

# Foreign Beers



## Belgian Beers



**La Binchoise - Brune** | 330mls | 8.2% **£3.00**

A Wallonian brown ale, flavoured with aromatic hops and brewed with roasted malt. It has a hoppy bite with an aromatic spice character and is rich and warming. La Binchoise started brewing in the late 80's in an old brewery and maltings in the town of La Binche between Mons and Charleroi.



**Caracole - Saxo** | 330mls | 8.0% **£3.00**

A complex, artisanal Wallonian blond ale with an unusual hoppiness, bitterness and a touch of spice. The recurring theme on each Caracole label is that of a spiral snail shell from which the brewery takes its name - the snail is the emblem of Namur and the word for a snail in local Namurois dialect is "Caracole".



**Chimay - Tripel** | 330mls | 8.0% **£3.00**

Often referred to as Chimay Wit (white) and sold under the "Cinq Cents" name in 75cl bottles. It is golden in colour with a slightly hazy appearance, with hops in both the aroma and taste. Chimay is possibly the best known of the Trappist monastery breweries and has been brewing since 1862.



**De Dolle Brouwers - Bos Keun** | 330mls | 10.0% **£3.00**

A strong, blond and spicy Easter beer brewed with pale malt and Golding hops, The "Mad" brewers started brewing commercially in 1980 and all their excellent beers are unfiltered, unpasteurised and undergo a secondary fermentation in the bottle. Bos Keun is the nickname of one of the brewers.



**De Ranke - XX Bitter** | 330mls | 6.2% **£2.80**

A blond ale that achieves supreme delicacy in what is a well-hopped beer - it is brewed with loads of Brewers Gold and Hallertau hop flowers (and pale pilsner malt). It is one of the most bitter of the ales available in Belgium. De Ranke has been credited with bringing the hop back into Belgian brewing.



**Dupont - Moinette Blonde** | 330mls | 8.5% **£3.00**

The brewery's flagship beer which has a subtle balance between sweet, bitter and fruity. It is coppery-blond in colour and has fine hop aromas. Dupont is an independent brewery established in 1920 in Hainaut Province. Their beers rarely disappoint.



**Brasserie des Géants - Gouyasse** | 330mls | 6.0% **£2.60**

A golden beer that has a dry finish, but without overpowering bitterness and a maltiness which softens the hoppiness. The "Giants" brewery is located in the unique location of the medieval Irchonwelz Castle in Ath. They produce a number of artisan beers, all based on natural products.



**Het Anker - Boscoulis** | 330mls | 3.5% **£2.60**

A fruity beer with an aroma of berries. Recently reduced in strength from 6.5% so likely to be sweeter than of old. Historically produced using Het Anker Blond with added fruit juice though current base unknown. The "Anchor" brewery in Mechelen is perhaps better known for their range of Gouden Carolus beers.



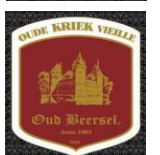
**Lefebvre - Hopus** | 330mls | 8.5% **£3.00**

A relatively new, strong and golden beer that was introduced in 2008. Perhaps not as hoppy as you would expect for a beer called "Hopus" that reputedly contains 5 varieties of hop. It is very drinkable nonetheless with a bitter dry aftertaste and served from a swing top bottle.



**Oud Beersel - Gueuze** | 375mls | 6.0% **£4.00**

"Gueuze" is a blend of old and young lambics beers which are spontaneously fermented using wild yeasts which produce a characteristic sourness. Oud Beersel Gueuze has a pleasant bitterness with a sour yet smooth character, fruity nose and hoppy flavour. A unique beer style from the Brussels region.



**Oud Beersel - Kriek** | 375mls | 6.5% **£4.00**

Cherries are added to Oud Beersel Lambic and the beer undergoes a refermentation. It is then matured in wooden barrels for 2 years to further develop the flavour. Oud Beersel Kriek has a sour and fruity character and is red in colour.



**Timmermans - Kriek** | 250mls | 4.0% **£2.40**

This is a more commercial cherry lambic with a strong cherry aroma, fruity flavour and almondy dryness. The taste and finish is sweeter than the traditional lambic beers. Timmermans have been brewing in Itterbeek in the suburbs of Brussels since 1781 and have been part of the Anthony Martin group since 1993.



**Val-Dieu - Brune** | 330mls | 8.0% **£2.80**

In spite of its name it is darkish ruby in colour with a coffee-mocha aroma, though the mocha flavour disappears in the taste leaving only a slight coffee flavour and almost no bitterness. The beers are brewed in the abbey of Val-Dieu in Liege province, though not by the monks (hence not a Trappist brewery).



**Van Ecke - Het Kapittel Dubbel** | 330mls | 7.5% **£2.80**

Dark brown in colour with a fruity, sweet and roasted malt taste and pours with a thick lasting head. The Abbey style beers from Van Ecke are amongst the best in Belgium. "Het kapittel" in Flemish means the hierarchy of fathers and priests within a monastery.



**Van Ecke - Poperings Hommelbier** | 330mls | 7.5% **£2.80**

This is a hoppy, golden-bronze ale with a slightly bitter taste. It is made from a blend of winter, summer and aromatic pale malts, soft water from the brewery's own well and Brewers' Gold and Hallertau hops - both grown locally. Hommel is the local abbreviation of humulus, the botanical name for the hop plant.



**Van Honsebrouck - Brigand** | 330mls | 9.0% **£3.00**

A lively and potent blond beer, full bodied with a slightly bitter and spicy flavour. Dry hopping with Saaz hops provides the hop character. The brewery is still owned and operated by the family, now the fourth generation of Van Honsebrouck brewers in Ingelmunster.



**Verhaeghe - Duchesse de Bourgogne** | 330mls | 6.2% **£2.80**

A Flemish oak-aged brown ale which has a characteristically sour, fruity flavour not dissimilar to that of lambic beers. After a primary and secondary fermentation it is matured in oak barrels for 18 months. The final product is a blend of a younger 8-month-old beer with an 18-month-old beer.

## Dutch Beers



**La Trappe - Tripel** | 330mls | 8.0% **£2.80**

A strong, blond Trappist ale which is fruity with bitter sweetness and a spicy character. "La Trappe" beers are brewed at the Koningshoeven Monastery which is the only Trappist brewery in the Netherlands. It lost its Trappist status in 1999 though it was regained in 2005 after the monks agreed to take a more active role.

## German Beers



**Andechs - Doppelbock** | 500mls | 7.1% **£3.20**

A powerful, dark, full-bodied, strong beer and is Andechs trademark brew. It is brewed using the traditional triple mash procedure and is available throughout the year, not just during the "Starkbierzeit" (strong beer time) around lent as is typical for most doppelbocks.



**Andechs - Weissbier** | 500mls | 5.5% **£3.00**

A light-coloured, fruity and refreshing wheat beer that is unfiltered and naturally cloudy. It is brewed in open fermentation vats in the Monastery's historic brewing cellar. The Benedictine Kloster (monastery) at Andechs in Bavaria started brewing in 1455 and is probably the best-known German monastic brewery.



**Augustiner - Dunkel** | 500mls | 5.6% **£3.00**

A dark, malty beer brewed with malt produced in the breweries own maltings and brewing water from their own 230m deep well. Augustiner is the oldest of the Munich breweries though has changed sites since it first started brewing in 1328.



**Hacker Pschorr - Weissbier** | 500mls | 5.5% **£3.00**

A Bavarian light coloured unfiltered wheat beer or "Weissbier" that comes in a swing top bottle. It is the most popular beer from the Munich based brewery and is made from 2/3 wheat and 1/3 barley malt and has the fruity and refreshing flavour that would be expected of this type of beer.



**Weltenburger - Asam Bock** | 500mls | 6.9% **£3.20**

A robust, powerful and dark Doppelbock with a rich malty flavour and smooth finish. It derives its name from the Baroque master-builder family Asam which renovated the monastery around 1716 AD. Weltenburger claims to be the oldest monastery brewery in the world (brewing since 1050).