

What's on tap Beer



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Last year's quick sellout of a limited-edition beer that brought together two Rhode Island icons — Narragansett Beer and Autocrat Coffee Syrup — was noticed. This year there will be more beer and it will be more widely distributed when it is released today.

Narragansett Beer first created the stout with Autocrat Coffee milk added for the 2013 holiday season. It sold out in a week in December.

Narragansett's Autocrat Coffee Milk Stout was brewed again under the supervision of brewmaster Sean Larkin and will be available this week through the end of December. It will be sold in six packs of 16-ounce tallboy cans and 12 packs of 12-ounce glass bottles. Suggested retail prices are between \$8.99 - \$9.49 per six pack.

Narragansett will be running multiple production runs over the next few months and will distribute the limited-edition beer up and down the East Coast including Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., New Jersey, North Carolina and Florida.

The milk stout is full-bodied and enriched with the flavor of dark Autocrat Coffee. The beer is 5.3 percent alcohol by volume. It's a dark brew with notes of roasted barley and chocolate malt.

Stouts are very desirable beers and this one has a lot of creaminess. Don't let the darkness fool you; stouts are not heavy beers but well balanced with malts and hops. It didn't have a lot of carbonation. It offers a drink smooth as silk and delicious with the hint of chocolate.

Narragansett's tasting notes explained, "The exacting touch of hops provides just the right amount of bitterness to balance the sweet notes of the malts and milk sugar."

A public, free launch party at which the Autocrat Stout will be served alongside New York System hot wieners was planned for Fête in Providence, on Saturday night, Oct. 4. The club was closed by the Providence Licensing Board Sunday. A hearing on the closure is planned for today. Check back to learn about the event on Narragansett's Facebook page.

Always drink responsibly.

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