

MINT STOUT (9,0 – 14,7 BLG)

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Aroma:

Moderate to intense malt aroma: coffee, roasted grain. Light to moderate cocoa/chocolate notes. Grain, cookie, biscuit notes may appear in the background. Fruity esters from imperceptible in dry versions to moderate intense in stronger or sweet versions. Light to moderate mint herbal aroma, but can not dominate malt character of the style. Diacetyl none. Hop aroma from imperceptible to light. No alcohol aroma.

Appearance:

Preferably black in colour but acceptable medium to dark brown. Large to medium, thick, tan- to brown-colored head. Retention will not be a substantial part of the evaluation due to use of herbs that may affect the head.

Flavour:

Malt character reveals: roasted grain, coffee or chocolate flavor. Light bready/cookie notes may appear in the background. Low hop bitterness, but may be highlighted by use of mint and roasted malts. None to low fruity esters in dry versions to moderate in sweet versions. Substantial, highly affecting the assessment, will be influence of mint in overall complexity of the flavour. Mint may not completely dominate the character of the beer, but should be distinct and complementary to distinct stout features. Diacetyl will be considered as a defect. Alcohol taste none.

Mouthfeel:

Medium-full to full body, with a smooth, creamy texture. Low to medium carbonation.

Additional informations:

Stout with mint. Acceptable variations from dry to sweet/milk. Evident mint addition is compulsory with preservation of other style features as roasted grain maltiness or creamy texture.

Dark, roasted, bitter beer with acceptable moderate sweetness. Mint addition should stress style features but not dominate the creamy texture and full body.

Pale and dark roasted and chocolate malts. Acceptable small addition of dark caramel or wheat malts. Barley flakes give the creamy textures. Acceptable oat flakes. In sweet versions addition of lactose or other non-fermentable sweet ingredient is suggested. Mint addition is substantial.

Commercial examples:
