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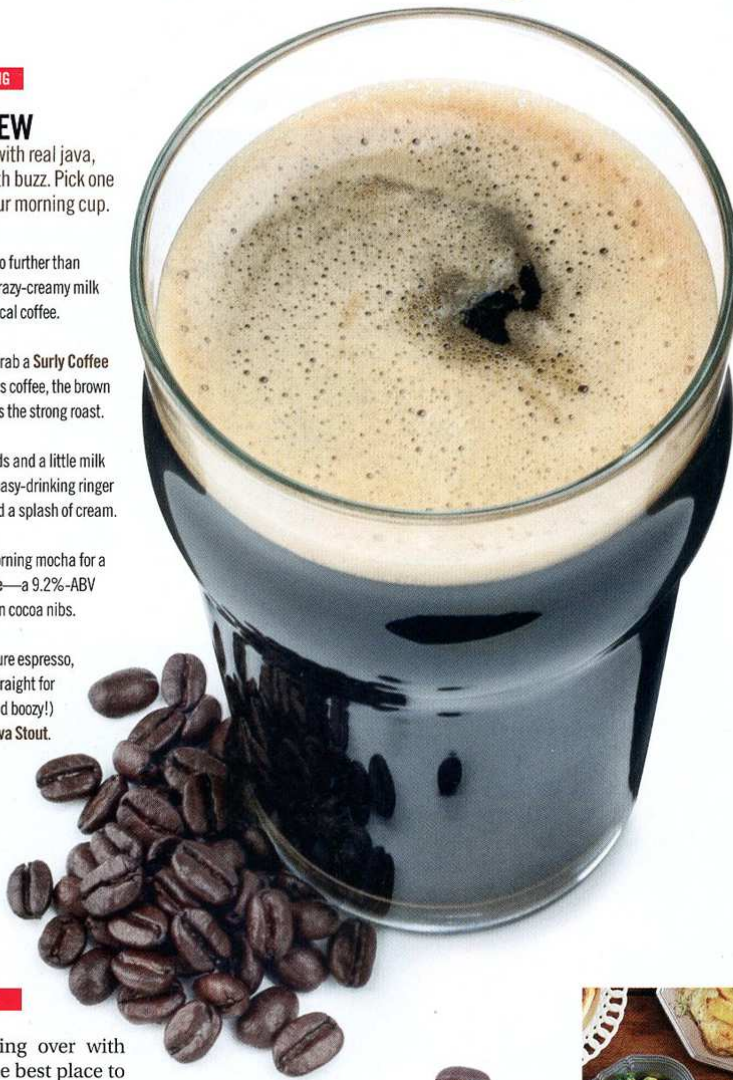
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NOW TRENDING

COLD BREW

Rich, roasty and jolted with real java, coffee beers pair booze with buzz. Pick one based on how you take your morning cup.

- 1 Cappuccino lovers: Look no further than **Narrangansett Autocrat**, a crazy-creamy milk stout perked up with local coffee.
- 2 Black with a pinch of sugar? Grab a **Surly Coffee Bender**: Infused with cold-press coffee, the brown ale's malt sweetness brightens the strong roast.
- 3 Brewed with real coffee grounds and a little milk sugar, **No-Li Rise & Grind**'s an easy-drinking ringer for average joe: coffee, sugar and a splash of cream.
- 4 Chocoholics should swap a morning mocha for a **Beachwood Mocha Machine**—a 9.2%-ABV porter aged on Equadorian cocoa nibs.
- 5 Fans of the hard stuff (pure espresso, that is) should head straight for the bold, brooding (and boozy!) **Santa Fe Imperial Java Stout**.



IN THE CAN

There are two ways to convert a wine drinker into a beer snob:

1. Pour them a vinous beer packed with flavors they'll recognize (p. 12), or
2. get 'em hooked on aluminum. Oregon's Union Wine Co. packages its bold, berry-forward Underwood Pinot Noir (and a pinot gris, too!) in a goes-everywhere can. **\$24 for four, unionwinecompany.com**

FESTIVITIES

Beer shelves are spilling over with holiday releases, but the best place to get them is nowhere near the grocery store: The annual **Holiday Ale Fest** in Portland, Ore., (Dec. 3 to 7) is five days of beer-guzzling glory. More than 50 limited-edition holiday beers pour beneath one of the region's biggest Christmas trees—think Bear Republic Santa's Lost Wallet and 10 Barrel Beernog, plus super-rare vintage releases. holidayale.com

ALL ABOARD!

We've got you covered for beer gifts on a budget (p. 29), but if you've got the urge to splurge, book the **Funky Buddha Craft Brew Cruise**: The four-night **Celebrity Cruises** excursion (March 12 to 16) drifts to Key West and the Bahamas while beer lovers indulge in on-board beer dinners, special-release tastings and Q&As with the brewers. It's the best kind of beer float we can think of. **from \$622, cruise.funkybuddha.com**



PASS THE GRAVY!
Ours is made with a Belgian dubbel.

MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY SPREAD A BEER DINNER:

DRAFTmag.com/recipes is stocked with beer-infused recipes for everything from gravy to cranberry sauce. And dessert? Look no further than p. 73.