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## The World's 50 Best Christmas Beers

One chapter of Don Russell's wonderful new book, *Christmas Beer*, is devoted to his bold choices for the world's fifty best Christmas beers. With his permission, we've reprinted the list below. See if you agree with Don's picks.



1. **Mad Elf Ale**; Troegs Brewing, Pennsylvania
2. **Avec les Bons Voeux**; La Brasserie Dupont, Belgium
3. **Samichlaus Bier**; Schloss Eggenberg, Austria
4. **Stille Nacht**; Brouwerij De Dolle Brouwers, Belgium
5. **Our Special Ale**; Anchor Brewing, California
6. **Celebration Ale**; Sierra Nevada Brewing, California
7. **Samuel Smith's Winter Welcome Ale**; The Old Brewery at Tadcaster, England
8. **Winter Solstice**; Anderson Valley Brewing, California
9. **Old Jubilation**; Avery Brewing, Colorado
10. **Ringnes Julebokk**; Ringnes Bryggeri, Norway
11. **Delirium Noel**; Brouwerij Huyghe, Belgium
12. **Baladin Noel**; Birrificio Le Baladin, Italy
13. **Gouden Carolus Noel**; Brouwerij Het Anker, Belgium
14. **La Binchoise Reserve Speciale**; Brasserie La Binchoise, Belgium
15. **Corsendonk Christmas Ale**; Brouwerij Corsendonk, Belgium
16. **Mahr's Christmas Bock**; Brauerei Mahr, Germany
17. **Affligem Noel**; Brouwerij Affligem, Belgium
18. **Hibernation Ale**; Great Divide Brewing, Colorado
19. **Santa's Private Reserve Ale**; Rogue Ales Brewery, Oregon
20. **Smuttnose Winter Ale**; Smuttnose Brewing, New Hampshire
21. **Alpha Klaus**; Three Floyds Brewing, Indiana
22. **Winter-Traum**; Klosterbrauerei Weltenburg, Germany
23. **Scaldis Noel**; Brasserie Dubuisson Freres, Belgium
24. **Winter White Ale**; Bell's Brewery, Michigan
25. **2° Below Ale**; New Belgium Brewing, Colorado
26. **La Dragonne**; BFM Brasserie des Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland
27. **Ebenezer Ale**; BridgePort Brewing, Oregon
28. **La Choulette de Noel**; Brasserie la Choulette, France
29. **St. Nikolaus Bock Bier**; Pennsylvania Brewing, Pennsylvania
30. **St. Feuillien Cuvee de Noel**; Brasserie St. Feuillien, Belgium
31. **Jenlain Noel**; Brasserie Duyck, France
32. **Hitachino Nest Commemorative Ale**; Kiuchi Brewery, Japan
33. **Doggie Claws**; Hair of the Dog Brewing, Oregon
34. **St. Bernardus Christmas Ale**; Brouwerij St. Bernardus, Belgium
35. **Heavy Seas Winter Storm**; Clipper City Brewery, Maryland
36. **Goose Island Christmas Ale**; Goose Island Beer, Illinois
37. **Petrus Winterbeer**; Brouwerij Bavik, Belgium
38. **Longfellow Winter Ale**; Shipyard Brewing, Maine
39. **Kerst Pater**; Brouwerij Van den Bossche, Belgium
40. **Samuel Adams Old Fezziwig**; Boston Beer, Massachusetts
41. **Alaskan Winter Ale**; Alaskan Brewing, Alaska
42. **Geary's Winter Ale**; D.L. Geary Brewing, Maine
43. **Snow Goose Winter Ale**; Wild Goose Brewery, Maryland
44. **Pere Noel**; Brouwerij De Ranke, Belgium
45. **Old Man Winter Ale**; Southern Tier Brewing, New York
46. **'t Smisje Kerst**; Brouwerij De Regenboog, Belgium
47. **Young's Winter Warmer**; Wells & Young's Brewing, England
48. **Snow Cap**; Pyramid Breweries, Washington
49. **Nutcracker Ale**; Boulevard Brewing, Missouri
50. **Monchshof Weihnachtsbier**; Kulmbacher Brauerei, Germany

Excerpted from Don Russell's wonderful new book, *Christmas Beer*, the season's most ideal stocking stuffer. Pick up a copy for every beer lover on your shopping list at [Amazon](#) or buy one directly from the [author](#).

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## One Response to "The World's 50 Best Christmas Beers"

**Joe Sixpack** Says:  
December 24th, 2008 at 6:36 am

Jay –  
Thanks very much for posting this and for all the excerpts you published. Just two things about the top 50 list:

–It's a personal list and of course there are those who will disagree. That's the nature of picking faves – everyone has his own. (Although I have yet to meet anyone whose No. 1 is Michelob Celebrate.)

–If your favorite isn't in the top 50, don't despair. The book has details on about 100 other Christmas beers that didn't make the cut. And, remarkably, there are at least a dozen new ones that just showed up on shelves this year. A second edition perhaps?

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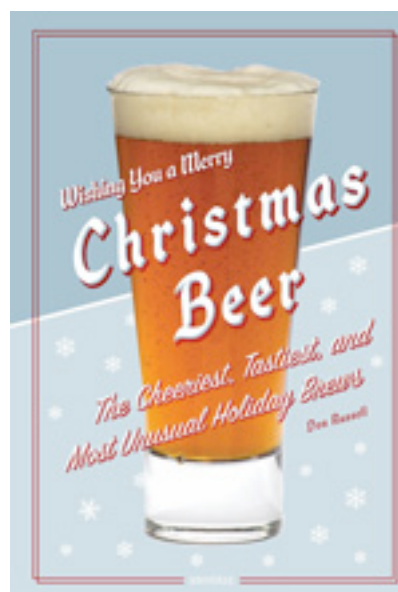
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