



this week in craft-beer

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Beery news from around the world.

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We take an in-depth look at a different hop each week.

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Emma checks out craft beer bars in Kraków, Poland.

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Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

Well all mothers 'ave 'em of course - kids that is.

I hope those of you who are lucky enough to have mothers, did your bit yesterday and remembered to thank them for all the years of hard work and sacrifice that goes into bringing up children. Did you treat her to a craft ale or two perhaps?

You will probably need to be of a certain age to remember when the above comedy programme starring Michael Crawford and Michelle Dotrice was first broadcast.

The golden age of TV comedy (50's to 90's) had such fabulous characters – portrayed by the likes of Tony Hancock, Sid James, Dick Emery, Benny Hill, Ronnie Barker, Rowan Atkinson, David Jason, etc. And what memorable sitcoms! 'Steptoe & Son', 'Til Death Us Do Part', 'Dad's Army', 'The Likely Lads', 'Open All Hours', 'Porridge', 'Only Fools and Horses', 'One Foot in the Grave' - I could go on for ages, but I trust I have made my point.

These days, however, we can take comfort in that, if we do have to sit through a TV comedy show which is trying, but failing, to make us laugh, we are at least able to crack open a satisfying and delicious DIPA! That should certainly bring a smile to our faces!

Cheers, the TWICB Team

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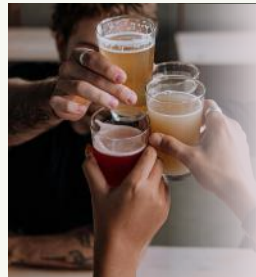
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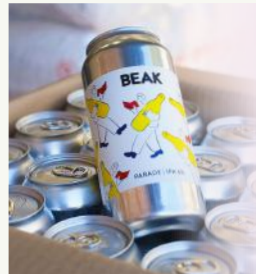
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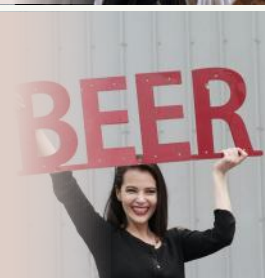
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Spring Statement Blues

No surprise where we are starting this week! The Hospitality Sector was universally critical of the lack of special relief they were hoping to receive in the mini-budget.

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Sustainable Malt Choices

Interesting article here from The Drinks Business about how malt choices can have a significant impact on how sustainable breweries are.

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Constructive Criticism?

Here is a novelty! A call for beer journalism that is neither fan-boy nor negative, but actually offers constructive criticism. It will never catch on...

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Suffering Sofas

Finally, here is a splendid rant about the absurdity of sofas taking up space in busy pubs!

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



Beer of the Week

A Thousand Tides

5.2% Fog Pale Ale
by Burnt Mill Brewery



This delicious pale ale brings an abundance of upfront tropical flavours, coming from the beautiful blend of the finest Citra, Idaho and NZ Motueka.

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City Review



EMMA R
GUEST REVIEWER

Emma Goes Kraków

We normally only feature UK taprooms and festivals at TWICB, but we thought it would be a nice change to report on Emma's recent visit to Kraków in Poland where she searched out some craft beer bars...

Kraków, Poland, has emerged as a vibrant hub for craft beer enthusiasts, offering a wide variety of taprooms and bars that showcase both local and international brews. Whether you're a seasoned crafty or a curious newcomer, the city's craft beer scene promises a delightful experience.



We recently spent a weekend in Kraków in March, and luck was definitely on our side – the weather was a stunning 19°C and sunny, perfect for exploring the city's incredible taprooms.

One of the best things about Kraków's craft beer scene is how accessible it is; the majority of the top spots are within walking distance of each other, making it easy to hop from bar to bar. Plus, the prices are extremely reasonable, meaning you can sample a wide variety of beers without breaking the bank!

Some of the places we visited...

Kraków Review

■ Omerta ■

Located in the heart of Kazimierz near Plac Nowy, Omerta is one of the earliest and most well-stocked craft beer pubs in Kraków. It boasts an impressive selection of both domestic and international craft beers, with knowledgeable staff ready to guide your choices.



Kraków Review

House of Beer

Situated in the Old Town, House of Beer offers over 200 bottled beers and 12 on tap, featuring selections from Polish microbreweries and international favourites. The pub's four large rooms provide ample space, making it a popular spot for both locals and visitors.



Kraków Review

Viva la Pinta

A must-visit for craft beer lovers, Viva la Pinta is known for its strong lineup of Polish craft beers, particularly from the acclaimed Browar Pinta. With a cozy atmosphere and a rotating selection of fresh brews, it's a fantastic spot to try something new.



Kraków Review

Craftownia

A hidden gem in Kraków's craft beer scene, Craftownia offers an impressive selection of Polish craft beers alongside some international options. The relaxed setting and knowledgeable staff make it an excellent place to unwind and discover unique brews.



Kraków's craft beer scene is a testament to the city's evolving palate and appreciation for quality brews. Whether you're embarking on a dedicated beer tour or simply looking to enjoy a pint in a welcoming setting, these taprooms and bars offer a taste of the best that Kraków has to offer.



Hop of the Week

Mosaic



Mosaic Hops - The Star of Modern Craft Beer

Mosaic hops have quickly become one of the most popular and sought-after hop varieties in the craft beer world. Known for their complex aroma and flavour profile, these hops are widely used in IPAs, pale ales, and other hop-forward beer styles. With their dynamic blend of fruitiness, earthiness, and floral characteristics, Mosaic hops offer brewers a versatile and exciting ingredient to work with.

Origins and Development

Mosaic hops were developed by the Hop Breeding Company (HBC) and released in 2012. They are a cross between Simcoe and Nugget, two well-regarded hop varieties. The goal was to create a hop with a broad spectrum of flavours and aromas, and the result has exceeded expectations. Named "Mosaic" due to the variety of flavours it brings to beer, this hop quickly gained a reputation as a game-changer in the industry.

Flavour and Aroma Profile

Mosaic hops are renowned for their complex and intense aroma, making them a favourite among brewers and beer enthusiasts alike. The primary characteristics of Mosaic hops include:

Fruity Notes: Mango, blueberry, tangerine, and papaya

Citrus & Tropical: Lime, grapefruit, and passionfruit

Earthy & Herbal: Pine, floral, and light spice undertones

This unique combination allows Mosaic hops to stand out in single-hop beers while complementing other hop varieties in complex hop blends.

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Brewing Applications

Bittering: Although not their primary function, Mosaic hops can provide a smooth bitterness when added early in the boil.

Aroma & Flavour: Often used in late boil additions, whirl-pooling, and dry hopping to maximise their fruity and tropical notes.

Single-Hop Beers: Due to their wide range of flavours, Mosaic hops shine in single-hop IPAs and pale ales, where their full character can take centre stage.



Popular Beers Featuring Mosaic Hops

Founders Mosaic Promise – A single-hop ale showcasing Mosaic’s depth of flavour.

Sierra Nevada Hazy Little Thing IPA – Uses Mosaic in combination with other hops for a juicy, tropical experience.

Lagunitas Mozango – A mango-infused beer highlighting Mosaic’s fruit-forward qualities.

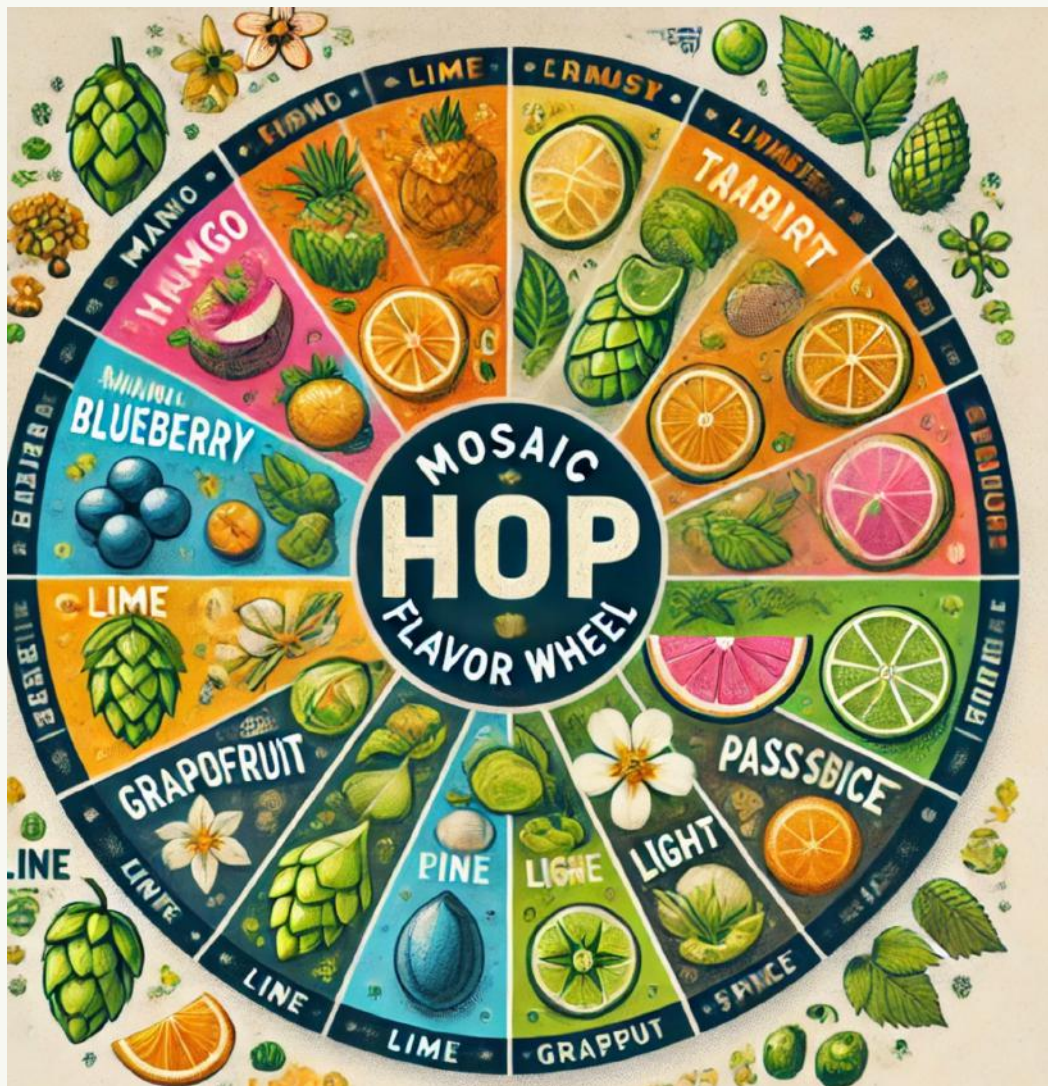
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Growing and Availability

Mosaic hops are grown primarily in the US Pacific Northwest, particularly in Washington's Yakima Valley, which is renowned for its hop production. Due to their popularity, Mosaic hops are widely available in pellet and whole cone form, making them accessible to both commercial and home brewers.

Conclusion

Mosaic hops have cemented their place as one of the most beloved and widely used hops in the craft beer scene. Their incredible complexity and versatility make them a must-have for brewers looking to create flavourful and aromatic beers. Whether in a juicy New England IPA, a crisp pale ale, or an experimental brew, Mosaic hops continue to impress with their vibrant and dynamic profile.



Beer Name of the Week

Brewers are always coming up with great names for their latest brews, so we thought it's about time we noticed some of them.

William Shakesbeer

6% Hazy IPA

By Flying Couch Brewing.

A hazy New England style IPA hopped with Idaho 7, Citra, Strata & Pomona.



UK Craft Beer Festivals



4-5 APRIL 2025

CASTLE BEER FEST

Nottingham Castle

<https://castlebeerfest.com/>

10-12 APRIL 2025

BREW//LDN

Between The Bridges, London SE1

<https://www.brewldn.com/>

12 APRIL 2025

ABERDEEN BEER FESTIVAL

Music Hall, Union St, Aberdeen AB10 1QS

<https://shorturl.at/iWgQZ>

25-26 APRIL 2025

STAGE CRAFT FESTIVAL

21 South Street, Reading RG1 4QU

<https://shorturl.at/SO3uD>



2-3 MAY 2025

AWAKENING '25

St Johns Church, Forton Rd, Gosport PO12 4TQ

<https://shorturl.at/XfV8e>

3-4 MAY 2025

FROM THE LAND BEER FESTIVAL

Acklington Park Farm, Northumberland NE65 9AA

<https://shorturl.at/A3sda>

3-4 MAY 2025

NORWICH CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Waterfront, Norwich

<https://shorturl.at/jXo7v>

15-17 MAY 2025

BEHIND BARS - CRAFT BEER FEST

A Wing, Lancaster Castle,, Castle Hill, Lancaster LA1 1YN

<https://shorturl.at/NWb24>

16-17 MAY 2025

MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Depot Mayfield, Manchester

<https://linktr.ee/manchestercraftbeerfestival>

16-17 MAY 2025

HOP CITY 2025

The Old Flax Store, Marshall St, Leeds LS11 9YJ

<https://www.universe.com/events/hop-city-2025-tickets-6FNG7B>

29-31 MAY 2025

CRAFT BEER EXPO 2025

Black Lodge Brewery, 3 Kings Dock Street, Liverpool LI 8JU

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/craft-beer-expo-ltd-3248880072>

30-31 MAY 2025

FYNEFEST 2025

Fyne Ales, Achadunan, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BJ

<https://fynefest.com/tickets/>



6-7 JUNE 2025

MANCHESTER CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL

Victoria Warehouse, Trafford Wharf Road, Manchester M17 1AB

<https://craftbrewfestival.co.uk/manchester>

13-14 JUNE 2025

BRISTOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Lloyds Amphitheatre, Harbourside Bristol

<https://linktr.ee/bcbf>

20-21 JUNE 2025

NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1

<https://shorturl.at/bOKxQ>

26-29 JUNE 2025

NEXT GEN BEER FESTIVAL

St Mary's Works, St Marys Plain, Norwich NR3 3AF

[Cancelled](#)

4-5 JULY 2025

LITTLE EARTH FEST 2025

Little Earth Project Mill Green, Edwardstone, Sudbury CO10 5PX

<https://littleearthproject.com/littleearthfest/>

5 JULY 2025

DUMMER DOWN BREWERY BEER FESTIVAL

Dummer Down Farm, Dummer Hampshire RG25 2AR

<https://shorturl.at/UphkV>

11-12 JULY 2025

SALISBURY CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Arts Centre, Salisbury

<https://shorturl.at/FalUs>

18-19 JULY 2025

LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Magazine London, 11 Ordnance Cres, London SE10 0JH

<https://londoncraftbeerfestival.co.uk/>





26 JULY 2025

LITTLE SUMMER BEER BASH

Verdant, Unit 30 Parkengue, Kernick Industrial Estate, Penryn TR10 9EP

<https://tinyurl.com/3p3tv7kb>

9-10 AUGUST 2025

THESE HILLS 2025

Glynde Place, Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 6SX

<https://tinyurl.com/28msnc5p>

15-16 AUGUST 2025

NORTHALLERTON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

The Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton DL7 8PP

www.buytickets.at/ncbf

28-30 AUGUST 2025

FARM TRIP 2025

Home Farm, Horrobin Lane Rivington, PR6 9HE

[TICKETS ON SALE 28 MARCH](#)

24-25 OCTOBER 2025

RISING TIDE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury, Kent

<https://www.timeandtidebrewing.co.uk/events>

25 OCTOBER 2025

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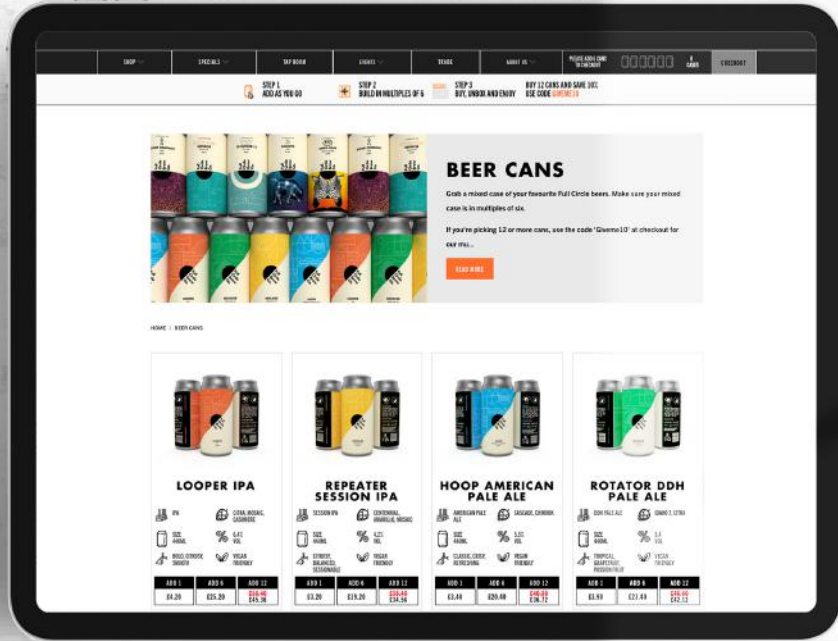
O2 Academy, Edinburgh

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Craft Brewery & Taproom

<https://www.fullcirclebrew.co.uk/collections/all-beer>

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<https://shop.durationbeer.com/>

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Bringing People Together

<https://villagesbrewery.com/collections/buy-beer>

Standard shipping £6.99


Webshop Directory...



Little Earth Project

Fresh & Funky From the Suffolk Countryside

<https://littleearthproject.myshopify.com/>


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Holy Goat Brewing

Specialising in the Production of Mixed Fermentation & Wood Aged Beers

<https://holygoat.beer/shop/>


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Vault City Brewing

Modern Sour Beer With a Focus on Fruit Forward Flavours

<https://vaultcity.co.uk/collections/all-beers>


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UnBarred Brewery

Made of Brighton

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Grasshopper & Warwickshire Beers – All flowing together

<https://52degreesbrewing.com/pages/purchase-beer>


 Standard shipping £5.99



Pomona Island Brew Co.

Award Winning Brewery Based In Salford

<https://www.pomonaislandbrew.co.uk/shop>


 Standard shipping £6.00



Attic Brew Co.

Forward Thinking Beers

<https://atticbrewco.com/collections/beer>

 Free delivery for orders over £35


Webshop Directory...



Polly's Brew Co.

Ultra Fresh, Hop-Forward, Modern Beers

<https://pollysbrew.co/shop/>


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Amity Brew Co.

Community, Friendship and Good beer!

<https://www.amitybrew.co/shop>


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Wilderness Brewery

Wild Little Beers From Mid Wales

<https://www.wildernessbrew.co.uk/shop>


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Moot Brew Co.

Brewing Hop Forward Beers in the Heart of Kent

<https://mootbrew.co.uk/collections/all>


 Free shipping on orders over £60



Exale Brewery

We're Exale. Home of the Wild, Weird and Wonderful

<https://shop.exalebrew.co.uk/>


 Free shipping for orders over £30



Crossover Blendery

Modern, Flavour-Forward Beers Rooted In Tradition

<https://crossoverblendery.co.uk/collections/beers>


 Standard shipping £8.99



Mondo Brewing Co.

All Things Point South West

<https://shop.mondobeer.com/>

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Anspach & Hobday

A London Brewery Making Traditional Beers in a Modern Way

<https://www.anspachandhobday.com/shop>


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Neon Raptor Brewing Co.

Midlands Based Microbrewery Producing Top Quality Beers

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<https://www.trackbrewing.co/collections/buybeer>


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71 Brewing Co.

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Hammerton Brewery

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Vibrant Forest Brewery

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Sureshot Brewing

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<https://sureshotbrew.com/shop/>


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Craft Beer That Delivers on that 'glad-to-be-alive' Vibe

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<https://roundcornerbrewing.com/pages/ranges>


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Tartarus Beers

Brewing Small Batch Craft Beer, With a Mythical Edge

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<https://www.lostpier.com/online-store>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



Vaux Brewery

Independent Craft Brewery in Sunderland

<https://www.vaux.beer/collections/webshop>


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Bayonet Brewing

Modern, Exciting and Innovative Beers

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Padstow Brewing Co.

Multi Award Winning Craft Brewery

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 Standard shipping £7.20



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Home of Lager - Brewed in East London

<https://www.pillarsbrewery.com/collections/beer-boxes>


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Pipeline Brewing

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