

# Cracked Kettle

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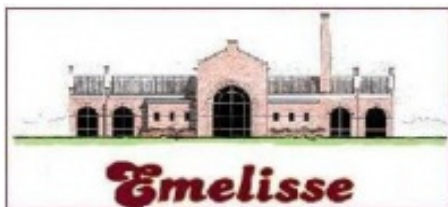
Dear subscriber, this is the August 2010 newsletter of the Cracked Kettle. We are a speciality beer and wine shop located in a 400 year old monument building in the heart of Amsterdam. The original wooden beams hold three floors carrying over 1200 beers, fine wines, Dutch jenever, cheese and unique gifts.

Most items can be found on our webshop at [www.crackedkettle.com](http://www.crackedkettle.com) where we ship globally every day. Stop by in person and save 10-20% on most items while experiencing a fantastic piece of Amsterdam history!

First of all, we are glad to announce that our shipping costs have been lowered: have a look at our webshop and click on "Estimate Shipping Costs" after adding items to your cart to check our new prices. Orders are now generally packed and shipped out with UPS the day after they are placed. Additionally, we now offer free shipping to The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg for orders over 50 euro's.

In this newsletter we will describe our newest products, made by some of the most interesting brewers, both locally and internationally. Featured in this issue are the young & very promising Dutch brewery Emelisse, as well as USA brewers Founders and Green Flash (the last one was virtually unavailable in Europe until now).

## Brouwerij Emelisse



Brouwerij Emelisse opened up just a few years ago, in 2005, in the province of Zeeland at the south-west end of the Netherlands. Emelisse's brewers immediately decided to use only locally grown grains that were produced in an ecologically sustainable manner. This approach to the selection of ingredients led to a unique "Emelisse"-character in their products. At the Cracked Kettle, we offer several of Emelisse's beers, such as two beautiful (strong) stouts as well as a lighter and more refreshing beer.

### Emelisse Espresso Stout

33cl, 10%ABV

Coffee stouts are rare among Dutch brewers. There have been some commercially available Dutch coffee stouts in recent times, but none of them reached the heights of a "Beer Geek Breakfast" or a "Speedway Stout". Emelisse's Espresso Stout, however, can be counted as one of those world-class coffee stouts. Rich and full-bodied, with a great bitterness from the roasted malts that work together with the strong espresso flavors. A fantastic (strong) coffee stout!

### Emelisse Imperial Russian Stout

33cl, 11%ABV

Another strong stout with an impressive malt-profile is Emelisse's imperial stout. Their most dark and potent beer, at 11%ABV and 75 EBU, this is similar to the Espresso Stout in body and richness, but has the cacao and caramel flavors of a typical imperial stout. Incredibly rich and creamy, with little carbonation. Another world-class stout by this small, young Dutch brewery.

### Emelisse Double IPA

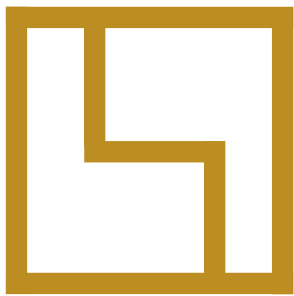
33cl, 9%ABV

Double IPA's by Dutch brewers tend to either stick to the very malty (and often very sweet) or to the extremely hoppy and bitter end of the spectrum. This IPA falls in the last category: the hops are obviously on the foreground here, with just a touch of maltiness to provide a backbone and a bit of balance. Chinook, Amarillo and Cascade hops were used for this one. Medium-full bodied.

### Emelisse Blond

33cl, 6.8%ABV

Even though it is called a "Blond", this is more of an IPA than a Belgian-style Blond Ale. Made exclusively with the fashionable (and very tasty) Nelson Sauvin hop this is a most excellent and refreshing beer. Dry-hopped (again, with Nelson Sauvin). Highly recommended!



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## Founders Brewing



The American brewery Founders is based in Michigan and has been brewing for nearly 20 years. It is ranked the 4th best brewery in the world according to beer-website ratebeer.com. Due to their relatively small size & output, their beers rarely find their way to Europe. However, we are proud to offer some of these high quality beers in our shop. A selection of the Founders beers that we sell at this moment:

### Founders Kentucky Breakfast Stout

35cl, 11.2%ABV

As the name of this beer suggest, it has been aged on whisky barrels, it contains coffee, and it's a stout. However, it gives no hints as to just how excellent it is. It has explosive, mouth-coating flavors of vanilla, dark chocolate, oatmeal and dark roasted coffee. It is full-bodied, nearly sludgy, which gives a very "soft" and slightly carbonated impression. For those of you who are fortunate enough to have tasted Founders' regular (un-oaked) Breakfast Stout, we highly recommend experiencing the additional bourbon-richness, and for those who have never tried any of Founders' Breakfast Stouts: a must drink!

### Founders Curmudgeon Old Ale

35cl, 9.8%

A strong "Old Ale". Very malty and rich, nearly sweet, and also very hoppy, yet somehow still balanced. Sipping reveals flavors of raisins, caramel, as well as some berry-type fruit flavors. Warming, with a long finish.

## Green Flash Brewing



This Californian brewery has been brewing since 2002, making a name for itself with some fine beers, most of them quite hoppy and strong. Below are some of the Green Flash beers that we are selling right now:

### Green Flash Hop Head Red

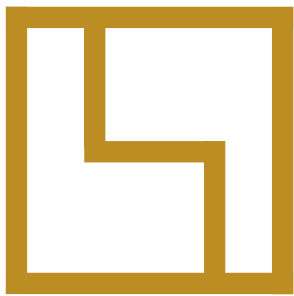
35cl, 6.3%

The Hop Head Red is an amber ale with a hop presence that is unusually strong for the style. Rich caramel malt form the backbone for a great resinous hop-bitterness. Dry-hopping with Amarillo hops brought this one up to 45 EBU, as well as adding more of that typical floral and grapefruity Amarillo character. The end result is a strong and savoury flavor, yet the beer stays crisp and dry because of the copious amounts of hop-bitterness.

### Green Flash Double Stout

65cl, 8.8%

A great oatmeal stout which is, according to Green Flash, made in "old-world style". English Target-strain hops were used. Lightly roasted malts and a subtle hop-bitterness are on the foreground. On the finish, flavors of chocolate and molasses appear. The long finish dries out towards the end with a quite subtle dryness from the hops. A very well-balanced stout, with a complex flavor profile and a long, impressive finish.



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Even though we ship worldwide, you can always buy our products at our shop in the center of Amsterdam. We are easily accessible from the Amsterdam Central Station (it takes about 15 minutes by foot to reach us). In our neighbourhood you will find good bars, such as:

- Biercafé Het Arendsnest - which specializes in Dutch beer and has over 12 beers on draft.
- In de Wildeman - a bar with a huge selection of Belgian, German and Dutch beer (as well as the occasional hand-pulled cask ales).
- De Gollem - which is right across the road from our shop and boasts a line-up of more than 200 different (mainly Belgian) beers.

We hope to see you at our shop someday!

