

## Los Angeles / Orange County Mix - Thanks to Josh Oakley

### The Mesa

**Cismontane Brewing** - Rancho Santa Margarita, CA  
**6% ABV** - Availability? 750ml bottles

A new school testament to the tradition of brewing beer with grapes. It is a blend of **25% Santa Lucia highland Riesling** from Mer Soleil Vineyard and **75% Pilsner** from Cismontane. This beer is brewed entirely with **Nelson Sauvignon hops**. Sourced with **Lactobacillus** to enhance the natural grape acidity and fermented with a blend of wine and beer yeast. This process highlights the flavors that beer and wine have in common. The collaboration beer made by longtime friends Charlie Wagner and Evan Weinberg.

### Dog Ate My Homework

Blackberry Saison  
**Brouwerij West** - Palos Verdes, CA  
**7% ABV** - Available in 750ml bottles, draft

We really wanted to put as much blackberry into a beer as possible and see if we could keep it dry and drinkable in a full pint size pour. I used our saison extra as a base and added the blackberry juice in secondary fermentation. There is approximately 1lb of fruit per liter. Why Blackberries? Blackberries have a wonderful sweetness that is not TOO sweet or full. They are rich in color and aroma and have a unique drying character that is felt across the whole pallet. I am not a fan of sweet beers, so it was important to me that this beer have lots of deep blackberry fruit and a deep respect for the saison's dry palate.

### Thrillseeker

West Coast IPA  
**Beachwood BBQ and Brewing** - Long Beach, CA  
**7% ABV, 99 IBU** - Available in 20oz bottles, draft  
**Grain:** American 2-row malt, extra light caramel malt  
**Hops:** Chinook, Summit, Centennial, and Simcoe

### Black Phoenix

Chipotle Coffee Stout  
**Bootleggers Brewery** - Fullerton, CA  
**6.7% ABV** - Limited, bottles, draft

Black Phoenix melds rich bold coffee with the smokey flavors of chipotle peppers, giving it just a touch of heat. To insure the freshest coffee available, we had our local Orange County friends, Kean Coffee, custom roast a batch for us. This special release will only be available in limited quantities so enjoy it while it lasts.

### Wolf Among Weeds

IPA  
**Golden Road Brewery** - Atwater Village, CA  
**8% ABV, 80 IBU** - Available in 16oz cans, draft  
**Grain:** Two row, caramel 70L  
**Hops:** Galena, AWarrior, Cascade, Zythos, Simcoe

his beer is a balanced showcase of the majestic hop specie, in Latin, Humulus Lupulus, which translates "Wolf Among Weeds". It's our celebration of California's enthusiasm for hop-forward IPAs.

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### Emails

Beerists,

Bit of an oddball question...but here goes. Have you ever had a beer that was good at two different periods of time and not-so-good at one point in between? I've been drinking a lot of the famous On The Wings of Armageddon beer I told you about (And I hope to bring to Austin) and I noticed that it tastes better now in a milder sort of way.

When I first had it, it was incredible and one of the best Imperial IPAs I've ever had. After 3-4 weeks, tasted strange, where it felt like the carbonation was interfering with the taste of the hops and removing some of the flavor. Now that I've had it after about 6-7 weeks, it tastes amazing again, thanks to most of the carbonation leaving. It much smoother with the strong, balanced hoppy flavors coming back in a big way.

Has that ever happened to you guys? I feel like it's very possible with Imperial Stouts and Barleywines, but this was exceptionally different as it is an IIPA. Just to clarify, it is a canned beer, with 9.2% ABV and it is only brewed with Falconer's Flight. Checking if that helps at all.

Thanks for answering the question! Can't wait to meet you all and really talk about all the fantastic beers you recommended on the show.

-Scott\_PJ.

### iTunes Shouts

**Flye777** says we're a newbie's definitive resource for a look into the glorious world of craft beer.

**Ben Kalziqi** loves going down the list and finding beers and shows about which he's interested in hearing our opinions.

**Rancor Hi-5** sends his love from Boise, and we offer excellent beer knowledge without pretension. Also, he thinks we sound like people he'd actually love to drink with.

**Wallance** says we provide honest opinions with clear, intelligent reasoning. The more Wallance drinks along with us, the more he/she learns.

**K Mulcahy 87** says we're really descriptive, accessible, entertaining and educational (edutaining?)

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