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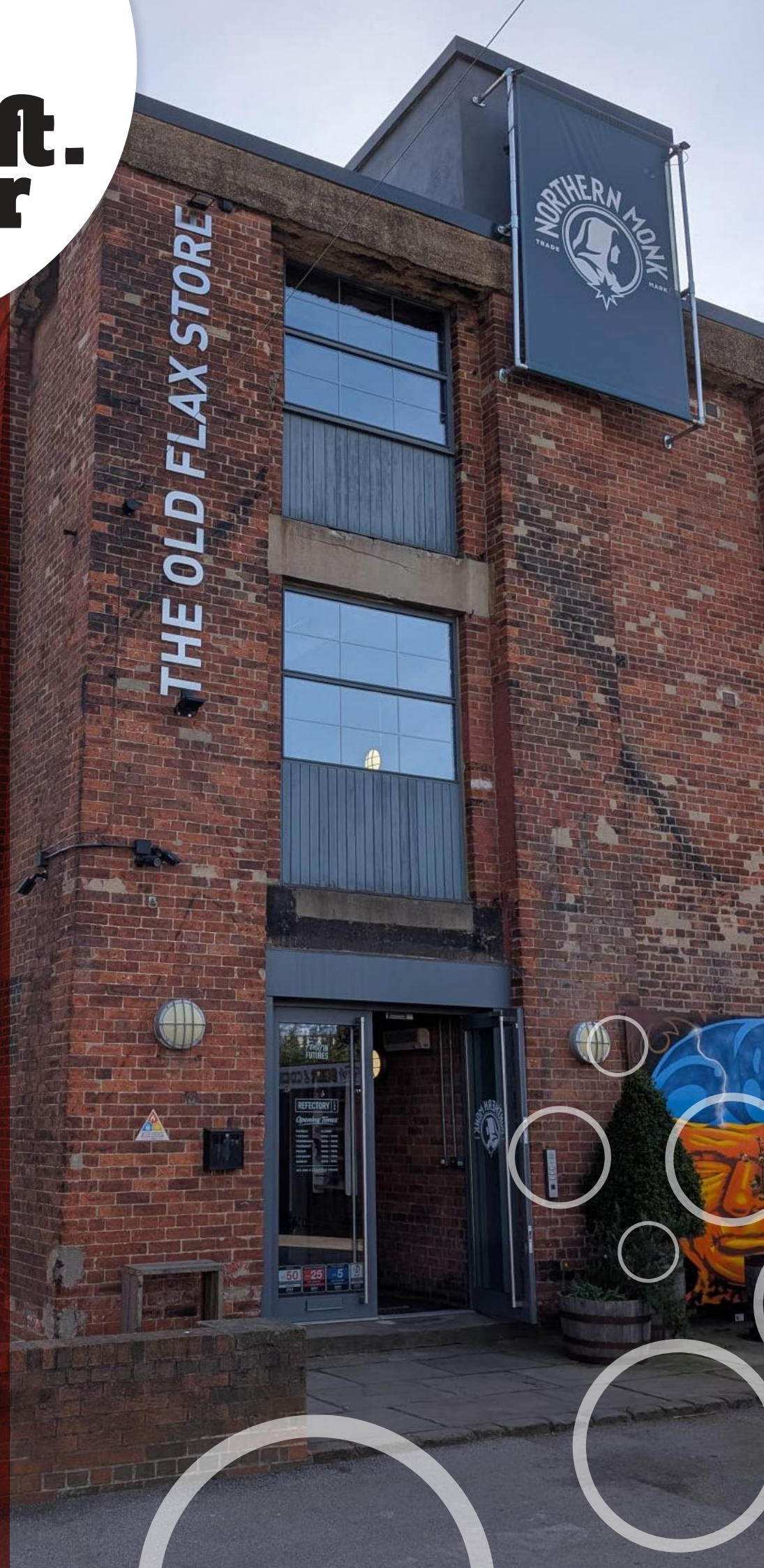
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Happy Easter

Believed to be named after the god Eostre – Easter is one of the main Christian religious celebrations in the calendar.

There has, however, been a steep decline in the Christian religion amongst the population in the UK. In a 2021 census, only 46% believed in Christ with nearly 40% of people being non-believers. Of the believers only 6% actually attended religious services. Presumably the other 15% of the population follow other religions, the main one being Islam.

It is believed this trend has continued over the last few years and currently the non-believers are now in the majority. How sad it would be if at some stage in the future we no longer celebrated this festive period with its heartfelt storyline, two bank holidays, and Easter bunnies.

I hope we all make the most of things this year by supping some delicious craft beers along with our chocolate eggs!

Cheers.

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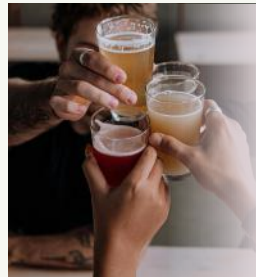
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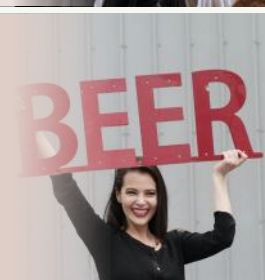
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1000s of Pubs To Close?

CAMRA seem to be dominating the beer news cycle this week, firstly with a doom-laden opinion piece in the MA from their Pub & Clubs Campaign Director Gary Timmins, who states that the current direction of travel for Government policy will see the loss of thousands of pubs this year.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Independent Cask

Also in CAMRA news, their Annual Conference this week backed a motion for them to only promote cask beer produced by independent breweries, as opposed to the evil Macros.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



US Craft Beer Production Falls

This week in the USA, the Brewers Association published their annual survey which made for fairly grim reading. Headlines were Craft Beer production is down 4%, with the overall US beer market down 1.2%. For the first time the total number of Craft Breweries showed a small decline, to a total of 9,680.

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IPA Still King

Finally this week, Jeff at Beervana has been looking for trends at the Oregon Beer Awards, which just celebrated its 10th Anniversary. There are not many clear takeaways, except that IPAs are still king, and that traditional UK styles are out of fashion.

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Beer of the Week

Gunge Tank Wrecker

6.8% Smoothie Sour

by Staggeringly Good Beer



This new Gunge Tank WRECKER tumbles onto set, bringing with it succulent strawberry, syrupy lychee, creamy coconut and vanilla in a chaotic pink blobby blend of fluorescent TV glow.

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Taproom Review



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Northern Monk Refectory

The Old Flax Store, Marshalls Mill, Marshalls Street, Leeds LS11 9YJ

Just a brisk 10-minute walk from Leeds train station, the Northern Monk Refectory is a must-visit for any craft beer enthusiast. Tucked away on the first floor of the historic Old Flax Store in Holbeck – often considered the spiritual heart of the industrial revolution – this taproom effortlessly blends history, atmosphere, and exceptional beer.



Taproom Review

The building itself is a listed gem, and the interior maintains a raw, industrial charm. It's spacious and inviting, with an open-plan layout featuring wooden tables and benches that lend a communal feel. The large bar in the corner anchors the space, drawing you toward its 16 keg lines and 4 cask lines pouring some of the freshest Northern Monk brews – many of which are brewed just a floor below your feet. There's also a rotating selection of guest beers from around the world, ensuring there's something for every palate.



The range of beer styles is genuinely impressive. Whether you're into crisp Pilsners, juicy hazy IPAs, tart sours, or rich, velvety stouts, you'll find something worth savouring here.

On sunny days, the large beer garden out front is the perfect spot to relax with a beer, and if you're keen to dive deeper into the craft, brewery tours are run every Saturday, offering insights into the brewing process and the story behind Northern Monk.

Taproom Review

Food-wise, their resident vendor, Jah Jot Curry, serves up an inspired fusion of English and Asian flavours, with small plates, hearty mains, and even a Sunday roast. It's the ideal pairing for your pint.



Other perks? It's a dog-friendly venue, contactless payments keep things quick and easy (it's fully cashless), and there's a quiz night every Wednesday if you fancy putting your beer-fuelled brain to the test. Accessibility-wise, be aware there's no lift access due to the building's listed status – something to consider if you have mobility needs

Opening Hours:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday–Thursday: 12pm–10pm
Friday–Saturday: 12pm–11pm
Sunday: 12pm–9pm

A top-tier craft beer experience steeped in local heritage. Great beer, good food, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere – Northern Monk Refectory hits the sweet spot between history and hops



Hop of the Week

Nelson Sauvin



Nelson Sauvin: The Sauvignon Blanc of Hops

If you're a craft beer enthusiast, there's a good chance you've heard of Nelson Sauvin — a hop that has earned a cult following for its distinctive aroma and flavour. Named after the Sauvignon Blanc grape, this New Zealand native brings wine-like characteristics to beer, creating a sensory experience unlike any other hop.

Origins and Background

Nelson Sauvin was developed by New Zealand's Plant & Food Research and released in 2000 by the New Zealand Hops cooperative. It was bred from a New Zealand variety called Smoothcone and selected specifically for its intense aromatic qualities. The hop quickly gained international attention for its ability to bring complexity and freshness to beer styles ranging from pale ales to IPAs and beyond.

Aroma and Flavour Profile

Nelson Sauvin's aroma is bold, fruity, and unlike anything else in the hop world. Here's what you can typically expect:

White wine (Sauvignon Blanc)

Gooseberry

Tropical fruit (passionfruit, mango, lychee)

Grapefruit and citrus

Pine and resin

Slight spice or pepper

Depending on the brewing process and supporting ingredients, it can lean toward juicy tropical notes or showcase a drier, wine-like character.

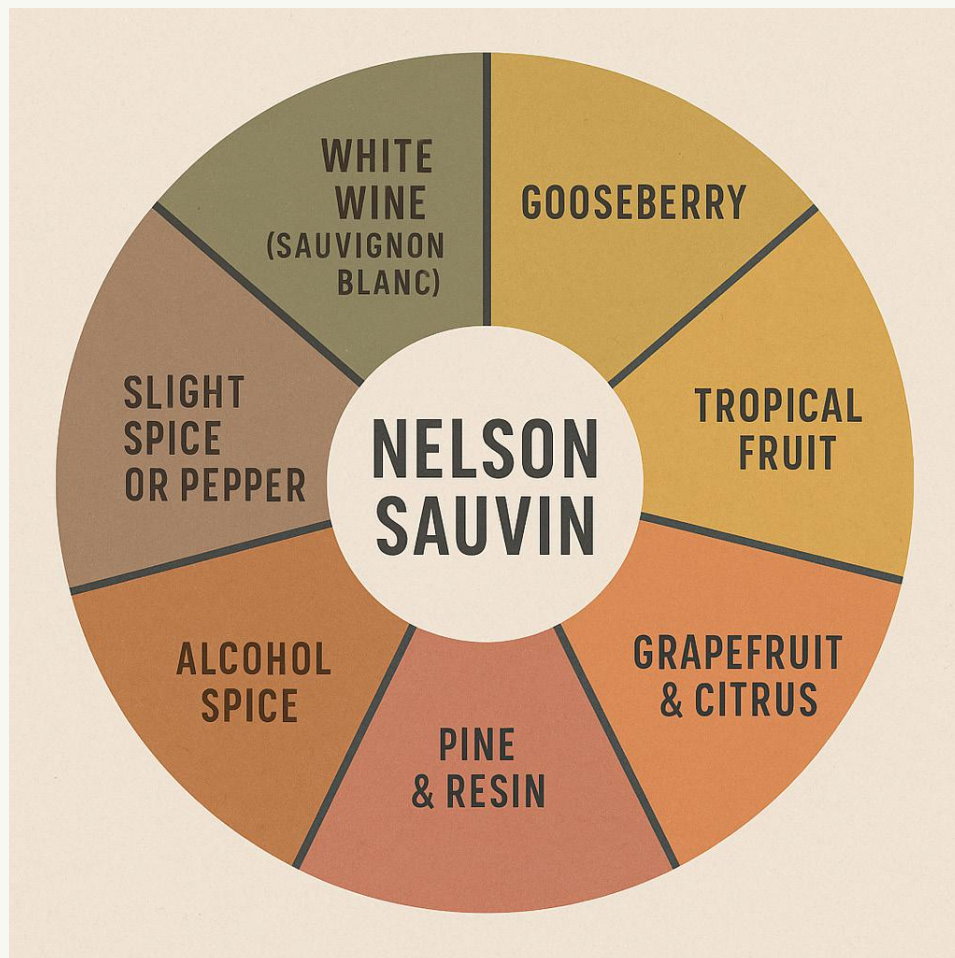
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Alpha Acids and Usage

Alpha Acid Range: 11%–13%

Usage: Primarily an aroma and flavour hop, but it also has decent bittering potential.

Because of its high oil content and unique profile, Nelson Sauvín is often used in late hop additions, dry hopping, and whirlpool hopping to maximize its aromatic punch.



Beer Styles Featuring Nelson Sauvín

Nelson Sauvín is extremely versatile but shines particularly well in:

India Pale Ales (IPAs)

Pale Ales

Hazy / New England IPAs

Saison

Pilsners (when used delicately)

Wild Ales and Sours (for complex fruitiness)

Its ability to mimic wine-like flavours also makes it a favourite for brewers experimenting with hybrid or barrel-aged styles.

Hop of the week: NELSON SAUVIN

Notable Beers with Nelson Sauvín

Some standout beers that showcase this hop include

Nelson IPA by Alpine Beer Company (California)

Nelson Sauvín Pale Ale by 8 Wired Brewing (New Zealand)

DirtWolf by Victory Brewing Company (as part of a blend)

These beers exemplify how Nelson can either dominate or support other hops, depending on the desired profile.



Conclusion

Nelson Sauvín is a standout hop that continues to push the boundaries of what beer can taste like. Its wine-like character, tropical punch, and unmistakable aroma make it a must-try for any beer lover or brewer looking to explore the more adventurous side of hops. Whether you're sipping a crisp single-hop pale ale or a juicy, hazy IPA, when Nelson Sauvín is involved — your taste buds are in for something special.

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.

Urine Trouble

9% Double Brett IPA

By 3 Floyds Brewing

An Imperial Brett IPA fermented with the unique strain of yeast *Brettanomyces Lambicus*. This yeast creates earthy barnyard notes along with pineapple-cherry pie aromas and flavors. Of course with the "IPA" style it's hopped heavily.



UK Craft Beer Festivals



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>

23-24 MAY 2025

BEACH STREET BEER FESTIVAL

Beach Street, Felixstowe, Suffolk

<https://myhopsters.com/beach-street-beer-fest>

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

PENNINE CRAFT BEER FEST

Marsden Mechanics, Marsden, HD7 6BW

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/marsden-mechanics/e-vxpgoj>

20-21 JUNE 2025

NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

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26-29 JUNE 2025

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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/FajUs>

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

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

15-16 AUGUST 2025

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The Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton DL7 8PP

www.buytickets.at/ncbf

22-24 AUGUST 2025

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The Fire Station, Sunderland SRI 3HA

<https://www.sunderlandcraftbeer.co.uk/>

28-30 AUGUST 2025

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Home Farm, Horrobin Lane Rivington, PR6 9HE

<https://www.rivingtonbrewing.co.uk/farmtrip2025>

24-25 OCTOBER 2025

RISING TIDE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

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25 OCTOBER 2025

THE BIG SWALLY

O2 Academy, Edinburgh

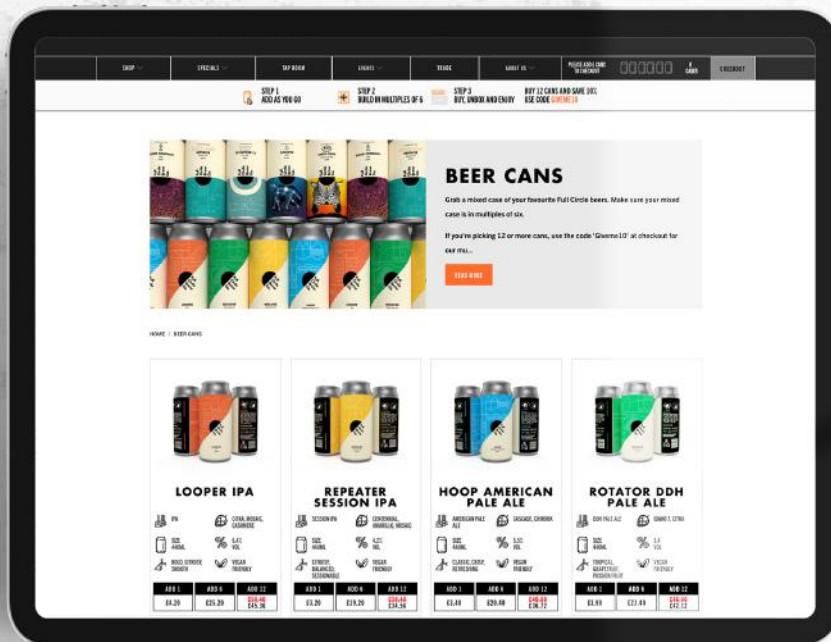
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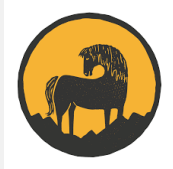
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