



The Holidays are Bubbling Up...

Time to Celebrate with Beer!

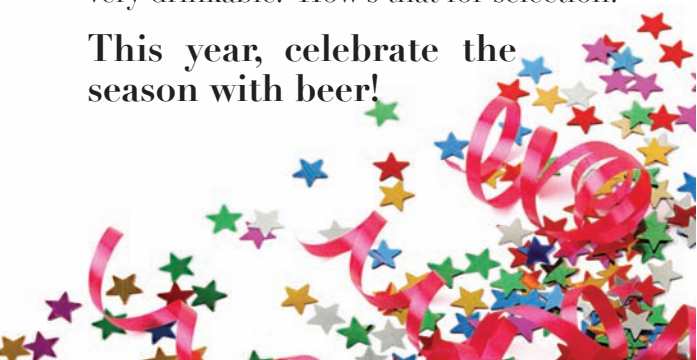


If champagne is so wonderful, why don't people drink it more often? It may have snob appeal, but that doesn't mean it's better than beer — many of which are re-fermented like champagne and sold in beautiful bottles. Good beer beats champagne in so many ways. It is better with food and it comes in many different styles from spritzzy pale ales to big Belgian triples.

One classic example of a beer that's perfect for the holidays is Duvel. This strong golden Belgian ale is fermented in the bottle for a cork-popping white cloud head and the eight plus percent of alcohol gives extra tingle to those bubbles. Duvel's bright, deep spicy flavor and nose-tickling aroma is perfect for any occasion. Also from Belgium, the fruity, spicy Malheur (it even comes in Brut like champagne), the bracingly tart and complex Rodenbach, the Trappist-brewed Chimay White, the classic yet approachable Saison Dupont and the bold, spicy-sweet Piraat. Unibroue brings a wide range of celebratory beers to the table as well; La Fin du Monde is a briskly rich beer that makes any day a holiday.

Of course you don't have to go abroad to find great beers. Allagash has a great series of big bottle beers that are perfect for the holidays. Some are even fermented with champagne yeast! Dogfish Head also goes big with their sweetly sophisticated Midas Touch and Sly Fox is right at home with the season too. Their Saison Vos is complex, yet very drinkable. How's that for selection?

This year, celebrate the season with beer!



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