

# Homebrewing Recipe Development

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## Introduction

- Who is this guy? Brewing Network might be the only reason why you've ever heard of me. (beersmith? btw?)
- This talk is about 1-1.5hr.
- Q & A.
- What's the point of this talk? Two things:
  1. Know your ingredients
  2. Simplify your recipe
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## **Know your ingredients**

- **Wider range of ingredients available than ever before**
- **Trade-offs, considerations when selecting ingredients**
- **I will attempt to compare equivalents**
- **We will look at some overlooked ingredients (don't just use what someone else does)**
- **Using familiar ingredients in different ways.**
- **Set the record straight on some new information/correcting old misinformation.**

## **Simplify your recipe**

- Most homebrewers want to write their own recipes
- Temptation is to try many new ingredients at once
- It almost never works to combine many new, unfamiliar ingredients at once, in the same recipe.
- **Every ingredient should have a specific purpose**
- **If it doesn't, don't use it.**
- The more experienced you are as a brewer, the more you can see how great a simple recipe can be.
- Challenge yourself to simplify your recipes and you might be surprised how great it can be.
- Most styles can be brewed with 2 malts & 2 hops, MAYBE up to 4, diminishing returns after 4.



## Background – how did I get here?

- Simple recipe proof to myself; I didn't expect much, but this recipe was really great:
- [Legacy Blonde Ale](#)
- 1.050-1.010, 50% Pils, 50% 2-Row, 65C, 50 IBU, Citra mid-boil, Legacy late, flame-out and hop-back. WLP029 Kölsch yeast.
- No crystal malt, no dry hop, no fancy boutique yeast.
- However, a great brew of a simple recipe demands more quality of a single ingredient. You can't just jumble a bunch of different ingredients together and hope it works
- Caveat: I emphasize pale, hop-forward or yeast-forward beers & very simple lagers, less focus on porters & stouts, but these ideas can be applied there also.

## Drinking break



# Malt

**Show of hands – Have you  
brewed with...**

**English 2-row? (Maris Otter?  
Golden Promise?)**

**German Pils? Belgian Pils?**

**American 2-row?**





# Malt

- Malt – the ~~backbone~~ *foundation* of any beer
- You can make (something like) beer without hops
- You can make beer without (adding yeast)
- You cannot make beer without malt
- All 2-row is the same, right? Recipes simply say “5kg 2-row” – we can use any available 2-row?
- “Hey, I made the same recipe again and the malt flavor was different” – why? Even “2-row” can vary quite a bit.
- If you can choose your base malt, choose the same one from the same malter consistently that is most appropriate for your recipe.



## **Malt – All American 2-row is the same?**

- **American 2-row – One of the most mild base malts.**
- **Each maltster approaches their 2-row differently. 3 common ones in American homebrew:**
  - **Briess (least toast intensity)**
  - **Great Western (medium toast intensity)**
  - **Rahr (highest toast intensity)**
- **Each of these is a little different.**
- **Not to mention the different varieties (Harrington, Metcalfe, etc.) from different regions (US, Canada).**

## **Malt – Blending base malts for complexity**

- **Base malt character even more important in simple recipe pale beers. Example: 3 beers, 1 malt type**
  - Northern German Pils – German pils malt
  - Belgian Saison – Belgian pils malt
  - Czech Pils – Moravian pils
- **Best examples of a style use at least some region-specific malt, but blend for subtle complexity**
- **Find a blend you like. Example:**
  - Saison 90% Belgian/10% German Pils
  - Czech Pils 85% Moravian Pils/15% German Pils



## **Blending base malt for complexity**

### **American Pale Ale/IPA Ideas**

- **Goal: Bring big, aggressive (American) hop character forward without completely bulldozing the malt foundation.**
- **Blend lower intensity base malts instead of using higher intensity malts for subtle complexity:**
  - **APA 75% 2-row, 20% Maris and/or Pils, 5% dextrin malts of choice**
  - **IPA 85% 2-row, 13% Maris an/or Pils, 2% dextrin (Citrus Bomb)**
- **Instead of a small amount of a high intensity toasted malt (Munich, Vienna or Melonoidin), use a little more of a lower intensity toasted malt (Pils and/or Maris).**
- **Adjust lower intensity toasted malt amount based on how assertive your base malt is (Weyermann Pils vs. Castle Pils.)**



## Base malt - Enhance the foundation

- Adjust to enhance the base malt foundation
- Use the varying levels of toast/melanoidin content from other base malts
  - American 2-row
  - Maris Otter
  - Belgian Pilsner
  - German Pilsner
  - Munich I
  - Munich II
- Small amounts of Munich I or Maris especially effective
- Helles: 98% Pilsner malt 2% Munich I
- 60/- with 4% Munich I



Least intense toast

Moderate intense toast

Most intense toast

## **Malt – Crystal / Dextrin malts**

- **When developing a new recipe, determine mash temp first instead of using crystal/dextrin malt.**
- **Not all crystal malt the same. English and American crystal malts vary widely, even for same color/L.**
- **70L+ Crystal malts can oxidize & spoil quickly, achieve color in other ways? Consider de-husked malts such as Weyermann carafo II/III.**
- **Consider how long your crystal malts have traveled, where they were stored and how long.**
  - **Patagonia Crystal malt from Chile?**

## **Mashing for the most fermentable wort**

- **If your goal is high attenuation (low FG).  
Keep it simple:**
- **$\beta$ -amylase optimal**
  - 55C (131F) @ 5.7pH, denatures ~68C (154F)
- **$\alpha$ -amylase optimal**
  - 65C (149F) @ 5.3pH.
- **Enzyme reaction rates double every ~8C**
- **Balanced for both: how about 65C @ 5.5pH?**



## Malt bill – final thoughts

- Start simple – 1-2, maybe 3 malts max.
- Let your base provide the foundation: Base malt has a lot of character and complexity, become familiar with what is available to you and consistently choose what you prefer.
- Blending base malts for subtle complexity and to define toast level first before picking higher intensity malts
- Determine mouthfeel and residual sweetness using mash temp as primary method, crystal/dextrin malts secondary
- Experiment with controlling color through de-husked malts instead of higher crystal
- Simple mash parameters for fermentability: 65C @ 5.5 pH

## Drinking break





# Hops

**A show of hands...  
Have you brewed with..**

**Simcoe hops?**

**Citra hops?**







## **Hops - still the best way to add complexity to a beer.**

- **Rock Star American hops**
  - Amarillo, Simcoe, Citra
  - Why do these work? Any unconventional uses for these?
- **Huell Program**
  - Spalter Select, Taurus, Smaragd, Opal
- **But, before we look at specific hops, let's cover some basics...**

## **Hops – keeping it simple**

- **1-3 hop additions in the kettle, maximum, for most styles (even APA/IPA).**
- **BJCP style guidelines + brewing SW can help you calculate appropriate 60min. bitterness charge.**
- **Middle hop addition (30-45min) increasingly considered optional, less effective.**
- **A single hop addition at 60-90min is sufficient for many styles where hops are not the focus:**
  - **Most belgian ales, many German lagers,**
- **APA/IPA dry hop in the 2-3oz. (60-85g) range for 5-7 days is a good goal/target to start with.**

## **Spotlight on American hype hops..**

- **You know which ones I'm talking about...**
- **If you want to make new-school killer hoppy beer, you really only need 1-2 of these high impact hops.**
- **So, what makes them so great?**
- **And if you already have them in the brew house, are they only good for late-hop/dry hopping, or can we use them elsewhere?**



# Essential oils – hundreds or thousands?

- ~.5-3.5+% volume by weight. Extremely volatile.
- **80% hydrocarbons. Primarily:** <sup>(1,4)</sup>
  - Humulene: Woody, balsamic.
  - Carophyllene: Black-pepper spicy.
  - Myrcene: Geranium-like floral.
  - Farnesene: Gardenia-like floral. (less frequent)
- Sometimes:
  - Linalool: Citrus-like bergamot. (least frequent, but high impact)
  - Beta-Pinene: Spicy, piney
  - Geraniol: Floral, rose
  - Limonene: Citrus, fruity
- **4MMP (4-mercapto-4-methylpentan-2-one) Muscat grape/black currant. Occurs naturally in grapes, wine, green tea grapefruit juice. Signature character of New World Hops. Highest levels in Summit, Simcoe, Topaz.** <sup>(5)</sup>
- Monoterpenoids, Sesquiterpenoids.. We know less about hop oils than we think we do.

# Amarillo

- [VGXP01 cv.](#) - daughter of ?? And ??.

Alpha	Beta	Cohumulone	Total Oils	Myrcene	Caryophyllene	Humulene	Farnesene
8-11%	6-7%	21-24%	1.5-1.9%	68-70%	2-4%	9-11%	2-4%

- First discovered in 1990 in a hop field newly planted with Liberty. Unlike Liberty, it contained the essential oil farnesene (*Gardenia-like*)
- The physical and chemical characteristics of the new variety determined to be unlike those of any other. [Patent filed 2/3/2000](#)
- Description: Floral and citrus (lemon, orange and grapefruit)
- A new variation of this idea of a unique signature Hop; a half-step beyond Cascade, Centennial, Chinook.
- Any unconventional uses? Best used for dry/late hopping.. Anything else might be a waste.



# Simcoe

- [YCR-014](#) - daughter of ?? And ?? (proprietary breeding)

Alpha	Beta	Cohumulone	Total Oils	Myrcene	Caryophyllene	Humulene	Farnesene
12-14%	4-5%	<b>15-20%</b>	2.0-2.5%	60-65%	5-8%	10-15%	0%

- $\beta$ -pinene 0.185%, linalool: 0.427%, Geraniol .82%
- [Patent filed 4/6/1999](#)
- Commercial Description: versatility and unique characteristics; several different aromas: passion fruit, pine, earthy, and citrus.
- Single variety, big complexity. One-stop signature hop that is a full step beyond classic “C hops”, Cascade, Centennial, Chinook.
- It has become the IPA/APA expected signature hop
- American brewing would not be the same without this hop
- Low cohumulone! Great for bittering almost anything.



# Citra

- [HBC 394](#) bred in the early 90s, not released until 2008.
- Crosses: 50% Hallertau, 25% **U.S. Tett\*\***, 19% Brewer's Gold, 3% EKG, 3% unknown. *"US Tett" = WTF is that? (probably actually U.S. Fuggle)*

Alpha	Beta	Cohumulone	Total Oils	Myrcene	Caryophyllene	Humulene	Farnesene
11-13%	3.5-4.5%	22-24%	<b>2.2-2.8%</b>	60-65%	6-8%	11-13%	<1.0%

- $\beta$ -pinene .93%, Linalool .70%, Geraniol .48%,
- [Patent filed 1/23/2009](#)
- Almost 3% oil. Citra is the absolute rock-star darling hop of the craft beer world right now. New school signature hop.
- One-stop signature hop that is 2 steps beyond beyond classic "C hops", Cascade, Centennial, Chinook.
- I like it more on the hot side than in dry hop. [Citrus Bomb](#)

# Fun with Simcoe, Amarillo, Citra...



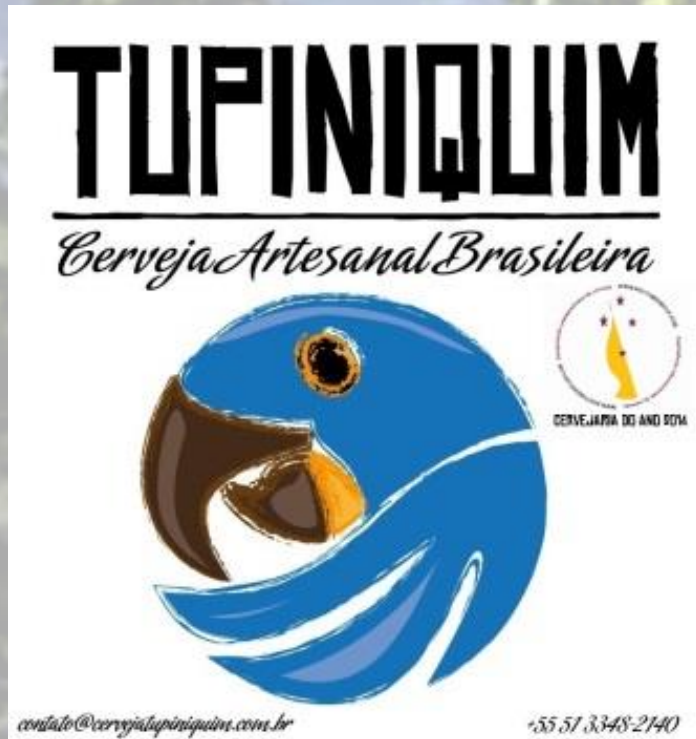


# Fun with Simcoe, Amarillo, Citra...





## Citrus Bomb in Porto Alegre



- Northern California style Double IPA
- Collaboration w/ Tupiniquim
- Simcoe, Citra, Amarillo, Equinox (I'll talk more about Equinox tomorrow)
- Target OG/FG: 1.072-1.012
- ~80 IBU
- 8% ABV

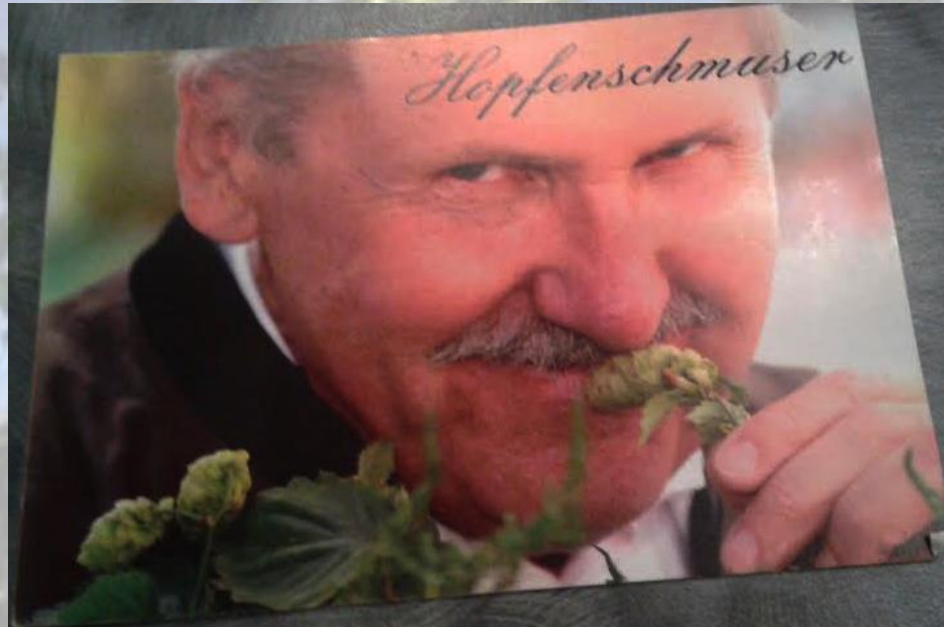
# What collaboration brewing is really like...





To contrast these high-impact American hops..  
**Spotlight on newer German hops..**

- **Germans love their classic noble varieties. Keeping them alive and thriving has been tough, thanks to Hüll (Huell)**



- **The Hop Cuddler. This man really loves his hops!**
- **Let's look at some German Noble variants that are different than the rock star American Hops that we just looked at.**



# German Spalter Select, or just “Select”

- Daughter of [76/18/80](#) and [71/16/7](#). released in 1993 ([or 2001?](#))

Alpha	Beta	Cohumulone	Total Oils	Myrcene	Caryophyllene	Humulene	Farnesene
4.1-5.1%	3.9%	22-23%	0.5-0.9%	19.0%	9.8%	19.8%	19.5%

- New world monoterpinoids: Linalool: 1-1.5%
- Old world sesquiterpinoids: Beta-Caryophyllene: 0.37-0.4%,  
**Farnesene: 14.5-22.0%** (Gardenia-like floral, less common hop oil)
- 3X+ myrcene compared to classic Spalt. Not as much as aggressive American hops.
- Spalt one of the more expressive of the classic German nobles, Select could provide even more hop expression into a old world beer with late kettle hopping. Kolsch? Maibock? Alt?

# German Hallertauer Taurus

- Daughter of [82/39/37](#) and [85/54/15M](#). released in 1995

Alpha	Beta	Cohumulone	Total Oils	Myrcene	Caryophyllene	Humulene	Farnesene
<b>12-17%</b>	4.0-6.0%	20-25%	0.9-1.4%	<b>30-50%</b>	6-11%	23-33%	1<%

- New world monoterpinoids: Linalool: 1-1.5%
- Old world sesquiterpinoids: Beta-Caryophyllene: 0.3-0.31%  
Farnesene: <1
- **Xanthohumol: .9-1 (largest of any hop?)**
- Aroma specification: Lime, Currant, Spicy, Pepper.
- Oil profile closer to newer super high alphas such as Herkules (menthol) vs. other classic Nobles.
- Brewing ideas: A beer w/ some ester content, to work with fruity, citrus qualities. Alt/Koelsch yeast or Belgian/French Saison yeast.
- Consider trying it in a beer such as this [Session Saison](#)



# German Opal

- Huell, Registered in 2001 and marketed since 2004

Alpha	Beta	Cohumulone	Total Oils	Myrcene	Caryophyllene	Humulene	Farnesene
5-8%	3.5-5-5%	13-17%	.8-1.3%	20-45%	8-15%	30-50%	1<%

- New world monoterpinoids: Linalool: 1-1.5%
- Old world sesquiterpinoids: Beta-Caryophyllene: 0.3-0.39%  
Farnesene: <1
- The lowest co-humulone of the Huell hops presented here.  
(also lowest acreage)
- High humulene content. (humulene = woody, balsamic)
- Aroma: Spicy, Pepper, Grass, Anise, slight fruit/citrus.
- Brewing ideas: Ideal for bittering?



# German Smaragd (“Emerald”)

- [Daughter of Hallertau Gold](#)

Alpha	Beta	Cohumulone	Total Oils	Myrcene	Caryophyllene	Humulene	Farnesene
4.0-4.6%	3.5-5.5%	13-18%	.4-0.8%	20-40%	9-14%	30-50%	1<%

- New world monoterpenoids: Linalool: 0.8-1.4%
- Old world sesquiterpenoids: Beta-Caryophyllene: 0.3-0.33  
Farnesene: <1
- Released in 2007; low acreage as of 2013; grown in the Hallertau region
- Expressive hop with nearly 1:1 alpha:beta
- High humulene content. (humulene = woody, balsamic)
- Aromas: subtle thyme, tarragon, clove, anise, clove and tobacco.
- At 13-18% cohumulone and slightly lower myrcene on than Opal.
- [Loose Change](#) 60/-, or maybe a [Schwarzbier](#)

# Hops: Compare & Contrast

Hop	Alpha	Beta	Coh.	Total Oils	Myrcene	Caryophyllene	Humulene	Farnesene	Linalool
Amarillo	8-11%	6-7%	21-24%	1.5-1.9%	68-70%	2-4%	9-11%	2-4%	?
Simcoe	12-14%	4-5%	15-20%	2.0-2.5%	60-65%	5-8%	10-15%	0.0%	0.4%
Citra	11-13%	3.5-4.5%	22-24%	2.2-2.8%	60-65%	6-8%	11-13%	<1.0%	0.7%
Select	4.1-5.1%	3.9%	22-23%	0.5-0.9%	19.0%	9.8%	19.8%	19.5%	1.0%
Taurus	12-17%	4.0-6.0%	20-25%	0.9-1.4%	30-50%	6-11%	23-33%	1<%	1.0%
Opal	5-8%	3.5-5.5%	13-17%	.8-1.3%	20-45%	8-15%	30-50%	1<%	1.0%
Smaragd	4.0-4.6%	3.5-5.5%	13-18%	.4-0.8%	20-40%	9-14%	30-50%	1<%	0.8%

- Myrcene: Petroleum, spicy, geranium-like floral. (most common oil)
- Carophyllene: Black-pepper spicy.
- Humulene: Woody, earthy balsamic.
- Fasnesene: Gardenia-like floral. (less frequent)
- Linalool: Citrus-like bergamot. (least frequent, high impact)

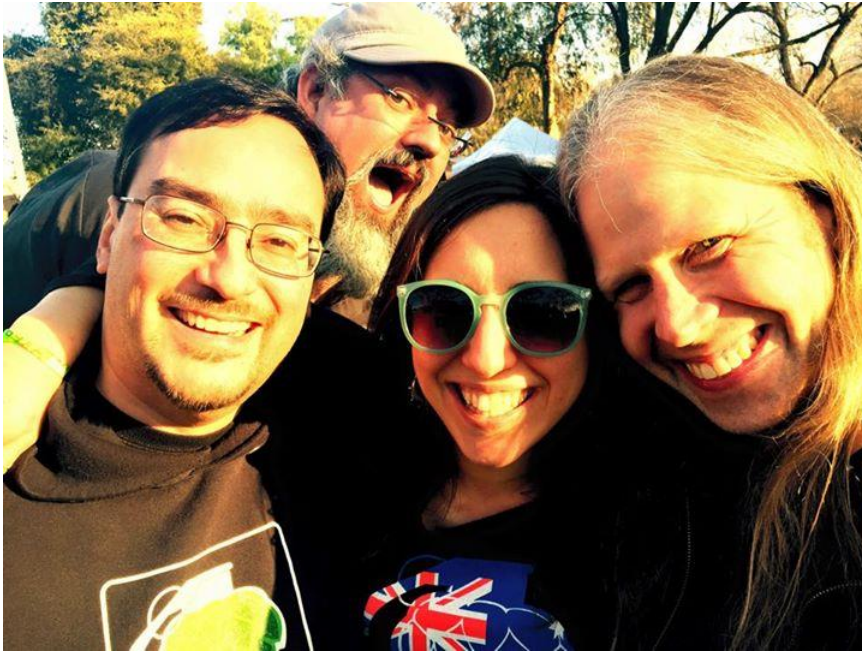
# American IPA Hops: How much in late/dry hop? (Nathan, don't make it so complicated, please)

Beer	ABV	Late kettle	Late kettle varieties	Dry total	Dry varieties	Dry contact time
Pliny	8.1%	3.5 oz / 100g	28g Centennial, 2.50oz/71g Simcoe	3.75oz/ 106g	CTZ, Centennial Simcoe	75% 12-14 days, 25% 5 days
Union Jack	7.5%	3.5 oz / 100g	Centennial, Cascade	6oz/ 170g	2.5oz/71g Cascade & Centennial; .5oz/14g Simcoe & Amarillo	50% days, 50% 3 days
Sculpin	7.0%	1oz/28g	Amarillo	3oz/ 85g	1 oz/28g Simcoe, 2oz/57g Amarillo	7 days
Racer 5	7.0%	1oz/28g	CTZ, Cascade	1.5oz/ 42g	Amarillo, CTZ, Centennial	2 weeks?
Maharaja	10.5%	1oz/28g	Centennial, Simcoe	9oz/ 255g	4.5oz/128g Simcoe, 2.25oz/64g Centennial, Chinook	2 weeks?
West Coast	7.3%	1oz/28g	CTZ, Simcoe	2oz/ 57g	Amarillo, Centennial, CTZ, Simcoe	2 weeks?
IPAX	6.7%	2oz/57.g	CTZ, Simcoe	2.6oz/ 74g	CTZ, Simcoe	10 days

- All Quantities assume 20 liter batch size



## Drinking break



# Yeast

**A show of hands:**

- **Have you brewed with White Labs yeast?**
- **Wyeast?**
- **Bio4 yeast?**
- **Do you guys brew lagers?**
- **Do you experiment with Brett and sour beers?**



## Yeast

- **Equal but different! 1<sup>st</sup> rule should be to use the freshest option available to you**
- **001/1056 (Bio4 SY025?)**
- **590/3711/T-58 (Bio4 SY064?)**
- **004/1084/S-04 (SY032?)**
- **830/2206/S-23 (Bio4 SY004?)**
- **Brett Mythbusters**
- **Warning: Unscientific data incoming!**

# Yeast – 001/1056/US-05/Bio4 SY025

## Clean and dry ferment is the goal

American Ale Yeast	Attenuation	Flocculation	Temp range	Alcohol Tolerance
<a href="#">WLP001</a>	<b>73-80%</b>	Medium	<b>68-73F (20-23C)</b>	High
<a href="#">WY1056</a>	73-77%	Medium-Low	<b>60-72F, (15-22C)</b>	11% ABV
<a href="#">US-05</a>	??- <b>81%</b>	Medium	59-71.6F (15-22C)	??
<a href="#">SY025</a>	73-77%	Medium	<b>60-72F, (15-22C)</b>	11% ABV

- **1056 – Unhappy? Higher chance for green apple/solvent.**
  - Can perform well low as 59-64F. Almost like Koelsch.
  - Recommendation: Pitch at 63F raise to 67F ~7 days
  - Risks: Fusels, higher alcohols and acetaldehyde.
- **001 – Unhappy? Higher chance for butter.**
  - Prefers temp: 20C-21C (68-70F) (faster, warmer ferment than 1056)
  - Recommendation: Pitch 20C (68F) raise to 21C (70F) for ~6 days
  - Risks if mistreated: Diacetyl. Higher sensitivity to temp range fluctuation than 1056 (too hot or too cold)



## **001/1056 Experiment – what does it tell me?**

- **Learn how the ingredients respond to your process and your brewing technique, and let that guide your ingredient choices.**
- **On my system, with my process they are different yeasts, I may or may not want to select them equally.**
- **If I have better temp control for a batch, maybe 001 is a better choice, or, if not, 1056 might be a better choice**

# Yeast – 004/1084/S-04/SY032 – Irish Ale

**Goals: Low yeast character compared to English, higher flocculation vs. 001,  
Better attenuation higher ABV tolerance than most English strains**

Irish Ale Yeast	Attenuation	Flocculation	Temp range	Alcohol Tolerance
<a href="#">WLP004</a>	69-74%	Medium-High	65-68F (18-20C)	Medium-High
<a href="#">WY1084</a>	71-75%	Medium	62-72F (16-22C)	12% ABV
<a href="#">S-04</a>	??-75%	High	59-68F (15-20C)	??
<a href="#">SY032</a>	68-73%	Medium	64-72F (18-22C)	12% ABV

- **004: Optimum temp: 65-68F , Attenuation: 69-74%**
  - Try this with Southern Hemisphere & new school tropical/berry/melon hops
- **1084: Optimum temp: 62-72F, Attenuation: 71-75%**
  - Watch out for Diacetyl precursor with both
  - “What happened?! My beer was fine a week ago?”



# Saison Yeast

Saison Yeast	Attenuation	Flocculation	Temp range	Alcohol Tolerance
<a href="#">WLP590</a>	73-80%	Medium	<b>69</b> –75F ( <b>20</b> –24C)	5-10%
<a href="#">WY3711</a>	77- <b>83%</b>	Low	<b>65</b> -77F (18-25C)	12% ABV
<a href="#">T-58</a>	??-70%	Low	59-68F (15-20C)	??
<a href="#">SY064</a>	70-78%	Medium-High	68-78F (20-26C)	12% ABV

- Higher than average O2 required
- Likes to be repitched – work with it.
- Needs time to finish out.

# Yeast – 830/2206 - Weihenstephan 206

Goals: Clean, predictable performance on the homebrew scale

Lager Yeast	Attenuation	Flocculation	Temp range	Alcohol Tolerance
<a href="#">WLP830</a>	<b>74-79%</b>	Medium	50-55F (10-13C)	Medium
<a href="#">W2206</a>	73-77%	Medium-High	<b>46</b> -58F (8-14C)	9% ABV
<a href="#">S-23</a>	??- <b>82%</b>	High	53.6-59F (12-15C)	??
<a href="#">SY004</a>	72-77%	Medium	48-59F (9-15C)	9% ABV

- Poor 2206 never got a fair shake in my setup.
- Always found 830 to perform more predictably in attenuation and flocculation
- I have very soft water, maybe different Ca required?
- Footnote: some would say 830 == 2124 [\(old info\)](#)



# **Brettanomyces mythbusters**

## **Brett species, strains, confusing terminology**

- **(Intentional) use in the brewing industry includes two species of Brettanomyces available from yeast companies:**
  - **Bruxellensis (the majority of the strains )**
  - **Anomalus**

# **Brettanomyces mythbusters**

## **Brett species, strains, confusing terminology**

- **Diff brett strains = varying levels of ability to ferment maltose**
- **This should sound familiar: ale (cervisea) and lager (pastorianous) species & maltotriose fermentability**
- **Some newly available Brett strains offered may not be as aggressive as classic Brux & Lambicus. Recent isolation work seems to be bringing us more subtle, mellow brett strains.**
- **Remember: brett is certainly an acid producing microorganism but Brett does not always equal SOUR!**  
**(We have lacto and pedio to help with that)**

# **Brettanomyces mythbusters**

## **4 species of Brett**

- ***I got this info wrong on a 2009 BN show, so let me set the record straight***

### **1. Anomalus**

- Clausenii is a strain (isolated N. Hjelte Claussen) WLP645

### **2. Bruxellensis WLP650, WY5112**

- Lambicus is a strain WLP653, WY5526
- Drie is a strain



# **Brettanomyces mythbusters**

## **4 species of Brett**

### **3. Custersianus**

- No commonly available commercial strains.

### **4. Naardenensis**

- No commonly available commercial strains.. Yet

- **Honorable mention - Nanus**

- Nanus reclassified as *Eeniella nana*, genetically a close relative of *Brettanomyces*.

## Drinking break





## **Let's summarize all of this Simplifying your recipe**

### **Example A: BDS 2008 (before)**

- **78% Pils**
- **10% Sugar**
- **5% Caramunich**
- **2% Aromatic**
- **2% Biscuit**
- **2% Special B**
- **1% Chocolate**
- **Fuggle, Mt. Hood, Styrian**
- **WLP530**
- **1.100-1.017 11% ABV 25 IBU**
- **MEH! Too complicated!**



## **Example A: BDS 2010 (After)**

- **80% Belgian Pils**
- **10% Munich**
- **10% D2**
- **Northern Brewer, Styrian Goldings**
- **WLP530**
- **1.090-1.010 28 IBU 10.6%ABV**
- **Nice and dry, big complexity.**
- **Much better beer, much better showing in competition.**
- **OK, I'm trying to learn my lesson here...**



## Conclusion

- **Look beyond what everyone else is doing and create your own story.**
- **There's more money in craft beer than ever before, that means more R&D ideas and more raw materials for us in homebrewing also.**
- **Develop your own recipes based on all of these new ideas, techniques and ingredients that are available (but don't forget to involve others' whose palates you trust!).**
- **Start simple and don't make it overly complicated where you don't need to. Brewing has enough variables you can't control, simplify the ones that you can.**

# Questions?

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A photograph of a wooden structure, possibly a hop stand, with the word "Backup" overlaid in the center. The structure is made of wooden beams and has green plants growing on it. The background shows more of the structure and some trees.

# Backup

## Essential oils – hundreds or thousands?

- ~.5-3.5+% volume by weight.
- Extremely volatile.
- 80% hydrocarbons. Primarily: <sup>(1,4)</sup>
  - [Humulene](#): Woody, earthy balsamic.
  - [Carophyllene](#): Black-pepper spicy.
  - [Myrcene](#): Geranium-like floral. (most common oil)
  - [Farnesene](#): Gardenia-like floral. (less frequent)

# Essential oils – hundreds or thousands?

Sometimes:

- Linalool: Citrus-like bergamot. (least frequent, high impact)
- Beta-Pinene: Spicy, piney
- Geraniol: Floral, rose
- Limonene: Citrus, fruity
- **4MMP (4-mercapto-4-methylpentan-2-one) Muscat grape/black currant. Occurs naturally in grapes, wine, green tea grapefruit juice. Signature character of New World Hops. Highest levels in Summit, Simcoe, Topaz. (5)**
- **Monoterpenoids, Sesquiterpenoids.. We know less about hop oils than we think we do.**



## Essential oils – by group

- **Monoterpenoids (associated with fresh dry hop aroma)** <sup>(2)</sup>
  - Myrcene: spicy, petroleum
  - Linalool: floral, citrus
  - Geraniol: floral, rose
  - Limonene: citrus, fruity
  - Terpineol: woody, resinous
  - Nerolidol: rose, apple, woody
  - Beta-Pinene: spicy, piney
  - Citral: citrus, lemon
  - Cadinene: citrus
- **Sesquiterpenoids (Associated with noble hop aroma), woody, resin-like.** <sup>(2)</sup>
  - Alpha-Humulene
  - Beta-Caryophyllene
  - Beta-Farnesene
  - Humulene Epoxide
- **Understanding of hop oils is in its infancy.**

## **Yeast - 3711**

- **3711 – A special strain for Saison type yeast character. There is no equivalent elsewhere.**
- **Optimum temp: 65-77F**
- **Attenuation: 77-83%**
- **Slightly less complex than 565/3724**
- **More dependable attenuation performance**
- **Absolutely glorious with noble hops and pils malt.. Or slightly more characterful hops.**

## Speaking of clean and dry - WLP029

- WLP029 is a special strain for clean and dry brewing, there is no equivalent.
- Try it in your IPA/APA, you might like it.
- Can go as low as 56-57F. 58-62F optimal
- Recommendation: Pitch 58F ^ to 62F ~6 days
- Risks: Sulfur. A long, cool fermentation needs time. Give it that time to finish out.
- Absolutely killer w/ noble hops & pils malt [Belma Kölsch](#)
- Fermentis Safale [K-97](#) may be a suitable substitute?



## **Brettanomyces mythbusters**

### **Custersianus**

- **ECY19 from AI was available for a short while, This strain was originally isolated from Bantu (millet) beer brewery in South Africa.**
- **Why no Custersianus commonly available commercial cultures? Of what had been isolated the resulting fermentations have not been highly desirable. Chlorophenol anyone?**

# Brettanomyces mythbusters

## Naardenensis

- **No commonly available commercial strains Al at ECY had an experimental strain for a while**  
"Brettanomyces naardenensis was originally isolated from a soda producer. “
- **Watch for new homebrew commercial Anomalous and Naardenensis offerings coming soon from The Yeast Bay**



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## Belma Kölsch

- 95% German Pils
- 5% Vienna
- 20 IBU Simcoe
- 2oz.:5gal of Belma @ flame-out
- WLP029
- 1.050-1.010 5.2% ABV 20 IBU