American Lager (All Grain)

America's most-popular beer style is pale, clean, and thirst quenching. Ours uses European malt and hops for a superior light lager, but stays true to style featuring crisp drinkability with just a hint of malt and hops.

IngredientsStatistics9 lb. Briess PaleOriginal Gravity1.0511 lb. Rice Syrup SolidsFinal Gravity1.016Alcohol Content4.7%

1½ oz. Mt. Hood Hop Pellets (Bittering) with 60 minutes left in the boil. ½ oz. Mt. Hood Hop Pellets (Flavoring) with 15 minutes left in the boil.

Wyeast # 2112 California Lager

2 Muslin Bags5 oz Priming Sugar (for bottling)

Procedure

A *few hours before you begin to brew*, prepare your liquid yeast according to the package instructions. We assume that you are familiar with all-grain homebrewing techniques, so these procedures are abbreviated.

- 1. Mash for an hour at 152°F with a 1.25 quarts of water per pound of grain. Adjust this temperature to personal preference. Lauter and sparge as normal up to 6 gallons (adjust for your rate of boil-off).
- 2. Boil for an hour, adding hops along the schedule detailed above. Keep an eye on the pot to avoid boil-overs.
- 3. With 20 minutes left in the boil, remove the kettle from the heat and add the Rice Syrup Solids. Stir in completely and return to the heat.
- 4. With 15 minutes left in the boil, add ½ teaspoon of Irish Moss, or 1 Whirlfloc tablet, to help clarify your beer (optional).
- 5. At the end of the boil, chill the wort as quickly as possible. A copper or stainless steel immersion chiller is a great way to accomplish this.
- 6. Make sure the wort is below 80°F before adding yeast. Take a hydrometer reading if desired. Add the yeast.
- 7. Store the fermenter where the temperature will be a fairly constant 65° 70°F. Active fermentation may take only a few days, or it can last up to 2 weeks. A hydrometer reading is a great way to determine when the fermentation is done. Keep the beer in the primary fermenter until active fermentation is complete (no signs of active fermentation for the last 2 to 3 days).
- 8. When ready to bottle, siphon the beer into your sanitized bottling bucket, leaving sediment behind. Boil the priming sugar in 1-2 cups of water for a few minutes, gently stir into the beer, and bottle as usual.