

Notes on our notes: *We went into these beers blind. We didn't know what was in it or who brewed it before the first taste. We ranked what we were tasting on a scale of 1 to 10, purely based on how much we liked it. The number is very subjective and is just meant to remind us which ones we like the best. We are not professional beer judges but we sure do enjoy tasting beer! We ended up with 38 entries and, yes, we tasted them all (in no particular order). Apologies if your comments are brief. We did our best! (x/10 is used when the judge abstained from assigning a number).*

The following numbers are to identify the brewer and has nothing to do with rank or order in which beers were tasted. (Beers were tasted in a random order)

C = Curtis. Owner of Barley's Homebrewing Supplies.

R = Ross. Friend and Founding member of Brew Westminster.

The regular Barley's Crew, Jean-Marc and Jaromir, regret that they were not able to participate for this round of tasting.

4.

- C – Something a bit off in aroma. Chemical? Grainy flavour. Sweet and dry at the same time (likely esters). Grassy. Colour is very light x/10
- R – Clear and great head retention. Dry. Some ?? flavour. 5/10

6.

- C – Aroma makes me think it's going to be a bit tart. Really interesting. Malty and a bit sour. Not much hop character but lingering bitterness. Full bodied. Dark but not too dark. 7/10
- R – Darker. Clear and a bit tart. 7/10

7.

- C – Straw coloured. Strong lemon aroma. Mr. Clean! Ginger. Great Ginger beer! But a poor pale ale 6/10
- R – This was my beer.

9.

- C – Caramel or butterscotch aroma. Toffee. Werther's Original. Hazy. Hints of strawberry. Clean hop bitterness. Dry finish. Very interesting and unique. Demands another taste but needs more hop character for me. 7/10
- R – Caramel, dry, under-carbonated, hazy. OK! 6/10

13.

- C – Dark colour with dark caramel malt flavour. But Tangy. I'm afraid this might be off. X/10
- R – Good head. A bit dark. Soapy? Off. X/10

15.

- C – Apple aroma. Caramel malts with lots of bitterness. 4/10
- R – Chemical aroma and low carbonation 4/10

16.

- C – Cloudy. Some apple in aroma and phenolic in flavour. Belgian? Seems to be contaminated X/10
- R – Off. X/10

18.

- C – Aroma a bit spicy. Cardamom. Nutmeg. Malty with a very dry finish. Intriguing. 6/10
- R – Amber colour. Great aroma and flavour. Original. 7/10

20.

- C – Wow. Strawberry aroma. No, Swedish berries. It doesn't taste as sweet as it smells. Could be hoppier for me but still well balanced and satisfying as an English-style pale ale. 7/10
- R – Amber colour, great head. Too sweet. ESB? 4/10

23.

- C – Very clear. Floral hops. Full bodied. Peppery and grassy. 7/10
- R – Good hop aroma, light colour, mild spice. Does not register as a pale ale to me but tasty. 7/10

24.

- C – Mild aroma. Clean and pleasant. Colour is a bit light for a pale ale. I'd score this higher as a blonde ale. Best label, hands down! And there are some pretty great labels on some of these! 6/10
- R – Great label! Light in colour, smell and taste. 5/10

25.

- C – Sweet esters in aroma. Maybe dark crystal malts? Rich and malty with biscuit character and a dry finish. 6/10
- R – Honey pale ale. Flat, estery and sweet smell. 4/10

26.

- C – Estery aroma. Cracker/biscuit malt but sweet and missing hop character. 4/10
- R – Too sweet for me. 4/10

27.

- C – Cloudy and malty. Licorice malts. Tangy to sour with something off. X/10
- R – Respect the head and colour but weird aftertaste. 5/10

28.

- C – Ginger. Very nice ginger beer. 6/10
- R – Ginger beer. 6/10

29.

- C – Fruity aroma with nice head retention and colour. Balance fruit, floral and malt. An acidic tang at the end, which is nice. Full bodied. This one hits all the notes of what I think a good pale ale should be. 8.5/10
- R – Classic colour. Good head, good aroma. Very Balanced profile. 8/10

30.

- C – Bready aroma but lots of hop too. Balance with clean bitterness. Quite clear. Black tea tannin that I like. 8/10
- R – Low carbonation. A bit weak. 5/10

32.

- C – Aroma is berries and cola. Nice malt character but some phenolic flavours happening, I think (This is a rye pale ale, so maybe that's what I was tasting!) Not much hop character. 5/10
- R – Great colour and head retention. Phenolic. Off? 4/10

34.

- C – Blonde. Grassy hop aroma. Dry. Assertive bitterness that is a bit out of balance. Lots of hops but finishes too dry. 5/10
- R – Cosmic Spud! I like it! 7/10

35.

- C – Intense hop aroma. Hop Perfume. Floral. Very unique. Soapy but in a way that I really like. The colour looks a bit ugly but it tastes great. 7.5/10
- R – Cloudy, honey, little head. Overwhelming hop aroma. 6/10

38.

- C – Grey colour. Nice head retention. Malt and hops battle for aroma. Soapy. Aggressive bitterness. A bit grassy and very dry. 4/10
- R – Over-carbonated, over-attenuated/dry. 4/10

39.

- C – Classic pale ale aroma. Cascade? Full bodied, nice balance 8/10
- R – Good hop bitterness, amber colour, good carbonation. Classis 8/10

40.

- C – A bit cloudy. Nice aroma. Melon. Malty and melony. Quite bitter. 6/10
- R – Orange. Nice aroma. Some chemical off-flavour. X/10

42.

- C – Very clear. Grassy aroma but something a bit off. Skunk and bitter flavour. Pungent. 4/10
- R – Prickly, skunky, weird hops. Unbalanced. 4/10

44.

- C – Caramel malt aroma. Hazy. Caramel with some bitterness. I'm afraid this might be off. X/10
- R – Off X/10

45.

- C – Hazy. Orange and perfume. Like Sunny D. This is a fun pale ale. 6/10
- R – Orange Nuun. Good body. 6/10

46.

- C – Seemed weird at first but after learning that it contains honey, it's very nice. Straw coloured. Honey on graham cracker. Floral like chamomile. Clean bitter finish 8/10
- R – Light colour. Corn aftertaste. Dry.

47.

- C – pleasant hop aroma with floral notes. Nice amber colour but under-carbonated and finishes a bit thin. 6/10
- R – Great colour and head but not much body or aroma. 5/10

48.

- C – Hazy! Intriguing. I like the hop character on this. Hull melon! Bready malt character but still crisp and refreshing 8.5/10
- R – Great head. Definitely hazy. Interesting. Delicious. 7/10

49.

- C – Not much on the nose but a lot of floral hop character in the flavour. Hop bitterness is a bit aggressive but not unpleasant to me. Still balanced. 7/10
- R – Clear, good head. Off balance towards hops but not bad. 6/10

50.

- C – Straw colour. Hints of DMS. A bit weak. Grassy. 4/10
- R – A bit weak. Dry finish 3/10

52A.

- C – Dark malt aroma. Black cherry. Rich, malty with a pretty clean finish. 6/10
- R – Anise Seed or licorice. Dark and thin 4/10

52.

- C – Something a bit off in aroma – Apple? Flavour is tart. Maybe soy sauce. Some spices? Sorry, I think this is contaminated X/10
- R – Dark amber. Thin and sour. X/10

54.

- C – Nice Colour. Some biscuit in aroma. Fresh and clean. Slightly over-carbonated with good head retention. Finishes a bit too clean. Just needs more... 5/10
- R – Classic appearance but low body and a bit over-carbonated. 4/10

55.

- C – Darker amber colour with some coffee on the nose. Acidic tangy finish. Many layers here but not much hop. Crisp and refreshing. A malt bouquet t. 8/10
- R – Wow! Great. All points. 8/10

56.

- C – Aroma is a bit weird. Chemical? Floral hop character is quite pleasant. 4/10
- R – A bit off 4/10

57.

- C – Malty, nutty aroma. Crisp and clean. Great hop character and bitterness. Dry and refreshing. 8/10
- R – Good! Crisp and dry. Great Pale ale. 8/10

59.

- C – Nutty aroma. Beautiful colour and clarity. Leaning towards the malt but hops come through nicely. Clean and appealing finish. 8/10
- R – Clear. Good head/colour. Great aroma/taste. 8/10