#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015 AT 9:16 AM**

# Four Brewers, S2E9 Notes

## Hoppy Episode

- John Ryti on the show
- Nagel homebrew
  - made a hopback, used Saaz hops in it
  - used Saaz because he had a bag of whole leaf
  - bittered with Nelson Sauvin
  - #firstshowthirdshow
  - Matt brought up Artifex little growler, 1L
  - Jason's Duet growler cap broke in the car, spilled beer everywhere
  - Lots of Saaz on this beer
    - smell like a massive Czech pilsner
    - spicy, Saaz pop
    - earthy, grassy
  - brewed in Cali when it was cold weather
    - borrowed an aquarium heater, it turned out to be broken
    - beer got up to 100°
    - used WLP 568
      - ok to go that high with that yeast on temperature
      - the blend helps minimize the finicky nature of WLP
        565
  - John likes the beer
  - Greg did a split batch
    - 2.5gallons in a corny keg for this beer
    - fermented the rest with Brett Trois
    - Matt talks about how scientists found that Brett Trois isn't actually brettanomyces strain
  - Greg's beer started fermenting 4 hours after pitch
  - John's saison with keg conditioned ECY34 is still fermenting, pitched 12-2014
  - Jason likes the beer, can drink mass quantities
  - Matt says rustic farmhouse-y
  - Grain bill
    - Belgian Pils
    - 1 pound rye

- ABV, started at OG 1.054, ended at 1.004
- good stuff
- Next beer: Sorachi Ace Showers from Noble Ale Works
  - Matt doesn't like Sorachi Ace hops
  - At the Noble anniversary, people said it smelled of Dill
  - Jason's "Dill or No Dill" joke...
  - Nagel: fresh this was like a pina colada.
  - bottle says dill as well
  - coconut notes on nose
  - John says not a perfume-y on the nose
  - Jason: Lemon Pledge... not a fan
  - Matt not getting perfume, no plastic like he normally gets
  - Nagel: waxy coconut
  - John: nice mouthfeel and malt characteristic
    - tasty, balanced IPA
  - Jason doesn't like it
    - like he's drinking perfume, malted perfume
  - Matt: not hating this beer
    - likes it more than Jason
    - Jason agrees
  - Jason liked Mosaic, Citra, Nelson, Simcoe Showers beers
  - Nagel and Evan Price have the same barber
    - barber says he understands hops because of these beers
    - David Walker has beautiful hair
    - Steve Vai uses a fan on stage to look rad, like Michael Jackson
    - Black or White era of Michael Jackson was the best MJ
    - MJ was an alien?
  - Matt doesn't hate the beer
    - likes just a little Sorachi in beers
  - Jason doesn't like lemon in beer
- Next beers: Alpine Brewing beers, made at Green Flash
  - Jason went to San Diego pick up bottles at AleSmith
    - went to Societe, Mike Sardina donated a growler of The Miser
      - triple IPA
    - went to Green Flash
      - never been to their new location
      - everything was priced well
      - growler fills were \$7 for 32oz growlers
  - Hoppy Birthday, Nelson, Duet from Green Flash

- Duet growler cap broke in Jason's car, so no Duet on the show
- People say these Alpine beers at Green Flash are not as good as Alpine beers
  - John: can people let Green Flash dial in these beers? Calm down...
  - scaling is a huge issue. Alpine is small, Green Flash is huge.
- Hoppy Birthday:
  - Pretty hoppy for a Pale Ale
  - Nagel: hoppiest pale ale he's had
  - 5.4% ABV
  - Ryti: Alpine have a distinct aroma to their beers
  - Matt: resin character
  - Jason Pine
  - John hasn't had Hoppy Birthday
  - Keene Idea was on at FWIBF
    - all Four Brewers will be at FWIBF (Firestone Walker Invitational Beer Fest)
    - Ryti didn't get tickets
    - Jason booked a hotel last December
  - Matt: beer is highly carbonated, or has no body
  - Nagel: long lasting bitterness
  - John thinks the beer is pine
  - Jason: a lot of pine and a bitter punch
    - old school west coast IPA type of beer
    - Matt: when Citra came out, people seem to only want passion fruit hops
    - Citra was the tipping point for that taste change in IPA

### • Nelson:

- Jason looked up a homebrew recipe for Nelson
  - hops are 50% Southern Cross, 50% Nelson
  - New Zealand hops blew up around the time Southern Cross came out
  - Matt: tropical passion fruit with "continental spiciness"
- Matt: this beer turned him on to Nelson hops 5 or 6 years ago
- Jason: Nelson seemed like a fad
  - breweries used it a lot at first, then tapered off
  - Matt: hard hop to get

- Nagel: beer is cloudy?
  - Jason: beer isn't filtered at Alpine
    - same beer brewed at Green Flash was very cloudy, so Green Flash filtered it
  - Matt: could be due to hydrostatic pressure
    - could affect flocculation?
    - hydrostatic pressure affect autolysis
    - This was a guess by Matt
- Nagel: This beer is delicious
- Jason: Alpine isn't a very consistent brewery
  - people tend to romanticize the brewery
- Talk about @DontDrinkBeer
- Jason: tastes really good
  - Orange flavor, cloudy
  - cloudy beer isn't necessarily bad beer
- Talked about TRVE brewing and how metal and cool they are
- Next beer: The Miser from Societe
  - Mike Sardina hooked up 4B
  - Shout outs to IRC
    - Sean Pierce
    - BIG\_ (Armando)
  - Jason worried since rubber seal appeared to be leaking
  - Matt asks Mike to provide info on IRC (he's in the chat)
    - Mike says The Miser has Simcoe, Amarillo, Mosaic, and El Dorado hops
  - Matt, smells great
  - 10%, triple IPA
  - Matt does Ira Glass impression
  - Nice backbone
  - Matt: were these whole leaf hops?
  - Jason: we need to get down to Societe
    - John: we hit our \$50 level on Patreon
    - Thanks Patrons!
    - Jason likes that we are listener supported, with ads for beer events, etc.
  - Mike says this beer was all pellet hops
  - Talked about AB Super Bowl commercial
    - Beer fans were trolled
  - Matt: has some heft to the body, maybe sugary
    - Jason: the hops might be causing that, due to El Dorado

hops

- Nagel: has a bit of astringency on the back end
- Talked about Moon Shot beer, beer made with caffeine
- Nagel stealth douche joke about Ed Hardy beer
  - The Bruery brought a beer named "Summer's Eve" to Firkfest last year.
- John doesn't know the order of seasons
  - Ryti: it snowed in Temecula, CA
  - John saw a lot of snow going down the 15 from the 91
- Matt: all great beers

### **END SHOW**

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