

The Wine Enthusiast Beer Buying Guide

The Beer Buying Guide is a summary of recent detailed evaluations and product ratings of a single reviewer, Assistant Tasting Director Lauren Buzzeo. Every tasting note is accompanied by a rating. Also noted are the full name of the product, beer style, alcoholic strength expressed as percent alcohol by volume, producer's name, and the suggested/average U.S. retail price. If price cannot be confirmed, an \$NA (not available) will be printed. Prices are for the bottle size or packaging indicated.

Tasting Methodology and Goals

Formal evaluation sessions occur in a professional tasting room. Beers are tasted alone; no formal reviews are ever conducted in the presence of any producer or industry representative. Samples are tasted blind in flights of no more than six products; the category being reviewed may or may not be divulged. Price is not a factor in the evaluation.

About the Scores

The numerical ratings correspond to quality in the following manner:

- 96-100 - Classic/Highest Recommendation
- 90-95 - Superb/Highly Recommended
- 85-89 - Very Good/Recommended
- 80-84 - Average

Certain beers are designated as Best Buys. Beers earning this designation offer a high level of quality in relation to price. There are no specific guidelines or formulae for determining Best Buys. Cellar Selections are beers that would be good candidates for cellaring.

Submitting Beers for Review

Beers should be submitted to Wine Enthusiast's headquarters at 333 North Bedford Road, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. Inquiries and submissions should be addressed to Lauren Buzzeo at lbuzzeo@wineenthusiast.net. There is no charge for submitting beers, and Wine Enthusiast will make every effort to sample all beers submitted for review. There is, however, no guarantee that all submissions will be tasted, or that reviews will appear in the magazine. Two bottles are recommended; please include all pertinent information including suggested retail price, producer name and contact information.

Labels

Labels are paid promotions. Producers and their representatives are given the opportunity to submit labels, which are reproduced and printed along with tasting notes and scores. For information on label purchases, contact Denise Valenza by phone at 813.571.1122; by fax at 866.896.8786; or e-mail dvalenza@wineenthusiast.net.