#33: Ivan Stout (Spiced Foreign Stout)

Chris Swingley (17-Jul-2004)

An annual winter stout named after our black cat Ivan. This year's recipe is based on a spiced stout from Randy Mosher's Radical Brewing.

Recipe (for 4.5 gallons final volume)

| 10.0 | pounds | (70%) | Crisp Maris Otter Pale Malt |
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| 1.5 | pounds | (10%) | American Crystal 80L |
| 1.5 | pound | (10%) | Roasted Barley |
| 0.75 | pound | (5%) | Flaked Barley |
| 0.75 | pound | (5%) | Quick Oats |
| 3.0 | ounces | | U.S. Willamette whole hops, 4.5% AA (60 minutes) |
| 3.0 | ounces | | U.S. Willamette whole hops, 4.5% AA (15 minutes) |
| 14 | grams | | Juniper berries, crushed (Soaked in 6 oz bourbon, 21 days, added at conditioning) |
| 7 | grams | | Coriander seed, ground (Soaked in 6 oz bourbon, 21 days, added at conditioning) |
| 0.5 | teaspoons | | Vanilla Extract (Soaked in 6 oz bourbon, 21 days, added at conditioning) |
| 0.25 | teaspoons | | Allspice (Soaked in 6 oz bourbon, 21 days, added at conditioning) |
| 0.25 | teaspoons | | Ground Cinnamon (Soaked in 6 oz bourbon, 21 days, added at conditioning) |

White Labs WLP023 Burton Ale Yeast, pitched at 68°F

Starter: 3 quart starter built up from a slant (20 ml \rightarrow 300 ml \rightarrow 3 quarts), cooled, decanted, warmed

Aeration: Drill aerator for two minutes after pitching

Water

- Fairbanks city water
- 39.5 quarts water treated with:
 - 1 Campden tablet

Mash

• 21.75 quarts water @ 166°F, grist ratio of 1.5 quarts:pound @ 156°F (Held 90 minutes)

Sparge

- 6.75 guarts water @ 210°F, drain
- 11.0 quarts water @ 168°F, drain
- Stuck first sparge -- collected 3 of 4 gallons, added 1/2 pound rice hulls, proceeded to second sparge. Full volume collected.

Boil

- Boiled 8.0 gallons for 90 minutes to yield 5.0 gallons wort
- Larger hop mass resulted in more wort held by the hops. Should have reduced boiling time to 75 minutes.

Fermentation

- Primary: bucket, 7 days, 66°F
- Secondary: glass, 14 days, 64°F
- Temperature 68 at pitching, hit 75 on day 2, cooled to 68 eight hours later

Packaging

- Kegged with 80 grams dextrose
- Conditioned for 5 weeks
- Ready to drink on 11-Sep-2004

Properties

Starting Gravity: 1.066 Final Gravity: 1.018
Original Extract: 16.1°Plato Apparent Extract: 4.58°Plato

Alcohol: 6.3% by volume Alcohol: 4.9% by weight

Apparent Attenuation: 71.6% Mash Efficiency: 71% Bitterness: 58 IBU Color: 40°SRM

Tasting Notes

• 17-Oct-04 (13 weeks) -- Good color and head but cloudy looking. Not very well balanced. Overly bitter, with a strange baking soda aftertaste. Not my finest effort. I don't taste the spices at all.

• 2-Dec-04 (20 weeks) -- Still cloudy, but nice and thick. The baking soda aftertaste has disappeared and the vanilla is definitely discernable. Unfortunately, the juniper berries overpower everything. If I were to make this again, I'd probably halve the spices, and the juniper even more.