


D U C L A W B R E W I N G C O M P A N Y

	Name: Black Lightning	Style: American Black Ale
	Alcohol Content: 6.4% abv	Color: Black
	Bitterness: 65 ibu's	Gravity: 15.5 plato
	Hop Variety: Amarillo, Chinook	
	Grains: Pale, De-husked Roasted Barley, Melanoidin and Crystal Malt	

What's an American Black Ale?

Originating in the Cascadia bio-region of the Northwestern United States, American Black Ales combine interesting characteristics of both dark beers and IPAs. While truly unrestrained by official stylistic guidelines, most examples of this new style are medium bodied and high in hop bitterness (50 - 70 IBU), flavor and aroma, with medium-high alcohol content (abv 6 -7.5%). American Black Ales tend to display a moderate degree of caramel malt character and medium dark roasted malt flavor and aroma, but these notes are always in balance with the citrusy-resinous Northwestern hops. The finish is semi-dry and hop leaning; never heavy like a porter or stout.

Brew History

A brand new brew for 2011, Black Lightning American Black Ale is all that it's name implies and more. A stormy balance of subtle, roasted dark malt flavor and the citrusy, floral character of Northwestern American hops, Black Lightning boasts a moderately strong alcohol presence (6.4% abv) and an electrifying hoppy finish.

Hop Level

Malty Hoppy

Body

Thin Heavy

Color

Light Dark

Tasting Notes

Aroma: Fruity, floral, herbal hop character dominates with a faint touch of cocoa/chocolate.

Appearance: Black with a tan, thin, persistent head.

Flavor: Distinctive fruity, floral hop flavor with a dominate hop bitterness and light caramel and roasted malt flavor, but no roasted malt astringency.

Mouthfeel: Medium bodied and medium carbonation with an assertive hop bite.

Overall Impression: A hop dominated black ale accented with hints of roasted malt.



DuClaw History

DuClaw Brewing Company opened it's first restaurant and brewery in 1996 in Bel Air, Maryland. Countless brewing awards later, brewing operations moved to an expanded facility in Abingdon, Maryland to keep up with the growing demand for barrels of DuClaw Brewing Company's ever growing line-up of specialty brews.

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