

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



Name: **Black Jack (2010)** Style: **Oak Aged Russian Imperial Stout**

Alcohol Content: **8% abv**

Color: **Black**

Bitterness: **67 ibu's**

Gravity: **21 plato**

Hop Variety: **Galena, Golding**

Grains: **Pale Malt, Roasted Barley, Flaked Oats, Caramunich, Chocolate Malt**

What's a Russian Imperial Stout?

Russian Imperial Stouts are intensely flavored, big, dark ales, originally brewed in England in the 18th century for export to the imperial court of Russia. They are rich and complex, with variable amounts of roasted grains, maltiness, fruity esters, hops, and a warm alcohol presence. Many variations exist, with American interpretations known for pushing brewer creativity with bold flavors that add to the style's flavor profile (without dominating it) to create unique drinking experiences.

Brew History

Black Jack Stout, our December seasonal brew (and one of our most popular since it was first brewed in 1998), stays true to the style's origins. The Brewer's Association of Maryland Governor's Cup 2005, 2006 and 2007 gold medal winner in its class, this classic example of the Russian Imperial Stout style pours jet black with a small dark brown head and full body. Black Jack boasts a swirl of dark chocolate, coffee, smoky malt, and fruit flavors, and a lingering, warming alcohol presence (8% alcohol by volume) well concealed by its big bold flavors. Engineered for an OG of 21 Plato (hence the name) so that every glass, and every drinker is a winner.

Instead of kegging the entire 2010 batch, a limited quantity was aged inside of whiskey barrels made from charred American oak and carefully monitored for 2 months before being bottled. The result is a smoky, sophisticated Russian Imperial Stout, infused with aromas and flavors of charred oak, vanilla and caramelized sugar, creating an exceptional variant of an already exceptional beer.

Hop Level

Malty Hoppy

Body

Thin Heavy

Color

Light Dark

Tasting Notes

Aroma: A complex mix of coffee/espresso and cocoa along with dark fruit aromas.

Appearance: Black with a dark brown head that lingers.

Flavor: Rich and complex with big flavors of roasted malt, hop bitterness and chocolate. Some dark fruit tones are present as well.

Mouthfeel: Full bodied and velvety with a smooth texture.

Overall Impression: A rich, full bodied stout with complex flavors throughout.



DuClaw History

DuClaw Brewing Company opened its 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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