



FRIEND

BELGIAN TRIPEL

This is the second year that Village Brewery has hosted the Village Friend. This year's beer is a collaboration with Calgary's newest local brewery, Banded Peak Brewing (Plainsbreaker Hopped Wheat Ale from a previous CCC package). On a large scale, it is always the intention of the fine folks at Village to help build the community and, in this particular case and with this particular beer, the community is their friends in the brewing industry. Their intention is to help smaller breweries with funds to build up their operations. Last year they helped out The Dandy Brewing Company (Dandy in the Underworld Oyster Stout and Plum Sour from past CCC packages) and this year, Village is helping Banded Peak with the purchase of their lab equipment.

From Village Brewery - "We are all in this together and their success is our success. It takes a Village after all."



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VILLAGE BREWERY & BANDED PEAK BREWERY

CALGARY, ALBERTA

MALTS: PILSNER, RED SHED BISCUIT AND VIENNA

HOPS: GALENA, TETTNANG, HALLERTAU



HOW IT LOOKS

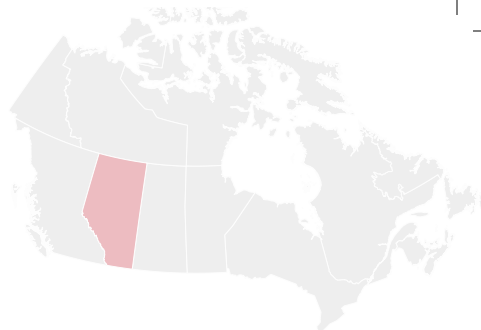
This beer pours a clear, medium gold colour with a small, thin head that dissipates quickly and leaves spotty lacing on the glass.

HOW IT SMELLS

Beret's bright aromas are funky and tart on the nose. Leading with dry apple and white wine, the raspberry contributes to a bright and tart addition that melds with some hay, barnyard funk and earthy yeast smells.

FOOD PAIRING

Tripels love basil. A simple vegetable pasta works because the herb and spice flavours in the beer merge with the pesto while the mid-palate sweetness grabs hold of the vegetables. Or if it's pizza night, go with a margherita. The booze and bubbles will cut through the cheese, but the lighter body and flavours won't overwhelm.



HOW IT TASTES

On the palate, this brew showcases a beautiful marriage of spicy, fruity flavours supported by a soft, malt character. Some complex but gentle spicy characteristics show in the realm of pepper, with lots of grains and a mid-palate, low sweetness. This medium-bodied beer has good carbonation and finishes dry with a bit of a boozy kick and a touch of bitterness.

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