

Burial Beer Ritual Anonymity

94

AROMA: 12
APPEARANCE: 3
FLAVOR: 19
MOUTHFEEL: 4
OVERALL: 9

What the brewer says: “Modern American Pils, concocted of Pils foundation and primary fermentation, with the youth and boldness of American IPA.”

What our reviewers thought: “Complex hops character is a mix of tropical fruit, citrus, and a pleasant resinous piney background. Not particularly bitter, leaving pleasant slightly sweet fruit and pine notes on the swallow. Fantastic and intriguing aroma.”

What our editors thought: “Past meets future in this gorgeous fruit-forward yet cleanly executed modern Pilsner. The engaging juicy fruit nose would seem out of place without the slight sulfur note and the bright malt body. It’s weird, and it works.”

ABV: 5.2% **IBUs:** 35

Loc: Asheville, North Carolina



Creature Comforts Brewing Bibo

94

AROMA: 10
APPEARANCE: 3
FLAVOR: 19
MOUTHFEEL: 5
OVERALL: 10

What the brewer says: “Bibo is a crisp, dry, and classic Pilsner. A distinct Continental hops flavor and aroma create a well-balanced and tastefully crafted brew.”

What our reviewers thought: “Soapy and floral hops aromas up front are followed by a well-balanced malty sweet yet pleasantly bitter-finishing beer. Flavors of corn and biscuit malt mingle with noble hops bitterness with flavors of pine and a touch of green onion. Well crafted and pleasant with a meringue-like head that lasts for days.”

What our editors thought: “Classic from start to finish. The balance is so well constructed that individual notes are subsumed into one ongoing experience of the whole. Delightful.”

ABV: 4.9% **IBUs:** N/A

Loc: Athens, Georgia



Enegren Brewing Lagertha

94

AROMA: 11
APPEARANCE: 3
FLAVOR: 19
MOUTHFEEL: 4
OVERALL: 10

What the brewer says: “Lagertha is our take on a classic Czech-style Pilsner. Brewed with traditional European ingredients plus American Mosaic Hops, this is a hoppy twist on a classic style.”

What our reviewers thought: “Aroma has a little spicy hops but also smells like Mosaic with a hint of black pepper and also some corn. The body is a little too heavy. Definitely crisp and dry despite the heavy body. Good flavor overall but needs to be a tad lighter in body.”

What our editors thought: “Progressively hopped nose melds PNW hops flair with a firm Pils base. It’s colorful and vivacious while properly grounded.”

ABV: 5% **IBUs:** 45

Loc: Moorpark, California



Jack’s Abby Post Shift

98

AROMA: 12
APPEARANCE: 3
FLAVOR: 19
MOUTHFEEL: 5
OVERALL: 10

What the brewer says: “Brewed with Bavarian malt and hops, this everyday Pilsner is bright, crisp, and refreshing.”

What our reviewers thought: “Moderate hops aroma up front with a light cracker malt behind it. Hops are melon, lemongrass, and tea-like. Herbal and citrus. Low sweetness and moderately low bitterness with just enough body to keep it from being watery. Dry finish with a bit of lingering bitterness. Crisp and drinkable.”

What our editors thought: “Soft grain aroma, light spiciness on the palate reinforced by a healthy carbonation. Refreshingly simple and straightforward.”

ABV: 4.7% **IBUs:** 30

Loc: Framingham, Massachusetts



Chapman Crafted Pils

95

AROMA: 12
APPEARANCE: 3
FLAVOR: 19
MOUTHFEEL: 4
OVERALL: 10

What the brewer says: “The appearance of this classic Pils is light straw with crystal-clear clarity. Noble hops provide a hint of spice in the aromatics as well as a quick burst of hops flavor on the palate. The soft mouthfeel is followed by a crisp, clean, and refreshing finish.”

What our reviewers thought: “Clean, light biscuit aroma with a touch of spicy hops that really shine as it warms. Crisp consistent hops bitterness leads to a fairly dry finish.”

What our editors thought:

“The head dissipates quickly and a graham-cracker sweetness approaches with a touch of sour milk. On the sip, it’s a bit less structured than some.”

ABV: 5.2% **IBUs:** 10

Loc: Orange, California



Dust Bowl Brewing Hobo Pilsner

89

AROMA: 12
APPEARANCE: 3
FLAVOR: 17
MOUTHFEEL: 4
OVERALL: 9

What the brewer says: “This German-style Pilsner uses Pilsner malt along with Magnum and Hallertau hops to create a light-flavored, crisp, hoppy lager.”

What our reviewers thought: “Too sweet in the mouthfeel, which makes it drink like a heavier beer than it should be, yet it is too bitter on the back end. Where it should have a nice malty finish, it has nothing but a big hops bite. Has that soapy feeling in the back of your throat, but a hint of malt sweetness as it warms helps balance.”

What our editors thought: “A sharp and angular nose hints at orange blossom and fern, but a firm bitterness hits early in the sip and distracts slightly.”

ABV: 5.3% **IBUs:** 25

Loc: Turlock, California



Firestone Walker Pivo Pils

91

AROMA: 11
APPEARANCE: 3
FLAVOR: 18
MOUTHFEEL: 4
OVERALL: 10

What the brewer says: “Pivo Pils offers balance with floral aromatics, spicy herbal nuances, and bergamot zest and lemongrass notes from dry hopping with German Saphir hops.”

What our reviewers thought: “Floral, citrus-like, orange-Creamsicle nose. Hops flavor lingers throughout on a thin body. Medium to medium-dry finish brings it all together.”

What our editors thought: “An earthy noble nose of orange wood, lime peel, and subtle floral notes leads to a quick bitter hops bite on the sip with a comforting almond note. While it’s not as initially soft as some of its Italian inspiration, a delicious fruitiness develops deeper into the glass as the sharp carb wears down.”

ABV: 5.3% **IBUs:** 40

Loc: Paso Robles, California



Live Oak Brewing Gold

91

AROMA: 12
APPEARANCE: 3
FLAVOR: 19
MOUTHFEEL: 4
OVERALL: 9

What the brewer says: “North German-style Pilsner brewed with generous additions of Hallertau noble hops. The German lager yeast and lengthy secondary conditioning produce a crisp, bright, and very clean beer.”

What our reviewers thought: “Moderate cracker grain aroma with a hint of skunk up front initially. Herbal and grassy hops come out more in the flavor. Light malt sweetness up front. The moderate bitterness combined with a very dry and crisp finish makes for a very refreshing beer overall.”

What our editors thought: “Lavender and honeysuckle aroma is soft and inviting. The sip is similarly inviting with a light bitterness and faint citrus notes. Characterful and distinct.”

ABV: 4.8% **IBUs:** 34

Loc: Austin, Texas

