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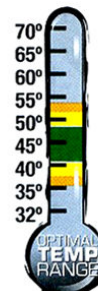


Karl Strauss TWO TORTUGAS HOLIDAY QUAD

This beer is fresh off a win at the GABF, and most will love pouring this barrel-aged quad into their glass. Pouring out the bottle reveals a great-looking amber red and a surprisingly healthy head for a high ABV beer. The aroma is brown sugar, oak, vanilla, Scotch (boozy) and some fruit. The taste is "Whoa!" It's a punch in the tongue of brown sugar, vanilla, oak, dark fruit, honey, and some cinnamon, all of which gets turned up by the alcohol burn. The finish is very warming and very "barrel tasting" that all seems a little bit young right now. This one will mellow and get even better, but right now we think it's a little bit too barrel forward.

THE RESULTS

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| Appearance: (out of 10) | 10 | Amber red with a good head. |
| Aroma: (out of 15) | 13 | Brown sugar, oak, vanilla, Scotch, and some boozy notes. |
| Taste: (out of 40) | 35 | A slap of brown sugar, vanilla, dark fruit, wheat, bourbon, and some pepper and cinnamon. Lots of alcohol coming through. |
| Finish: (out of 35) | 33 | Lots of oak and barrel are mixed with a warming sensation from the alcohol. We think it's a little young and will be much better with some age. |



Brewery: Karl Strauss Brewing
Location: San Diego, CA
Style: Belgian-style Quad
Website: www.karlstrauss.com
Price: \$9 / 22 oz. bottle

Alcohol Percentage: 11.1%
International Bitterness Rating: 25
Glass Recommendation: Pint
Availability: Winter

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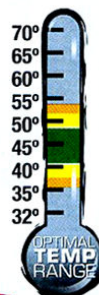
Narragansett Brewing PORTER

Good things come in cans, and this porter is one of them. Snap the can open, and you'll pour out a deep, dark porter with ruby highlights at the extremes. It's got a good head and is good and sticky. The nose is light, but you can find a nice, light, roasted malt and espresso. The taste is where the fun starts; you'll get a nice mix of roasted malt, coffee, chocolate, and some pepper notes. It's smooth and very easy to drink considering the alcohol. It finishes very clean and smooth with a nice fruity note that mixes with a little bit of pepper heat from the alcohol. Another beer that is very easy to drink more than one of!



THE RESULTS

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| Appearance: (out of 10) | 10 | Very dark black with a nice head. |
| Aroma: (out of 15) | 13 | Light and pleasing. Roasted malt, espresso, and a faint fruity aroma. |
| Taste: (out of 40) | 38 | Roasted malt, coffee, chocolate, and some light fruity notes. |
| Finish: (out of 35) | 33 | Clean and very easy to drink. Some pepper notes and slight warming. |



Brewery: Narragansett Brewing
Location: Providence, RI
Style: Porter
Website: www.narragansettbeer.com
Price: \$8.99 / 6-pack (16 oz cans)

Alcohol Percentage: 7%
International Bitterness Rating: 25
Glass Recommendation: Pint
Availability: Winter



Simple names work too. Porter. No guessing.

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