

# Beer Types & Styles



## As a walk through the beer aisle

in a grocery or specialty store will confirm, there are many brands and types of beer available in the U.S. today. These beers differ for a variety of reasons, from the amount and types of malt and hops utilized, to the timing and temperature used in the brewing process.

### Here is a beginner's overview

of some of the most popular styles; the fun comes in tasting and experimentation:

#### Pale Ale

This is the classic English ale, with a slightly bitter and malty finish. Look for a **fruity** or **flowery** nose and a copper color.

#### Brown Ale

Darker in color than Pale Ales, this beer has a slightly **nutty** flavor and cola finish.

#### India Pale Ale

A copper colored, big-bodied, strongly **bitter** flavored beer.

#### Porter

Legend says that the name of this beer derived from its status as a favorite drink of the porters at Victoria Station in London. Porters are **dry** beers, **dark** brown in color.

#### Stout

Originally developed as a heavier, "stouter" version of the Porter,

Stouts are almost black in color. They can be **sweet** or **dry** and have a **coffee-like** flavor.

#### Lager

Lagers represent 95 percent of the beer sold in the world. These beers are light yellow, highly carbonated and have a **clean, refreshing** taste.

#### Pilsner

The grandfather of light Lagers, true Pilsners have a light to medium body, a **flowery, hoppy** aroma, and a **soft** mouthfeel.

#### Bock

Bocks are all-malt lagers. They have a brown or ruby color and a **strong malt** aroma.

#### Wheat

Wheat beers are very light, golden in color and have a **dry, tangy** finish.

