

# **FOOD PAIRINGS**

CREAM ALE

Unmistakable with its rich amber colour and inviting floral tones, this laid-back, English pub-style ale is smooth and easy-going.

#### ROASTED CHICKEN:

Cream Ale's malty sweetness contrasts with the saltiness from a roasted chicken, while at the same time pairing well with the sweet, caramel-like notes from the roasted skin. A classic pairing, especially for those new to pairing food and beer together. BBQ/SMOKED RIBS:

Maybe the perfect pairing for Muskoka Cream Ale. The tang of the BBQ sauce contrasts the smooth malt body and floral hop character. Depending on your sauce, you may pick out certain hop profiles, or you may get more of the sweet flavour from the darker malts used in Cream Ale.

#### MONTREAL SMOKED MEAT:

Montreal smoked meat is the perfect base for Cream Ale. This juicy meat requires a beer that won't overpower the distinct smoked meat flavour. Add your favourite mustard to your sandwich, and discover how Cream Ale's sweet-ness brings out the sweet mustard flavours.

#### GRILLED SALMON:

An oily fish, salmon requires a beer that can interact with the delicate flavours. Muskoka Cream Ale is the perfect complement for grilled salmon because the hops cut through the oil, while the sweet malt accents the grilled smoky flavour.

## CRAFT LAGER

 $Hand crafted \ to \ be \ uniquely \ flavourful, \ this \ classic \ lager \ is \ remarkably \ easy-drinking.$ 

#### SUMMER SALADS:

Craft Lager's a great beer to pair with salads; the high carbonation mirrors the garlic-y zip from balsamic and Caesar dressings, while the flavour profile lets different ingredients take centre stage. Try Craft Lager with a goat cheese, pear, and cranberry salad, and see how it cuts through the thick cheese flavour while letting the cranberries and pears stand out. GRILLED CHICKEN:

Our humid Canadian summers often call for a refreshing lager, especially when navigating the BBQ. Grilled chicken and Lager complement each other with similarly light characteristics, so one does not overpower the other. Brush the chicken with your favourite BBQ sauce and the malt cereal sweetness will lend a delightful contrast to the smoked tang of the BBQ sauce.

#### CHICKEN FAJITAS:

Everyone presents fajitas differently, so be creative. Craft Lager's malty backbone will blend right in with the tortilla and work with everything in between. The sweeter malt balances out the spicy salsa, the carbonation cuts the rich and creamy guacamole and cheese and the light body will quench your thirst, leaving you ready for the next bite.





## DETOUR

We dry-hopped this lower alcohol IPA, creating a truly sessionable brew with a rewarding aroma, big hop flavours and a clean finish.

#### GARDEN SALAD:

A fresh garden salad with peach or mango is a perfect match for Detour. Fruit accents bring the tropical fruit notes from Detour's El Dorado, Citra and Sorachi Ace hops front and center. The fresh bed of lettuce mimics the similarly crisp character of Detour, and a balsamic dressing adds a tangy, yet sweet kick to balance out the hop bitterness.

#### THAI MANGO CHICKEN:

The famously sweet-yet-spicy Thai flavour expertly contrasts our 'light with a bite' Detour. The mango in this dish brings out the tropical fruit hops which simultaneously cut through the Thai spice for a well-balanced pairing. SESAME CHICKEN SALAD:

Thinly sliced Napa cabbage with grilled, marinated chicken breast will bring balance to a pairing full of flavour. Sweet toasted almonds, crisp wontons, sesame seeds and sweet sesame dressing will combat the bitterness of the hops. Step it up by adding in fresh red bell peppers, green onions and juicy mandarin oranges to play up the hops' refreshing tropical fruit notes.

#### SHRIMP COCKTAIL:

Shrimp cocktail has some great flavours that you won't want to over-power. Our refreshing Detour will balance the slightly salty flavours of the shrimp while standing up to the sweet, tangy sauce with its tropical hop power.

## MAD TOM

Dry-hopped with Chinook and Centennial hops, this IPA has a vibrant aroma, depth of flavour, and a crisp, citrusy undertow like no other.

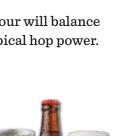
#### SPICY DISHES:

The intense amount of hops in this beer cut through spicy flavours really well. A spicy curry is a classic pairing for this beer filled with bitter notes of pine and citrus, but also think jerk spice, wasabi or your favourite spicy gourmet wings. Sweet chili spice will play up the sweeter citrus notes while standing up to the bold bitterness.

#### SMOKED FISH:

Smoked fish like salmon or trout have a delicate, yet rich flavour. The variety of West Coast hops we chose for Mad Tom IPA provide a great contrast to the flavours of smoked fish while cutting through any rich oils. BURGERS:

We'll leave this one to you. Build your favourite burger with some unique and flavourful toppings – bacon, old cheddar, avocado, etc. The hoptitude of Mad Tom IPA will complement some of the stronger flavours, cut through the rich mouthfeel and cleanse your palate between bites. The best of both worlds!



USKOK



# An aggressively double dry-hopped Imperial India Pale Ale that delivers a definitive hop aroma and unabashedly big, bold flavor, with a rich smoothness.

#### GRILLED MEATS:

**TWICE AS MAD TOM** 

The big, bold flavor of Twice As Mad Tom pairs well with grilled meats smothered in sweet BBQ sauce. The bitterness of the hops captures the caramelization of the meat, and the higher alcohol accents the sweet flavour in the sauce.

#### INDIAN CUISINE:

The marriage between double IPA's and Indian cuisine dates back to the late 1700's, when English brewers would ship beer from England to India for the troops to enjoy. Twice as Mad Tom is no different from its ancestors. The intense hop profile cuts through spicy flavours and accents medium – hot curry chicken or chicken korma extremely well.

#### PULLED PORK:

The roasted sweet flavour from the meat, along with a spicy rub, expertly contrasts the bold flavour of Twice As Mad Tom. Higher alcohol content lends to a sweeter balance of bitterness, but is still strong enough to stand up to the spice for a balanced pairing.

#### SHARP CHEESE:

Sharp cheddar or strong blue cheese is a great pairing with Twice As Mad Tom. These cheeses have the flavour intensity to hold their own with a double IPA. The salty cheese plays well with the bitterness of the hops, and all of these cheeses leave a creamy, mouth-coating film that the hops and alcohol will clear away.

## KIRBY'S KÖLSCH

Kirby's Kölsch is a crisp session beer (a lagered ale, to be exact) with a hint of peach, best enjoyed with friends. Cheers to Kirby!

#### GRILLED PINEAPPLE SKEWERS:

The sweet flavour of pineapple cooked over a grill brings out the peach notes from our summertime Kölsch. Kölsch beers delightfully contrast with spice and smoke, two flavours that can be brought out in your pineapple skewers by adding some wood chips to your grill. PROSCIUTTO-WRAPPED MELON:

This combination is like a parade in your mouth, announcing, 'spring is here!' The light melon flavour brings out various fruit notes in the kölsch ale, while the prosciutto balances with a salty flavour. PORK CHOPS:

Whether you're BBQing or lathering them in honey or apple sauce, the subtle flavours of pork are a natural complement to this smooth tasting lagered ale. Rather than being overshadowed by the meat dish, our kölsch will stand up to the saucy flavours and act as a refreshing palate cleanser.





 $\label{eq:action} A {\it rich, velvety oatmeal stout infused with Muskoka Roastery's signature Lumber jack coffee.}$ 

#### DARK CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES:

The cocoa notes in the stout are amplified when accompanied with the rich cocoa of a truffle, while the slight bitterness of dark chocolate is balanced by the velvety smooth mouthfeel. CINNAMON COFFEE CAKE:

Coffee + coffee = a perfect pairing, just like our smooth oatmeal stout infused with Muskoka Roastery's Lumberjack roast and a cinnamon coffee cake. You can't lose with the sweet spice of cinnamon and brown sugar, perfectly complemented with dark roasted notes of coffee for a well-balanced treat. CAMEMBERT CHEESE:

A natural pairing is a creamy, buttery Camembert with a velvety smooth stout. The nutty coating is cut by the moderately dry finish of the stout. Top the cheese with a strawberry spread to play into the subtle sweetness of the stout.

HICKORY SMOKED HAM:

Think salty-sweet; this delightful contrast of flavours is tried and true. The subtle sweet undertone and dark roasted notes in the stout are enhanced by rich, smoky flavours in the pork.

### LEGENDARY ODDITY

Brewed with a Belgian style in mind, we added juniper berries, orange zest, and heather tips for a delicious combination of sweet and sharp.

#### SPINACH & ARTICHOKE DIP:

Spinach & Artichoke Dip is a mouth-watering combination of creamy veggies and cheese. Legendary Oddity contrasts the distinctive rich and salty flavours from the cheese with a sharp, clove spice of its own. The fresh citrus flavours of the juniper complement the spinach, while the sweeter Belgian candi sugar balances out the artichoke. GINGER:

Legendary Oddity pairs extremely well with the unique flavour of ginger. Our Oddity has two things in common with this fan favourite root; they're both sharp in flavour, yet balanced by sweetness. The orange and juniper add a sharp citrus zest to measure up to ginger's kick, and heather tips add a smooth bitterness to balance. Whether you're adding ginger to a soup, sushi, or pork dish, be sure to try a pint of Oddity alongside. GUACAMOLE:

Avocado, lime, and cilantro are a perfect pairing with Legendary Oddity. The crisp, citrusy undertone from the orange peel and hint of sharp juniper berries contrast the sour lime and bold cilantro duo. Rich and creamy guac balances out these strong components for a pairing that's unique and rewarding!

BAKED WHITE FISH (TILAPIA, PICKEREL):

This is a very flexible pairing. Bake or grill your favourite white fish with some lemon, fresh herbs, (rosemary, thyme or dill) and salt and pepper. Legendary Oddity's Belgian spice enhances the flavours of the herbs to add a unique dynamic. The subtlety of the fish is enhanced with the contrasting spice blend.





Naturally hazy by design, the perfect balance of wheat, barley and subtle hopping. Look for notes of banana and bubblegum in the aroma.

#### BACON & EGGS; PANCAKES & FRENCH TOAST:

**SUMMERWEISS** 

Mornings call for refreshing beers. The natural banana aromas and sweet flavours of Summerweiss can be a great complement to a variety of breakfast dishes. The sweet wheat profile is a great contrast to salty bacon & eggs and legendary with sweeter dishes like pancakes and french toast. Great for long weekend mornings that lead into afternoons. GOAT CHEESE:

Goat cheese has a unique, natural flavour which complements the earthiness of our Summerweiss. Notes of banana and clove from this German style wheat contrast the creamy, mouth-coating tang of the cheese. GUACAMOLE:

Our fresh Summerweiss plays up the fresh tasting ingredients of guacamole (cilantro, avocado, lime). The rich avocado base will complement the sweeter wheat body, while cilantro and juicy lime play up the German clove spice. A great pairing for the patio on a hot summer day.

LOBSTER:

Always a summer favourite, lobster's sweet, rich flavours are nicely balanced by the bright complexities and German spice of our Summerweiss. A healthy dose of hot butter is delightfully cut by the malty backbone.

## HARVEST ALE

A bold, hoppy ale with a subtle grassy character reminiscent of the harvest.

#### CURRY:

Curry is a whirlwind of spices and flavours. The complexity of these dishes call for a sturdy beer that can cut through the heat and add flavour to the dish. Harvest Ale acts as an ideal companion with slight caramel malt flavours, and plenty of grassy hop bitterness to cut the spice. The spicier, the better!

#### BLUE CHEESE:

Not for the faint of heart – this is a bold pairing, but a rewarding one. Blue cheeses need a bold and well-hopped beer to cleanse the palate. Our grassy, hopped Harvest Ale is just the beer to serve with this cheese. The carbonation and lingering bitterness will continue to boldly contrast as the intensity of the cheese increases.

#### ROASTED LAMB:

This pairing is going to really depend on the spices used in preparation. If prepared with other big heavy flavours, lean towards our Muskoka Harvest Ale. Excellent with rosemary, thyme and even mint! CRAB CAKES:

With crab cakes you want a beer that won't be overwhelmed by the sweet flavours of the crab. The match depends upon the spiciness of the crab cake and the sauce. Harvest Ale has a slightly sweet malt flavour and a predominant hop presence that matches the crabmeat, but doesn't overpower. This is also a great pairing if the sauce has some spice to it.

#### PESTO:

Pesto contains strong olive oil, herbal and nutty flavours, meaning a nice, hoppy ale is a great match to combat these intensities. The full flavour of our Harvest Ale has the hop bitterness to lift and cut through these heavy flavours before overpowering the dish.





## WINTERWEISS

Winterweiss was developed over a warm cabin fire, filling the void for a roasty and flavourful, yet sessionable brew to enjoy during a long winter's night. Notes of banana and clove.

#### BRATWURST:

Soaked in Winterweiss prior to cooking, Bratwurst is a perfect pairing; what could go better with our Winterweiss than more Winterweiss! The roasted clove and sweeter, toasty malt flavours in Winterweiss enhance the rich, grilled, sweeter flavours of pork. WEISSWURST:

This veal and bacon sausage seasoned with mace, lemon, and parsley is sure to please alongside the roasted clove and toasted malt notes in Winterweiss. A classic savoury and sweet contrast for the perfect wintertime comfort food.

#### ROASTED CHICKEN:

The roasted caramelized flavours from crispy chicken skin enhance the caramel malty sweetness of Winterweiss, reminiscent of a warm toasty banana bread, straight from the oven.

#### GOAT OR GOUDA CHEESE:

The roasted malts in Winterweiss along with hints of clove and banana pair extremely well with a soft-ripened goat cheese or smoked gouda. The sweet tang is complementary, while the effervescent body cleanses the palette.

## WINTER BEARD

Rich and sturdy with roasted dark chocolate malts, real cocoa, 70% dark chocolate, and freshly harvested local cranberries.

#### CHEESECAKE:

Our Double Chocolate Cranberry Stout is a rich and sturdy beer, allowing it to complement rich and sweet flavours. The bitterness from the dark chocolate is a beautiful contrast to the cheese and the cranberries are a natural match. Instead of a cup of coffee with your cheesecake, try a serving of our Double Chocolate Cranberry Stout. You'll be pleasantly surprised! CHOCOLATE:

What goes great with chocolate? More chocolate. The dark roasted malt brings out distinct notes in the chocolate and the chocolate evolves the flavours of the beer. Truly a magical pairing that has a world of possibilities. Pair the beer with fudge, mousse, your favourite chunk of dark

chocolate or cake. Each takes on a life of their own when complemented with Winter Beard. Go one step further and add in some fresh raspberries, strawberries or cherries.

#### A FRIGID DAY:

Is this a food pairing? Not exactly. Is it one of the best pairings we recommend? Absolutely! Winter Beard is a beautiful beer for a crisp winter's day. The chocolate adds comfort, the cranberries contribute to the body and the slightly higher alcohol makes it a perfect beer to sip on during a day outdoors.



