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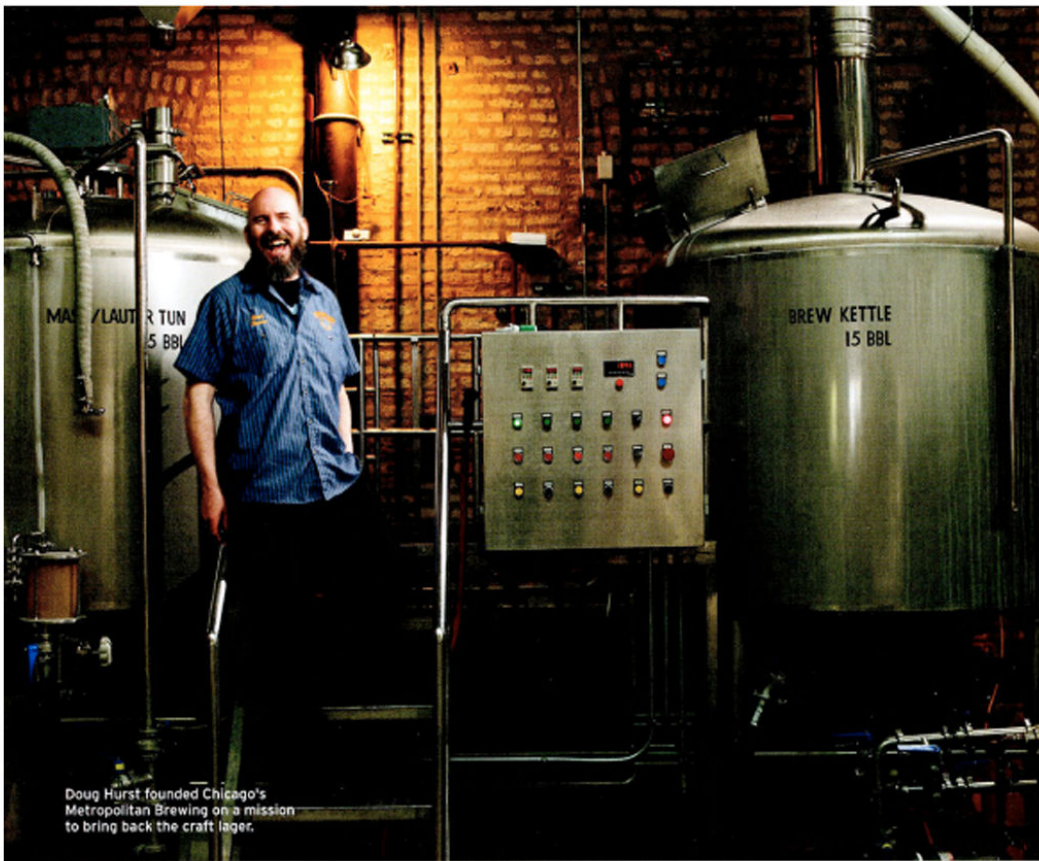
IN FROM THE COLD

ONCE AN AFTERTHOUGHT,
COLD-FERMENTED LAGERS
ARE MAKING A COMEBACK.

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Doug Hurst founded Chicago's Metropolitan Brewing on a mission to bring back the craft lager.

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FLYING DOG UNDERDOG ATLANTIC LAGER

Maryland
Made with a measure of rye and wheat, this style-bending lager boasts nice biscuit flavors, a brisk mouthfeel and a rounded, fruity bouquet.

NEW BELGIUM SHIFT PALE LAGER

Colorado
New Zealand's Nelson Sauvignon hops give this lager a fruity, tropical profile, with notes of lychee and mango. The crisp, all-day drinker comes in 16-ounce cans.

NARRAGANSETT LAGER

Rhode Island
The 1890-born brand retooled its lager recipe a few years back, amping up the bitterness a bit. The result is a pale-gold treat with a grassy nose and a malty, honey-touched taste.

SCHMALTZ SWORD SWALLOWER

New York
Checking in at an IPA-worthy 7.2%, this hoppy lager is hewn from a blend of four malts and eight hops. The result is a hazy gold brew with a floral, citric nose and a bitterness matched by lightly sweet malts.

NEW GLARUS TOTALLY NAKED

Wisconsin
This no-nonsense beer is crafted with Wisconsin barley and both German and Czech noble hops, creating a lovely golden lager with hints of hay, a brisk mouthfeel and a touch of grassy, floral bitterness.

SKA MEXICAN LOGGER

Colorado
An antidote to Mexican lagers like Corona and Negra Modelo, this cheekily named brew checks in at a restrained 4.2% ABV and drinks crisp and fresh, with an appealing grassiness and clean finish.

PRETTY THINGS AMERICAN DARLING

Massachusetts
Made with three German yeast strains, the all-malt Darling boasts a heady 7% ABV and has a gently honeyed sweetness and an herbaceous bite.

BELL'S LAGER BEER "LAGER OF THE LAKES"

Michigan
As gold as King Midas' Crown, Bell's balanced lager has a pleasing bitterness and a doughy, biscuity malt framework that jibes well with its earthy and herbal hop bouquet.

FULL SAIL SESSION BLACK

Oregon
Packaged in 11-ounce "stubby" bottles, Black's perfume is a beguiling blend of roasted malts and chocolaty breakfast cereal. Despite the dark hue, the lager drinks crisp and easy, offering up a touch of roast and floral hops.