

The
MEANTIME
College Beer Club

Beer No.6

May 2011

Oak Fermented Belgian Style Pale Ale

4.36% ABV 20 EBC 44 EBU

File Under 'Innovation'

Your Notes:

The Brewmaster's Notes

'I discussed this beer with one of our Meantime brewers, Christian Ryan (pictured overleaf), who took the view that beer stylists can get too rigorous in their approach to beer.

My challenge to him was to use an anarchistic approach and come up with some real meaning!

The response was to take a classical English malt bill, use gypsum in the water, ferment at warm temperatures with a Belgian Trappiste yeast in American oak barrels previously used for whisky and beer storage. To cap it all off the beer was dry-hopped with American hops.

The result? The beer is golden in colour with an oaky, vanilla like smoothness which serves to soften the funky confectionary fruit aromatics derived from the Belgian yeast.

The impact of the Amarillo hops adds to the full elegant aromatics, whilst the use of English pale ale and crystal malts gives the palate fullness required to balance the mayhem on the nose.

This beer is not likely to benefit from a lot of ageing and to enjoy at its best I recommend it served cool, out of the fridge, on a warm summer's day.

At our recent CBC tasting at the brewery we had a hat-full of interesting questions about the materials and methods used for the 2011 series of beers.

Please send your questions to Alastair@meantimebrewing.com and I will endeavor to answer them as quickly as possible.'



Alastair Hook
Brewmaster

SERVING INSTRUCTIONS

Please keep this bottle in a warm part of your home for a fortnight before opening in order to let the beer attain the correct level of condition.



CLUB EVENT

Book a ticket to see La Traviata on September 19th at the Royal Opera House and enjoy a pre-performance back stage tour.

Numbers are limited so please check email peter@meantimebrewing.com before booking with the Royal Opera House to see whether there is any availability remaining (unless you want to see the show regardless that is).

