PicoBrew: BrewMarketplace Descriptions

Imperial IPA by Bad Jimmy's Brewing Co.

This big, boozy Imperial IPA is dangerously easy-drinking, with a light-bodied mouthfeel and balanced flavor that doesn't taste like its double-digit ABV. Unique Ekuanot (formerly known as "Equinox") hops lend this brew papaya and mango flavors, as well as herbal and green pepper notes. Its tantalizing tropical character is balanced by a blend of specialty malts, including Maris Otter and CaraPils, for a creamy mouthfeel and biscuity profile.

Devil's Food Chocolate Porter by Bluebird Brewery

A decadent twist on the traditional American Robust Porter, this is the perfect brew for chocoholics. Our Devil's Food Chocolate Porter features creamy, roasty chocolate malts and is brewed with real chocolate for a rich, robust flavor and mouthfeel. Maris Otter malt lends hints of biscuit-like character for a toasty treat that pays homage to its namesake dessert. It's the perfect way to end a chilly fall or winter evening.

Foggy Noggin Christmas Duck

This medium-bodied English Porter pairs well with a light snow on a winter's day, but thanks to the father-son brewing team at Foggy Noggin, you can celebrate Christmas with it all year round. Easy-drinking with a light, smooth and clean profile, it's a roasty-toasty, caramel-kissed cup of cheer, balanced with an earthy dryness. Brewed with both Pacific Northwest and traditional British hops for a New World-meets-Old-World taste, you won't run afoul with Christmas Duck, no matter what the season.

Dead Guy Ale by Rogue Ales

With a deep copper color; malty aroma; and rich, hearty flavor, this satisfying concoction has been knocking 'em dead for two decades and counting. Bready malts and earthy hops combine with caramel, dark fruits, woody notes and subtle spice for a smooth mouthfeel and well-balanced finish. Inspired by the style of a German Maibock, this dead man walks easily across your tastebuds with a light to medium body—yet this treat may trick you with its elevated ABV! It uses Rogue's proprietary Pacman yeast for a unique flavor that has won the brew over 40 awards, including the Platinum medal at the 2017-18 World Beverage Competition.

Zombie Saison by Bella's Brew

This peppery Saison from our homebrewer's collection will bring your senses back from the dead! Noble hops lend a crisp, bright and earthy character, balanced with a moderately toasty Belgian pale malt profile. This witchy brew finishes with subtle Chai spice notes, and a normal-range ABV that won't eat your brain.

Netherworld by Flying Monkeys

Call it a Black IPA or Cascadian Dark Ale (CDA)—Ontario's Flying Monkeys Craft Brewery created Netherworld not as a style, but as an answer to the chorus of voices calling for a dark, roasty thing with lots

of West Coast hops and a higher ABV. Subsumed by ebony chocolate and toasty brown malts, this dark ale is rife with Cascade hoppiness. Black with eerie red tinges and notes of espresso, along with citrus and dusky stone fruits arising in the bouquet, this surreal brew pours with a mocha froth topping an inky swamp of leafy hops. Netherworld hails from the chaotic flipside of the brewhouse, where hybrid is the norm and everything is done after-hours, outside the lines and off the books.

Berliner Blut by BrewBaker

This double-smoked ale is as red as the blood it's named after ("blut" means "blood" in German). Big- and beige-headed, this boozy brew is well-balanced between sweet cherry flavors and bitter Perle and Polaris hops. Dusky notes of subtle woodsmoke, tobacco, tar and peat play against caramel, bergamot, orange peel and lemon aromas, with a medium body and silky mouthfeel. At 9% ABV, the Berliner Blut will warm your very blood on a chilly fall or winter's night.

Better Than Pants British Bitter by Man Skirt Brewing

Get the full English with this traditional Best Bitter ale. It's well-balanced by toasty bread and biscuit flavors and a touch of sweetness from Maris Otter and crystal malts. Along with the English grains, uses a restrained amount of English Styrian Goldings hops for a pleasant, smooth European aroma. You can sip this jolly good session beer all day, with its medium body and creamy mouthfeel that will transport you across the pond to the fireplace in a cozy, wood-paneled pub.

Pico Pale by PicoBrew

A perfect example of why pale ales are America's gateway craft beer, the Pico Pale is well-balanced, refreshing and drinkable. It boasts a crisp, clean character; citrus and pine flavors; and a floral aroma from a blend of Magnum, Perle and Cascade hops. Subtle notes of caramel from medium crystal malts play a supporting role in this smooth, medium-bodied brew that's perfect all year round.

Tweaties American Wheat Ale by PicoBrew

This cloudy, refreshing American Wheat ale displays more hops and less yeast than its German counterpart. Bready, grainy flavors of wheat and rye are complemented by the restrained bitterness and spicy, floral aroma of Willamette hops. With a clean fermentation character and medium body, this satisfying brew can be enjoyed either on its own or with a squeeze of citrus while relaxing on a sunny patio.

Party Porter by PicoBrew

This multiple-award-winning, crowd-pleasing favorite is a party in a glass! Smooth and malty-sweet, it boasts dry-roasted coffee, chocolate and caramel flavors with a slightly nutty, chocolatey nose. German Tettnanger hops lend a floral, spicy and slightly herbal aroma that's noble and complex. Get ready to celebrate your fall and winter holidays with this dark, toasty treat!

Hoppy Claus Winter Ale by Hoppy Brewing Company

You better watch out, you better not cry... Hoppy Claus is coming to town! Make sure you're on the "good" list, because this will change the way you think about holiday ales. A special edition of the brewery's flagship Hoppy Face Amber, it has a festive burnt-orange hue and a clean, crisp and refreshing character that's unique for a winter warmer.

Hoppy Claus is making a list of delicious ingredients and checking it twice: The flavor leads with a tantalizing mix of holiday spices, and uses only the finest two-row malted barley for a sweet, biscuity malt backbone. Pacific Northwest hops lend a piney, citrusy finish—and, as always, it's free of those naughty artificial preservatives, flavors and colors.

Elysian Brewing's Dragonstooth Stout

There's no better way to spend a chilly fall or winter's night than curled up by the fire with a Dragonstooth Stout. This rich, complex Imperial Oatmeal Stout boasts tantalizing flavors of dark chocolate and roasted barley malts, with bittering coffee notes. And it's full-bodied, smooth and satisfying without being filling.

One sip and you'll know why this Seattle staple is a multiple-award-winner, including two Great American Beer Festival golds and the bronze for Foreign-Style Stout at the 2018 North American Beer Awards. It's among the best of its kind, so start brewing today!

Birrificio Italiano's Nigredo Schwarzbier

The Nigredo Schwarzbier is a seductively dark brew, made with noble and partly roasted Saxon hops. Birrificio Italiano describes this unique German-style beer as their "hymnal to experimentation and transformation," as is evidenced by its unique aromatic profile, which melds a body of surprising slenderness with ground coffee, dandelion, pure cocoa and burnt wheat.

The flavor is equally complex, with notes of coffee and balsamic vinegar offset by the mild sweetness of cocoa and brown sugar. Crisp and drinkable, Nigredo Schwarzbier bears a thick, off-white, mottled foam hat, and its robust roasted malt character is balanced by a hint of earthy, herbaceous hops.

Denny Conn's Bourbon Vanilla Imperial Porter

Master brewer and beer author Denny Conn originally created this twist on the classic English Porter to give to his friends as a Christmas gift. It has since become a popular recipe among homebrewers, thanks to its big, complex flavor profile that is the perfect companion for any brisk autumn day or chilly winter's night.

With rich notes of dark chocolate, Madagascar vanilla beans and Jim Beam black bourbon,* the Bourbon Vanilla Imperial Porter boasts the robust flavors you would normally get from barrel-aging, without the oak taste or the time investment. Full-bodied with a hefty ABV, it balances rich malts against classic English hops for a perfect cup of cheer, whether you're sharing with loved ones around the holiday hearth of just enjoying a Saturday afternoon at home.

*Vanilla beans and bourbon not included.

Alesong Brewing & Blending's Anniversary Double IPA

Alesong Brewing & Blending was rated the sixth-best new brewery in the world by RateBeer for 2017, and one sip of their Anniversary Double IPA will show you why. Fresh citrus and floral hops are balanced by a strong malt backbone, hints of caramel and a zesty kick. It pours a rich amber color with a thick, white head and lush, velvety mouthfeel; despite its nearly 9% ABV, it goes down smooth and ends with a bright finish.

Stefan Yauchzee's Anotter Barleywine

Dating back to the 18th century, Barleywine is a staple in any beer lover's collection. The ingredients in this Barleywine are simple, but with time, it will develop into a complex work of liquid art. And you can create whatever kind of masterpiece you like! Want a higher ABV? Add some molasses or maple syrup during fermentation. Love a good barrel-aged beer? Try aging with bourbon-soaked oak spirals.

This English Barleywine is a well-balanced amber delight that's made for sipping by the fireplace. It uses traditional English yeast and hops, including East Kent Goldings and Maris Otter, for a taste of the UK in your own living room. With toasted biscuit notes, caramel-kissed malts, earthy spice flavors and a fruity aroma, it's "otterly" delicious!

Check in with the brewer, Stefan Yauchzee, on the PicoBrew Facebook page or via email! He'd love to hear your tips and variations.

Nathan Smith's Loose Change

You won't have to spend all your shillings to get Loose Change: a Scottish Light Ale from homebrewer Nathan Smith. Thanks to a combination of Maris Otter, Crystal and Munich malts, this brew boasts a rich, malt-forward character with caramel sweetness, notes of butterscotch and nutty biscuit flavors. And it has just enough East Kent Golding English hops to balance out those robust malts and transport you to a European isle. With a color as copper as the coins it's named after, Loose Change has a medium body and moderate carbonation, making it a satisfying sip any time of the year.

Franklin Brewing's 1724 ESB

The 1724 is a traditional Extra-Special Bitter (ESB) that will transport you to a cozy pub across the pond. It pours red-brown like mahogany wood-paneling and features bready, toasty malts characteristic of jolly old England. Perfectly balanced between hops and malts, the 1724 ESB lives up to its name with a pronounced bitterness. It's medium-bodied and drinkable with a slightly dry finish and a hint of caramel sweetness, well-suited to any occasion.

Stoup's Robust Porter

The Stoup Robust Porter is a Seattle classic that's perfect for cold and rainy days, or anytime you feel like a roasty-toasty treat. It lives up to its name, with a bold and complex character that conjures up memories of decadent chocolate treats dipped in espresso. This brew is rich in color and character, with a complex profile including chocolate malts and roasted barley, wheat and rye. Hints of dark chocolate, roasted coffee and mild malty sweetness create a smooth mouthfeel and medium body that makes for delightfully easy drinking.

PicoBrew's Shankill Stout

This pleasing PicoBrew exclusive is an Irish-style Foreign Extra Stout that's best enjoyed with friends. Roasted barley, flaked oats, chocolate malts and notes of caramel and dried figs create a complex and satisfying palate. With a velvety-smooth texture and dry character, it has just the right amount of boozy warmth for a chilly winter's night, or any time of year you want to get cozy!

Upslope Brewing's Brown Ale

This rich, malty Brown Ale from Colorado's Upslope Brewing is a satisfying way to warm up after a day of hitting the powder — or just when relaxing at home. Smooth, creamy and medium-bodied, this dark-brown beer is brewed in the English tradition, with an American twist of bold hop bitterness. It boasts a robust

aroma of caramel and toffee and a mild roasted coffee, with rich flavors of brown sugar and silky chocolate. With a dry, piney finish, this beer is totally one of a kind. Gnar, dude!

New Glory Brewing's Ubahdank IPA

Subtlety isn't this beer's strong suit: the Ubahdank IPA lives up to its name with a big, bold bouquet. Fruity, aromatic West Coast hops infuse this brew with a huge blast of flavors: pine, grapefruit, orange, melon, papaya, tangerine and passionfruit, finishing with a surprisingly smooth bitterness. It's complex, yet clean; boozy, yet easy-drinking. With bready North American and German malts and a huge helping of super-sticky hops, you'll dig drinking this 'dank again and again.

Tractor Brewing's Farmer's Tan Red Ale

This beer is big, rich and malty, and pours with a pleasing red hue. Crafted to bring forward bold candy flavors, it's a unique combination of sweet honey, toasted caramel malts and earthy hops, ending in a roasty, dry finish. Delicious, easy-drinking and true to the Irish Red Ale style, it pairs well with robust foods such as aged cheeses and salty meats, and is a perfect pour any time of year.

PicoPils by PicoBrew

Our take on the "lawnmower beer": It's a light, bright, easy-drinking, low-ABV brewski that's a perfect way to cool off after a long, hot day of working in the yard. This German Pilsner is crisp, clean and refreshing, and sessionable enough to sip all through your chores, no matter what time of year it is. A light floral bouquet, herbal notes and a restrained hop profile make this a balanced brew with a well-attenuated finish.

Deaf Turtle by PicoBrew

Our tribute to Russian River's Blind Pig IPA, this American IPA is packed full of West Coast hops for a distinctively U.S. flavor. Crisp and clean, yet full-bodied and hoppy, it boasts big flavors of pine, citrus and fruit with a dry, bitter finish that's bigger than its IBUs suggest. Effervescent with a lemon and grapefruit nose, it's zesty and characterful, but light enough to be refreshing. Clean malts play a supporting role, allowing the hops to take center stage.

Belle of the Ball by PicoBrew

Our signature Saison lives up to its name, with a fruity, hoppy, delicately spicy bouquet and a gorgeous golden hue that demands attention. This brew offers an intriguing combination of citrus, pepper and light malt flavors, with a refreshing quality and bright effervescence, despite an elevated ABV. It's brewed in the Wallonia style, with its characteristic tart and spicy yeasts and crisp, dry finish. And this beer is the perfect dance partner for a wide variety of foods, especially flavorful grilled or smoked meats and robust cheeses.

Atomic Amber by PicoBrew

Our take on the classic American Amber Ale is an atomic bombshell, pouring a pleasing copper color with a full off-white head. It boasts rich caramel-malt flavors, supported by Cascade and Centennial hops for just the right amount of bitterness. This well-balanced beer is perfect for any activity, any time of year — it just might become your new go-to brew!

B-52 Blonde by PicoBrew

You won't need to bring all your jukebox money to get our B-52 Blonde; for the price of one PicoPak, you can brew this delicious Blonde Ale without leaving your love shack! (Okay, we're done.) A hint of fruity esters and

gentle hop bitterness are balanced by a bready, slightly sweet finish. It's malt-forward, easy-drinking and approachable, with a smooth, medium body that will rock your lobster! (Sorry. *Now* we're done.)

Annie's London Ale by PicoBrew

Our version of an English Pale Ale is of the Strong Bitter variety. This is a taste of London in a glass — bursting with bitter flavors from traditional English hops, yet remarkably drinkable. Bready, toasty malt flavors play a supporting role, with slightly sweet notes of toffee and caramel. Medium-bodied with a dry finish, you'll reach for this British Bitter so often that you might want to change your citizenship!

Half-Squeezed by PicoBrew

PicoBrew's take on the Deschutes Fresh Squeezed IPA, with a twist! This sessionable IPA is lighter in alcohol content, but rich in mouthfeel and body, with a caramel kiss from Belgian Carapils malts. Citra and Mosaic hops lend a big citrus burst, with aromas and flavors of orange and grapefruit and a restrained bitterness. It's refreshing, unique and easy to drink all afternoon long!

Plinus Maximus DIPA

This is PicoBrew's tribute to Russian River's legendary Pliny the Elder Imperial IPA. This brew is elegant and satisfying, with a rich, full mouthfeel. Initial aromas and flavors conjure a West Coast IPA, followed up by a unique malt-sweetness. Pine and citrus hops provide bright, flavorful notes with a restrained bitterness, and it finishes crisp and clean, making it delightfully drinkable despite a boozier ABV.

Not Yet-i Imperial Stout by PicoBrew

A twist on Great Divide's Yeti Imperial Stout, PicoBrew's Not Yet-i is as big, bold and full-bodied as the Arctic monster it's named for. This Russian Imperial Stout pours black as the night the creature roams, and immediately strikes with robust aromas and tastes of coffee, chocolate and roasted malts. Then it takes a surprising turn, with pronounced and bitter hops that finish into notes of toffee, caramel and burnt sugar — the Yeti has a sweet side after all!

Cocoa Vanilla Porter by Bad Jimmy's Brewing Co.

The classic American Porter gets a sweet twist, with an infusion of chocolate and vanilla aromas and flavors that make it an intoxicating companion for any day of the year. A medium body and creamy mouthfeel carry along dark toasted malts, making this a rich, dark and satisfying brew that's not cloyingly sweet with a dry finish. *Vanilla extract not included.

Poção da Lua Cheia by Mestre das Poções

This is no ordinary Wheat Ale: with a name that translates from Portuguese to "Potion of the Full Moon," this ethereal beverage is prepared on the first day of the full moon and fermented throughout the lunar cycle. Like the moon itself, one-of-a-kind concoction is brewed with fine wheat malt and magical aromatic hops, designed to bring prosperity and clairvoyance to those who imbibe. At the very least, it will bring great flavor and refreshment to your glass.

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ENIAC Mosaic IPA by Lucky Envelope Brewing

This IPA screams fresh Mosaic hops, hitting you with big aromas and flavors of juicy tropical citrus and resinous pine. With a mild bitterness and restrained malt profile, this is a well-balanced IPA for those who don't need over-the-top IBUs. Lucky Envelope's flagship IPA.

Angels Belgian Blonde by Beer Army

This wonderfully refreshing Belgian-style blonde ale has a smooth, slightly dry finish, pouring solid-gold and leaving signature Belgian lacing behind. The aroma leans sweet with lightly spicy, fruity and perfumed esters. Medium-bodied with a mouth-filling bubbly sensation, its initial malty sweetness rolls into a light hop flavor. This beer pairs well with a range of foods: from milder chicken, salads and fish to bold flavors such as barbeque, meaty stews, steak, smoked ribs or spicy Cajun cuisine.

Saison Blanc by Barbarian Brewing

There's nothing barbaric about this farmhouse-style Belgian Saison — on the contrary, it's an elegant twist on the brewery's regular Saison, brewed with Sauvignon Blanc juice and wine yeast. Well-balanced with citrus and pepper notes, it's not too funky, not too tart and perfectly delicious.

The Great Porter by Man Skirt Brewing

Think you don't like dark beers? You haven't tried this one yet. Chocolatey and creamy, its sweet nature is balanced by roasted grains, coffee and just the right of hops. Dark as night, yet light enough in body and ABV to session, one sip will show you why we call it "great."

Renaissance Wit by Harlem Brewing

Since the Renaissance, Harlem has been a global destination for art, culture, history and community, attracting and promoting freedom and expression. This Belgian Witbier is a perfect example of the cultural complexity and free expression Harlem is known for: it offers a malty-sweet grain flavor; a zesty orange-lemon fruitiness; and herbal-spicy flavors, enlivened with coriander, clove, pepper and cinnamon. Extremely drinkable, it has a big flavor yet finishes clean and refreshing. That's Harlem style!

Central Valley Dark Mild by High Water Brewing

This is the original session beer: a traditional English mild that packs such a high dose of flavor, you won't believe how low the alcohol content is. Dark brown in color, yet light in body, it boasts a malty-sweet flavor assortment of caramel, toffee, cocoa and dark fruits, brewed with characterful hops from jolly old England. Cheers!

Cinderblock Cascadian Dark Ale by Populuxe Brewing

Whether you call it a Cascadian Dark Ale (CDA) or a Black IPA, this brew is black as the Midnight Wheat it's brewed with. Add in a slightly smoky coffee flavor and a roasty rye maltiness, then balance it all out with an intense, citrus-hop aroma, and the Cinderblock CDA represents the style expertly.

Little RIPA Rye IPA by Denny Conn

A scaled-down version of Rogue Brewing's Wry Smile Rye IPA, the Little RIPA features the same spicy rye flavor and luxurious mouthfeel, but with a bit less alcohol, so you can enjoy more than one. It comes

with a copious amount of Columbus hops, but won't blow you away with its IBUs. Concocted by legendary homebrewer Denny Conn, it's perfect for any season and is an all-around crowd pleaser!

El Marron Mexican Dark Cerveza by 5 Joaquins Craft Cerveza

This Dark American Lager is the embodiment of craft cerveza. Deep auburn in color, it's rich and full-bodied, balancing smooth toasty-sweet flavors with subtle hop bitterness. Speciality light-roasted malts add hints of chocolate flavor and aroma, and it finishes smooth, long and dry. A more full-bodied alternative to traditional Mexican dark beer offerings, this cerveza's perfectly crafted character emerges in a big, expressive and extremely drinkable combination.

Barbarian Red Ale by Cerveceria Barbarian

This one-of-a-kind brew was crafted in Peru with the freshness of classic American hops. Barbarian Red Ale is an easy-drinking malty beer with slightly sweet flavors and aromas of toffee and caramel flavors. Since they first began brewing, Cerveceria Barbarian vowed to never settle for average — and this beer is no exception. See for yourself!

Whetstone Session IPA by Whetstone Craft Beers

When you want to enjoy a few IPAs without ending up under the table, reach for this bright, delicious session-style IPA: It has the flavor you love while remaining light-bodied, crisp and thirst-quenching with a refreshingly low ABV. Pounds of hops are added after flameout, with even more tossed in during dry-hop, giving this beer a big, bold and dank aroma that's easy to drink all day.

A Little Dinghy Blonde by Spinnaker Bay Brewing

This refreshing Kolsch-style German Blonde Ale is the perfect companion to your favorite dishes. It boasts floral and honey flavors, ending in a crisp, clean and slightly grainy finish. Fermented with German Ale yeast, this easy-drinking brew pours pure gold with subtle fruit notes and a light hop bitterness.

Fire in the Rye by Double Trouble Brewing Co.

This Pale Ale is Double Trouble's biggest, boldest beer yet! Unfiltered and single-hopped, it combines the smoldering aroma of roasted rye with the floral notes of Centennial hops. The ABV is moderate enough to enjoy a few, with the punch coming from a flavorful 60 IBUs. Fire in the Rye tastes of earthy hops and caramel malts with an herbal, peppery twist.

Max Nix English Porter by Heroic Aleworks

This English Porter is the combination of so much dark matter — roasted and dark malts make for a heroic-tasting brew that's light and smooth enough to session. With strong notes of coffee and chocolate and a touch of caramel malts, it's big on flavor, but goes down easy.

Stoup Brewing

Robust Porter

This multi-award-winning brew is rich in color and character, reminiscent of chocolate treats dipped in coffee. It boasts a roasty-toasty flavor with notes of dark chocolate, bitter coffee, subtle smoke and a light malty sweetness. A complex malt profile includes roasted wheat and rye as well as chocolate malts.

ABV: 6.2%

IBU: 45

Category: American Porter

NW Red

A Pacific Northwest twist on a Red Ale, this brew balances grassy hop flavor and moderate bitterness with rich, bready, caramelly red malts. The result is a smooth, satisfying and slightly sweet taste with a medium body.

ABV: 5.5%

IBU: 40

Category: American Amber / Red Ale

Bavarian-Hefeweizen

Travel to a tree-lined, sun-speckled biergarten in Munich without leaving the brewery through this refreshing beverage, brewed in the traditional style. Fermentation with German yeast gives it prominent banana, clove and spice notes. This wheat-based beer is crisp and floral, with a creamy body and semi-dry, slightly tart finish.

ABV: 5.0%

IBU: 13

Category: German Hefeweizen

Citra IPA

Stoup calls this one "sunshine in a glass," and one sip will show you why. A wave of citrus and tropical fruit aromas and flavors will wash over you, thanks to a healthy dose of Citra hops. It's light and bright in color and body, with mild bitterness and big taste that leaves you refreshed.

ABV: 5.9%

IBU: 50

Category: India Pale Ale