

A unique feature is Buoy's special commitment to brewing lagers in a traditional way. "Not many breweries around have horizontal lagering tanks. We use imported malts and hops and stay true to the traditional methods," said Shaw.

The small pilot side of the brewery serves as a place to test out creative ideas in small batches. Not only can restaurant staff learn about the brewing process, but they can get involved in creating new beers. "We partner up with our employees on new ideas," said Shaw. "We try to have enough education that our whole staff can speak intelligently about the brewing process with customers as well as food and beer pairings."

Bornstein noted "we have a priority around community and taking in feedback from the front of the house to the kitchen to the brewery; we openly admit that we always have ways to grow and improve, so let's teach each other. You never know who might have a new exciting idea."



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Helles: German Lager 5.3% ABV ▪ 19 IBU

Czech Pils: Pilsner 6.3% ABV ▪ 35 IBU

Pale Ale: American Pale Ale 5.2% ABV ▪ 38 IBU

NW Red Ale: Red Ale 6.7% ABV ▪ 65 IBU

Dunkel: German Lager 5.5% ABV ▪ 20 IBU

Cream Ale: Lager-Style Ale 5.7% ABV ▪ 19 IBU

IPA: India Pale Ale 7.5% ABV ▪ 70 IBU

Oatmeal; Stout: Stout 6.0% ABV ▪ 36 IBU

Idaho7 Single Hop IPA: IPA 6.7% ABV ▪ 65 IBU

Premium Bitter: Bitter 4.9% ABV ▪ 21 IBU

IPL: India Pale Lager 6.3% ABV ▪ 69 IBU

Love, Lost at Sea: Barley Wine 11.8% ABV ▪ 70 IBU

Schwarz de Curve: Schwarzbier 5.2% ABV ▪ 29 IBU

Lost in the Woods: IPA 6.8% ABV ▪ 65 IBU

A Tide that Bines: Fresh Hop IPA 7.2% ABV ▪ 55 IBU

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CraftBeer Varieties

Between the eclectic names and the varying colors, choosing a craft beer can be a tricky exercise



There are light beers, dark beers and beers of every shade in between. There are smoke-flavored and wood-aged beers, as well as fruit beer and sour ales. The most popular craft beers are described below. Always reach out to your local vendors to find out more about their varieties. Brewers are known to experiment with seasonal offerings and local ingredients to set their beer apart from the competition.

India Pale Ale

Brewed in a variety of ways, the color of an American IPA can range from pale golden to amber. Generally bitter and high in citric content, IPAs offer a balance of brightness and bite. Their average alcohol content is higher than your standard beer.

Light Lager

Much lighter and very low in malt flavor, light lagers are brewed to satisfy the less adventurous beer drinker. Brewers infuse high amounts of rice or corn to bring down the color. They are typically lower in alcohol content by volume, offering the perfect choice for casual drinking.

Stouts

Stouts offer the exact opposite drinking experience than light lagers. Strong and meant to be enjoyed gradually, stouts are typically dark brown to pitch black and hard to see through when filling a glass. The roasted barley used to create coffee or chocolate flavorings is the distinct ingredient in most stouts.

Seasonal Varieties

From the fall to the spring, every season calls out creativity in local brewers. Pumpkins make their way into many craft beers in the fall months, while cherries and wheat are integrated in the summer months. Spring time is perfect for a honey beer and winter ales are generally made with higher alcohol contents to provide a warming kick.