

BEER SCORESHEET

Excellent

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Entry # 1

Category: 26D Belgian Dark Strong Ale

Special ingredients:

Comments:

Score: **39** / 50

Aroma

9 / 12

Malt Medium Bready/Bread Crust
Medium Sweet/Dark Caramel

Hops Not detected

Fermentation Medium Phenols/White Pepper on first nose
Medium-Low Esters/Plum
Medium-Low Esters/Fig
Medium-Low Esters/Raisin
Low Esters/Red Apple

Other

Flaws

Comments Besides the esters and phenols, the fermentation character is clean with a moderate spicy and floral alcohol aroma

Appearance

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Color Deep Brown (27 SRM)
Ruby hue

Clarity Clear

Head Ivory

Texture Frothy

Retention Medium-Low

Other

Flavor

16 / 20

Malt Medium-High Bready/Bread Crust
Low Sweet/Dark Chocolate

Hops Not detected

Fermentation Clean

Other Low Sugar/Dark

Flaws

Bitterness Medium

Balance Malty

Finish Dry

Comments Moderately complex, the dark fruit aromatics are all but missing.

Mouthfeel

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Body Medium-Full

Creaminess Medium-Low

Carbonation Medium-High

Astringency None

Warmth Medium-Hot

Overall Impression

8 / 10

Accuracy Almost on Target

Technical Merit Minor Flaws

Drinkability I would drink a pint

Intangible Average

Scoring Guide Excellent: Exemplifies style well, requires minor fine-tuning

Feedback A dark ale of obvious strength, yet very approachable.
Malt complexity could have had more depth to fit the style better.
The dark fruit notes are muted, especially in the flavor.