

MEANTIME

SCOTCH ALE



Michael's Tasting Notes

Creamy, coffee-coloured head. The beer itself is slatey, almost black. Dusty, oaky aroma and palate. Smooth, oily, texture. Savoury, slightly meaty, grainy, flavour. Dark cocoa and slight smokiness, in a warming finish.

Food pairing: Smoked fish. Scotch broth. Haggis. Mutton pie. Surf'n'turf. Prime rib, Beef Wellington.

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from BeerHunter.com, Beer Styles

The ales of Scotland generally have a malt accent. In their home country, a single brewery's products may be identified in ascending order of gravity and strength as Light, Heavy, Export and Strong. Or by a system based on the old currency of shillings, probably once a reference to tax ratings: 60/-, 70/-, 80/-, 90/-.

Alcohol content by volume might rise through 3, 4, 4.5 and 7-10. The term "Scotch ale" is something used specifically to identify a very strong, and often extremely dark, malt-accented specialty from that country.

Michael Jackson

Like all of the great beer styles of the world, Scotch Ale owes its character to the terroir of its original place of origin. In the case of true Scotch ales, there were two key geographical factors that determined the flavor of the beer. First, the remoteness of Edinburgh from the hop growing counties of England meant that there was an economic incentive to make a very low hopped beer. Secondly, the very soft Edinburgh water, readily tapped via an aquifer running along a geological fault line from Holyrood Palace to the city, was ideal for bringing out the best in darker, malty beers.

Meantime Scotch Ale had been brewed to an authentic recipe specifically for the Rare Beer Club in the United States. However, we are happy to report that Artisanal Imports is now the exclusive, proud purveyor of this world-class specialty. 8.0% ABV, made with delicately colored malts, Perle and Spalter hops. It is a fine expression of malt in beer.

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Case Configuration: 6/750 cork-finished and bottle conditioned.

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