale. This malty brew was medium bodied, robust and complex. First brewed in 2014, this is a very nice addition to the winter seasonal selection.



McMenamins Kris Kringle – This traditional Yuletide Ale is rich and malty with a hint of chocolate and a strong hop finish. Dark amber in color, and big in flavor, this is a delicious addition to any holiday gathering.

Laurelwood Vinter Varmer – This Brown Ale was a dark, ruby red in color and featured hints of caramel with a nice mellow hoppiness. Light on the spice, this is still a nice holiday ale to add to your list to try.

Holiday Gift Ideas – Looking for another great way to toast the holidays? McMenamins has several gift ideas and options for the beer or spirits lover on your gift list. The folks at McMenamins have created numerous gift packages, including two limited-edition Holiday Distillery Gift Packs! Each package includes hand-crafted spirits, glassware, and recipes. McMenamins has several other beautifully packaged gift ideas with recipes and glassware including:

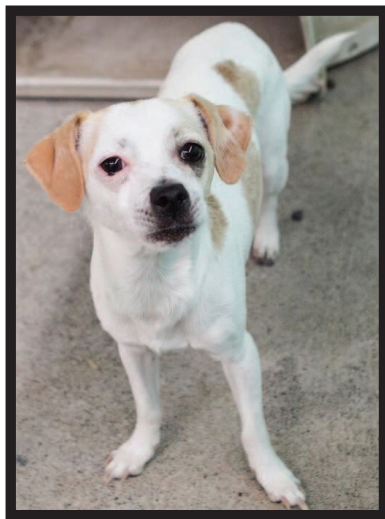
- McMenamins Whiskey Trio Pack (\$50) with flask-sized bottles of Billy Whiskey, Monkey Puzzle and Hogshead Whiskey.
- Spirits of the Harvest Pack (\$45) with Aval Pota and Phil Hazelnut liqueurs.

Other great gift ideas for the craft beverage lover in your life include:

- Craft Beer 4 Packs (\$18) – Choose from any of McMenamins bottled beers including Hammerhead, Ruby, Kris Kringle (and our Halloween seasonal Black Widow Porter if there's any left!). Got your eye on a McMenamins pint glass? Substitute out a bottle of beer for a glass of your choice.
- Growler Gift Pack (\$17 in Oregon, \$18 in Washington) – Pair a glass growler and a gift card for the cost of a growler fill and give the gift of a quick fill-up at any McMenamins brewery or pub.
- Wine Gift Pack – Pick your four favorite McMenamins vintages and receive 10% off.
- Coffee Gift Pack (\$16) – Keep caffeinated during the holidays with two 12 ounce bags of coffee, locally roasted and shade-grown by small producers (regular price \$9.50 each/\$19).
- McMenamins Passport and \$20 Gift Card (\$40) – The gift that keeps on giving, this passport is a ticket to \$200 worth of prizes, exclusive pint glasses, T-shirts, and other McMenamins merchandise.

The gift packs will be available at 12 McMenamins locations: go to <http://www.mcmenamins.com/1993-where-to-buy-mcmenamins-spirits>.

Columbia Humane Society Featured Pet



Hercules came to the shelter when his family was no longer able to care for him. He was very scared and can be a little shy when meeting new people. He has settled right into his home here at the shelter but we would love to see him in a home for the holidays. He isn't going to be the best dog with little kids. However he will be fine with older kids that can better understand him. He is very loving and sweet once he trusts you. He is just about 2 years old and weighs about 10 lbs. His adoption fee is \$165.00, which includes all his

vaccines and his microchip. Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions.

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Email: animalwelfare@columbiahumane.org

Scouting For Food

The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Troop 860 will be participating in the Cascade Pacific Council's "Scouting for Food" campaign again this year on **December 5th** beginning at 9am to benefit Vernonia Cares



Scouts will be leaving plastic bags at people homes on the morning of Wednesday, November 25th. Please leave bags with canned goods on your porches. There will also be a drop off site at the Vernonia Dental Office for anyone who would like to donate after the 5th. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 8am-5pm.

Church Directory (in alphabetical order)

Assembly of God
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Prayer: 6:00 PM
Wayne Marr, Pastor
662 Jefferson Avenue
503-429-0373

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday Schedule:
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 AM
Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 AM
Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 PM
Roger Cook, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
503-429-7151

The Crossing Southern Baptist Church of Vernonia
Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Troy Pound, Pastor
Cabin in Vernonia
901 Park Drive
503-819-8921

Grace Family Fellowship
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service: 10:30 AM
Thursday Prayer: 6:00 PM
Greg "Mac" McCallum, Pastor
957 State Avenue
503-429-6790
www.GraceFamilyFellowship.org

Nehalem Valley Bible Church
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service: 10:45 AM
Tues. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 AM

Wednesday Service: 7:00 PM
Sat. Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30 AM
Gary Taylor, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
503-429-5378

Open Door Gathering Place
Service: Sunday 6:00 PM
Grant Williams, Pastor
375 North Street

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Wednesday Religious Education: 3:15-4:30 PM
Sunday Mass: 12:00 PM
Rev. Luan Tran, Administrator
960 Missouri Avenue
503-429-8841

Vernonia Christian Church
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service in Youth &

Family Center: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaChristianChurch.org
Sam Hough, Pastor
410 North Street
503-429-6522

Vernonia Foursquare Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 AM
Children's Sunday School
Carl Pense, Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
503-429-1103

Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church
Sabbath (Saturday) Services
Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaSDAC.org
Larry Gibson, Pastor
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
503-429-8301