

## ***Bell's Brewery- Thanks, Matthew Fifer!***

### **Smitten Golden Rye**

Rye Ale

**6% ABV.** Rotating. Bottles, draft.

Drawn from one of our oldest recipes, Smitten Ale began as part of a series of rye beers at our Eccentric Café. The combination of sharp citrus & resinous flavors from the hops with the earthy, rustic overtones of the rye malt contribution yield an interesting take on the American Pale Ale.

### **Bells Porter**

Porter

**5.6% ABV.** Year-round. Bottles, draft.

One of our many award-winning beers, Porter emphasizes the darker, roasted aspects of malt. Hints of dark chocolate and freshly roasted coffee provide the focus, while hops remain in the background. Not as full-bodied as a stout, Porter bridges the gap between malty brown ales and our more heavily roasted stouts.

### **Two Hearted Ale**

American IPA

**7% ABV. 55 IBU.** Year-round. Bottles, draft.

Bell's Two Hearted Ale is defined by its intense hop aroma and malt balance. Hopped exclusively with the Centennial hop varietal from the Pacific Northwest, massive additions in the kettle and again in the fermenter lend their characteristic grapefruit and pine resin aromas. A significant malt body balances this hop presence; together with the signature fruity aromas of Bell's house yeast, this leads to a remarkably drinkable American-style India Pale Ale.

### **Hell Hath No Fury...Ale**

Belgian style strong dark

**7.7% ABV.** Fall seasonal. Bottles, draft.

Originally conceived along the lines of a Belgian Dubbel, Hell Hath No Fury... Ale morphed during development into something entirely different. Blending a pair of Belgian abbey-style yeasts into a recipe more akin to a roasty stout, Hell Hath No Fury... Ale offers up warm, roasted notes of coffee & dark chocolate together with the fruity & clove-like aromas.

### **Expedition Stout**

Russian Imperial Stout

**10.5% ABV.** Winter seasonal. Bottles, draft.

One of the earliest examples of the Russian Imperial Stout in the United States, Expedition Stout offers immensely complex flavors crafted specifically with vintage aging in mind, as its profile will continue to mature and develop over the years. A huge malt body is matched to a heady blend of chocolate, dark fruits, and other aromas. Intensely bitter in its early months, the flavors will slowly meld and grow in depth as the beer ages.

### **Third Coast Old Ale**

American Barleywine

**10.2% ABV.** Winter, spring seasonal. Bottles, draft.

Third Coast Old Ale focuses on malt, offering notes of burnt caramel & other earthy malt flavors. Designed with vintage aging in mind, the malt aspect is matched to a heavy complement of hops. Sharply bitter at first, this will fold into the malt character over time and balance out the maltiness.

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### **About Bells**

Founded by Larry Bell in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Bell's Brewery, Inc. sold its first beer in September 1985. Beer was initially brewed in a 15-gallon soup kettle and the company has grown remarkably from its production of 135 barrels (1 bbl = 31 gal.) in 1986 to a capacity of more than 500,000 barrels today.

Originally self-distributed, Larry and his staff of 9 employees bottled and delivered all of the beer to market during the company's first four years. By 1989, Bell's was shipping over 500 barrels annually and assigned its first wholesaler to further establish itself across the state of Michigan. In 1993, Bell's became the first Michigan brewery to open an onsite pub. On June 11, 1993, Bell's Brewery, Inc. became the first Michigan brewery to serve beer by the glass to the public.

After struggling several years to produce and sell robust, full-bodied ales against a tide of mass-market domestic beer, Bell's began to see the demand for craft beer grow dramatically and expanded into new markets. Bell's currently sells beer across an 18-state area in addition to Puerto Rico and Washington DC through a network of more than 60 quality wholesalers.

In 2003, Bell's opened a new production brewery in nearby Comstock. This facility has now seen five expansions since then. Our most recent construction project, a 200-barrel brewhouse began in April, 2011 and the new facility officially opened May 14, 2012.

We currently brew over 20 beers for distribution as well as many other small batch beers that are served at our pub in Kalamazoo, the Eccentric Cafe. Our ongoing goal is to brew thoughtfully, creatively and artistically. (<http://bellsbeer.com/>)

From an interview with Larry Bell and Draft Magazine: We've got a bunch of projects going on at the brewery. We're working on putting in a canning line. That will probably take about a year to get it all done, maybe not quite that long. We'll certainly can Oberon and Two Hearted and then we'll go from there. We also like to have a couple surprises up our sleeve, so, you know: We're bringing one brand back as a fall seasonal this year, which hasn't been seen in a long time.

<http://draftmag.com/beereditor/larry-bell-talks-baseball-and-beer/>

**Founder:** Larry Bell

**Location:** Kalamazoo, MI

**Founded:** 1985

**Capacity:** Over 500,000 Barrels