

## New American ales

Since many of you might be interested in the rare & high-quality USA beers that we have recently added to our selection, we have decided to highlight some of them in this edition of our newsletter.

We'll start off with **Port Brewing**, the California-based brewery whose legendary **Hop-15 IPA** & **Old Viscosity** we've had for sale before. Both of these beers are back in stock, at reduced prices nonetheless, in addition to two brand-new ones:

### **Port Brewing Shark Attack 65cl, 9%ABV**

A bold take on the Double IPA style, exceedingly hoppy, but in a different package than most DIPA's: dark ruby-red in color and intensely (tropically) fruity on the nose and palate, very refined and surprisingly balanced.

### **Port Brewing Santa's Little Helper 65cl, 10%ABV**

This winter-seasonal imperial stout is impressively rich, with many strong flavors hitting the palate: ashy, roasted, burnt, but also spicy (licorice) and fruity (grapefruit from the typical West Coast hops).



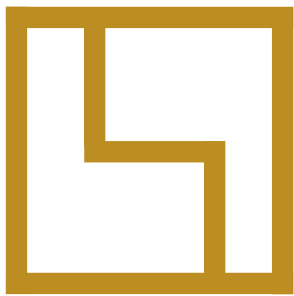
Also made at Port Brewing's brewery is the range of Lost Abbey beers, a line of beers that started out as interpretations of Belgian ("abbey-") ales but has evolved into something more unique. In addition to the Witch's Wit and 10 Commandments, we now also offer the following two Lost Abbey ales:

### **Lost Abbey Serpent Stout 75cl, 11%ABV**

A huge imperial stout, with massive malty flavors. Less roasted and hoppy tasting than Santa's Little Helper, and more on the coffee and caramel side of flavor. Remarkably full-bodied, with an impressive viscosity that's kept in check by a light, fine-bubbled carbonation.

### **Lost Abbey Red Barn Ale 75cl, 6.5%ABV**

The Red Barn Ale is a farmhouse-style Saison with dusty, spicy and slightly funky aromas and flavors. You'll find subtle flavors of pepper, cloves, ginger and orange peels, all in balance and finishing bone-dry. A very nice and restrained effort that makes for refreshing quaffing as well as for concentrated tasting.



Southern Tier is a relatively small brewery based in New York state that has been producing some very interesting ales over the last few years, including a superbly balanced coffee stout; a dark ale made with Belgian pralines; and a cherry saison. For sale in our webshop are their..

### **Southern Tier Cuvée One 65cl, 11%ABV**

A wonderfully complex and balanced ale aged on oak, copper-colored and with aromas and flavors of toasted almonds, caramel and vanilla.

### **Southern Tier Gemini 65cl, 10.5%ABV**

Gemini is a blend of Southern Tier's top-IPAs "Hoppe" and "Unearthly", intensely hoppy with strong forward grapefruit and pine-tree flavors. Rich and full-bodied.

### **Southern Tier Back Burner 65cl, 10%ABV**

An American-style barleywine (strong focus on the hops) made in small batches. Starts out very citric and gets sweeter and maltier, before finishing on a hop-note again.

### **Southern Tier IPA 35.5cl, 6.5%ABV**

A no-nonsense IPA, clean and well-brewed. Grapefruit, pine and malty (caramel) flavors, medium/thick on the palate with a long & dry finish.

### **Southern Tier Porter 35.5cl, 6.5%ABV**

A crisp porter, with sharp and well-defined flavors of roasted malt, coffee, chocolate. A slight hop-presence can be found on the finish.



And last, but not least, is a christmas-seasonal ale from renowned brewery AleSmith. The San Diego based brewery has built up a considerable reputation since they opened in 1995, their IPA and imperial ("Speedway") stout being world classic beers.

### **Alesmith YuleSmith (winter) 65cl, 9.5%ABV**

An "Imperial Red Ale" with big, assertive hop flavors and a solid malt backbone. Amazingly complex beyond the initial hop assault. Very full-bodied.