

# Cracked Kettle

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## New inventory system!

As of last month, we are using a new inventory system which will guarantee that stock-levels on our website are correct at nearly all times. Some of you may have noticed that, previously, certain items were listed as "in stock" on our site while they were actually NOT in stock. This is now a problem of the past, and you can now be certain that we will be able to deliver nearly any item that is listed as available on our site.

## Hoppin' Frog Brewery

Another excellent collection of American beers has made it to our shelves, this time from Ohio-based brewery Hoppin' Frog. We offer their critically acclaimed imperial stout "B.O.R.I.S. The Crusher" plus its rare barrel-aged version, as well as a great (double) IPA, a lighter IPA, a great malty scotch ale, and a smooth chocolate-like porter. All of Hoppin' Frog beers come in 65cl (22oz) bottles.

### **B.O.R.I.S. The Crusher** **65cl, 9.4%ABV**

"Bodacious Oatmeal Russian Imperial Stout". Intensely deep roasted and full-bodied flavors: dark chocolate, freshly roasted coffee and a powerful and drying hop-punch on the finish. Full-bodied, oily palate. Rated as one of the world's 50 best beers on ratebeer.com in 2008!

### **B.O.R.I.S. The Crusher** **Barrel-aged version** **65cl, 9.4%ABV**

B.O.R.I.S. The Crusher aged on Heaven Hill whiskey barrels. Made in very limited quantity: just 86 cases were made in total. The barrel-aging adds the expected bourbon flavors of vanilla and wood, but also seems to smooth out the strong roasty character of the base beer quite a bit, making it more balanced overall.



### **Mean Manalishi** **65cl, 8.2%ABV**

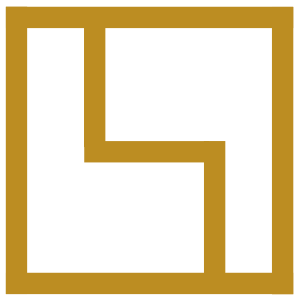
A very well-made (double) IPA, with a great balance between strong, fragrant hoppiness and toasty malts. The hops have a citric and slightly mint-like quality to them, making it a very refreshing IPA considering its weight. Long finish that dries out towards the end. Highly recommended!

### **Hoppin' To Heaven IPA** **65cl, 6.8%ABV**

Described by the brewery as "a classic American IPA", this one does exactly what you'd expect and it does it well. Floral, citric hops with a light malt-backbone. Not too heavy or overwhelming at any point, this is full of grapefruit flavors and a very pleasant bitterness on the finish. Solid IPA on all counts.

### **Outta Kilter Wee Heavy** **Scotch Red Ale** **65cl, 8.2%ABV**

Yeah, a Scotch Ale from Ohio, and it's not a bad effort at all! True to the "Wee Heavy" style it is malty, strong and rich on the palate. A light hoppiness gives a nice spicy edge to the assertive malty flavors. Slight wood notes on the finish.



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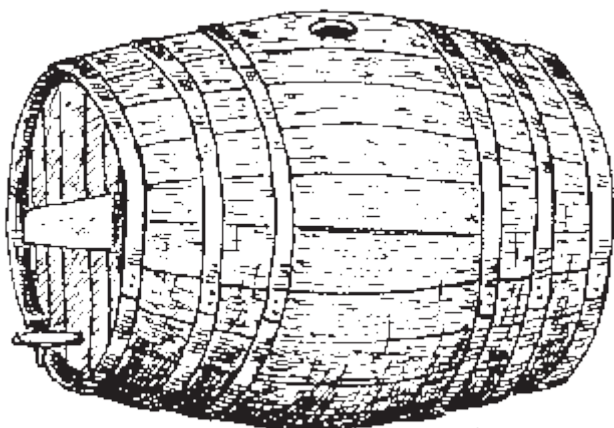
## Revelation Cat Woodwork Series

A collaboration between Alex Liberati (owner of Brasserie 4:20 in Rome) and contract-brewery De Proefbrouwerij in Belgium has resulted in a few very interesting ales. The "Woodwork Series" consists of a strong IPA, and three different wood-aged variations on this IPA. The IPA is made with Nelson Sauvín hop (a fantastic floral & unique strain), is quite strong at 11% ABV, and has a bitterness rating of 70 IBU. All three barrels were relatively small barriques of 225 liter and the beer was only aged for five days in them. Each aged variation is aged in a different type of wood, allowing one to compare the difference between the barrels and the effect they have on the original "base" beer in parallel.

A barrique of French oak was used, next to a barrique of American oak, and a barrique of acasia. All the barriques were fresh - never used before.

The resulting beers were bottled in 37.5cl "Gueuze-style" bottles. We exclusively sell them as a complete series to give anyone the chance to do a parallel tasting and compare the influences of the wood aging.

The un-aged base beer is of a cloudy copper color with a large, off-white head. The unique aromas of the Nelson Sauvín hop come through quite strong right away. On the palate, it makes a sweet & complex malty impression before the hop takes over with fruity, dry flavors, ending with a long and warming finish.



## Rare Angel's Share + Older Viscosity!

We have a couple of Lost Abbey's rare 37.5cl bottles of bourbon-barrel aged Angel's Share, as well as 37.5cl bottles of the equally rare barrel-aged Old Viscosity, aptly named Older Viscosity. Both are aged in Heaven Hill whisky barrels.

### **Angel's Share** **Barrel-aged version** **37.5cl, 12.5%ABV**

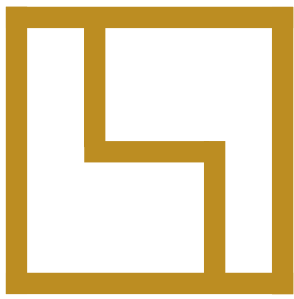
A strong, rich barleywine aged in Heaven Hill bourbon-barrels. Exceedingly malty with flavors of dried fruit and vanilla. Made in very limited quantities.

### **Older Viscosity** **37.5cl, 12%ABV**

Heaven Hill barrel-aged version of the Old Viscosity. Full-bodied & very rich with strong flavors of chocolate, coffee and roasted malt, nearly stout-like. Subtle bourbon character comes through with light notes of vanilla and oak. Spectacular.



## The Lost Abbey



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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 should take no more than 15 minutes by foot to reach us). Have a look at our website for a map & route-description.

We have recently opened up a second floor in our shop, doubling our floor space! This allows us to stock a wider range of beer, as well as wines, spirits and glassware. Stop by if you're in town and come have a look!

