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IN LIKE A GOAT

Rock the bock and celebrate spring with a beer that can shoulder the seasons

RAINY ONE DAY, RADIANT THE NEXT, spring is a tough season to stock a fridge around. What you need is a beer strong enough to shake lingering winter doldrums but crisp enough to feel light and celebratory come the first glimmers of summer. You need a bock. Smooth, clean and potent, bock has always been a springtime beer. First brewed in the north German town of Einbeck, they were made in the winter and cracked open around April. ("Bock" is German for goat—a reference to the beer's alcoholic kick, perhaps, and also not a far cry, sonically, from Einbeck. At least not after a pint or two.) During pre-Easter fasting, 17th-century Munich monks brewed an especially dark, strong bock to keep the hunger pangs at bay and, presumably, to lighten the repentant mood. They dubbed it Salvator. Nowadays, a goat on the label means the beer isn't just a Lenten loophole, but a good all-rounder to have on hand, no matter what the weather.

—William Bostwick

Rogue Dead Guy

A brash, bitter take on the style—called a helles bock or maibock—Dead Guy is on the paler side but it's no lightweight, starting deep and full and finishing with a spicy kick. If you need an even bigger pick-me-up, try the version aged in Rogue's own whisky barrels. **6.4% ABV, rogue.com**

Narragansett Bock

When it's finally time to celebrate winter's passing, get outside and crack open one of these. The 'Gansett bock is creamy and refreshing, topped with a hefty, bone-white head and an aroma of buttermilk biscuits. Plus, in a tall-boy can, it's perfect for picnicking. **6.5% ABV, narragansett-beer.com**



Anchor Bock

A darker, meatier version of a bock, this beer is made for the cooler days of early spring. True to Anchor's form, their bock is all about balance: A hearty ale yeast gives it some dark, fruity character, but it gains a crisp edge from bitter, darkly roasted grains. **5.5% ABV, anchorbrewing.com**