



Ass Over Applectart Autumn Apple Ale

Is this a reference to the donkey pulling the cart, or are we talking about the ass-clown doing the driving? We think the answer is rather obvious, simply because we can't imagine the donkey hoisting a pint (or six in this case!) of this wonderful autumn apple ale. Too bad for the donkey, because think about what it's missing—a frosty mug of amber beauty with toasty malts and caramel sweetness with a lovely kiss of autumn apple and supreme drinkability that will convince you that a pint a day keeps the doctor away—unless of course you're the ass who doesn't know how to drive an applectart and you find yourself dumped in the ditch. On the bright side, you managed not to spill your beer—so cheers to you (ass-clown) and your pint of this amazing autumn apple ale!

Just the Facts, Ma'am:

BJCP Style: 20. Fruit Beer
Original Specific Gravity: 1.058 - 1.062
Final Specific Gravity: 1.012 - 1.016
Alcohol by Volume: 6.0%
Color: 9 SRM (Amber, like the apple of you eye!)
International Bittering Units: 19
Time to Awesome Drinkability: 5 Weeks!

Your recipe kit includes the freshest malt, hops and yeast. If you are not going to brew your recipe immediately, it is important to refrigerate your yeast and hops. If your recipe includes bags of malt syrup, these should be refrigerated too. Bags of dried malt do not require refrigeration. Also, all grains are best stored at dry room temperature.

Ingredients:

Fermentables:

4.4 lbs. Munich Malt Extract Syrup
2.2 lbs. Wheat Malt Extract Syrup
1 lb Amber Candy Sugar

Grains & Wort Additives:

10 oz 20L Crystal Malt (Crushed)

Hops:

1 oz Target Hops (Bittering, 60 Minutes)

Yeast:

Liquid Yeast: Wyeast 1272 American II Ale Yeast Or
Wyeast 1968 Special London Ale Yeast

Or

Dry Yeast: Mangrove Jack's M36 Liberty Bell Ale OR Cellar Science CALI Ale

Brewing Supplies & Flavors:

4 oz Natural Apple Extract (Add One Day Before Bottling)
1 Muslin Bag
5 oz Priming Sugar

Optional Flavors:

If you would like to add a taste of cinnamon to your brew to make it an apple & cinnamon autumn ale, then use the included cinnamon sticks.

2 Cinnamon Sticks (Add to Spice Potion)

Brew Day Checklist:

On brew day, you will require the following equipment:

- Brew Pot - A 5 gallon brew pot is ideal, but never use a pot that is less than 4 gallons.
- Long-handled spoon or paddle for stirring the boiling wort.
- Primary Fermenter - A 6½ gallon (or greater) food-grade plastic bucket with lid, or a 6½ glass carboy.
- Airlock
- Stopper (if using a carboy)
- Funnel (if using a carboy)
- Hydrometer (Optional, if you want to measure your specific gravity)
- Sanitizing Solution
- Scissors
- Glass Jar with Lid (for spice potion)

Preparation of the Spice Potion!

On brew day, if you are using the optional cinnamon sticks, chop the sticks into small pieces and place them in a jar with 1 cup of vodka. Screw on a tight fitting lid and let the spices soak in the vodka until bottling time.

Note: Don't hesitate to use the least expensive "rot-gut" vodka you can find. The quality of vodka has no effect on the final quality of the spice potion.

The Magical Procedure:

Liquid Yeast Activation Before Brewing:

If you are fermenting with liquid yeast, you must activate the yeast packet before it is ready to pitch. Always check the manufacturing date stamped on the yeast packet. Yeast that is less than 1 month old may be activated on brew day. A yeast that is more than 2 months old may require additional preparation time. Always make sure your yeast has been properly activated before using. For more information about yeast starters, please visit the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section on boomchugalug.com.

Time to Brew!

Total Boiling Time: 60 Minutes. While your wort is boiling, you should sanitize your fermentation equipment, such as your primary fermenter, airlock, scissors, stopper, etc. After you have sanitized your fermenter, fill it with 2 gallons of cold water, into which you will later add your hot boiled wort.

1. Place the crushed grains in a muslin bag and add to 2¼ gallons of water. To ensure proper hop bitterness, measure this volume carefully.
2. Heat water until the temperature is between 150 and 170 degrees. Steep the grains between this temperature range for 30 minutes. There is no harm in steeping the grains for longer than 30 minutes.

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Flip the sheet to continue the magic. Also, this is a good time to pour a cold one! →





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3. Remove and discard the grains. Add the malt extract and candy sugar. Stir until dissolved. Bring this mixture to a boil.
4. When boiling begins, add 1 oz of Target hops. Boil these hops for the entire 60 minutes.

Chill out, Man! (Chill the Wort)

1. At the end of the 60 minute boil, cool the wort to approximately 75°F as quickly as possible. With extract brewing, the easiest way to quick-chill the wort is to place your brew pot into a sink full of ice. For more information about cooling your wort quickly, please see 'Fast Wort Chilling' in the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section on our website.
2. Add your chilled wort to the 2 gallons of water already in your fermenter.
3. Add any extra water needed to bring the total volume in your fermenter to 5 gallons.
4. If you would like to measure the specific gravity, now is a good time. To get an accurate reading, it is important to make sure all of the heavy wort extract you added to the fermenter has been completely mixed in the water.

Pitch the Yeast! (Into the Wort, But Not Out the Window!)

1. When your wort has cooled to approximately 75°F (70° - 78°F is okay), aerate the wort before adding the yeast. Simply close the fermenter and swirl around to mix in oxygen. If you are swirling a carboy, it is helpful to place the carboy on a thick, folded blanket to avoid damaging the vessel.
2. After aerating, pitch (add) the yeast. Use the sanitized scissors to cut open the yeast packet. If you are using liquid yeast, sanitize the pack before opening. If you are using dried yeast, simply sprinkle the yeast over the wort. No mixing is necessary.
3. Close the fermenter, attach the airlock, and keep the fermenter warm (between 70° - 78°F) until you see fermentation beginning, such as the airlock bubbling once every 30 seconds. Wrapping the fermenter with a blanket is an easy way to keep the fermenter warm.

Fermentation:

There are several ways to know when fermentation has begun. First, you will begin to see bubbling through the airlock. If you are using a carboy, then you will usually see the yeast begin to form a layer over the beer's surface.

1. Once fermentation begins, move the fermenter to a room with the proper temperature. The ideal temperature to ferment this beer is between 63° - 75°F. Do not let the temperature drop below 63°F. If you do, fermentation may stop too soon. That's a bummer, man.
2. Active fermentation may take as long as two weeks after pitching the yeast, although fermentation may finish in 3 to 5 days.
3. If you choose to siphon the beer to secondary carboy for additional clearing and maturation, do so when fermentation begins to slow. If you will not be using a secondary, allow fermentation to complete in the primary fermenter.
4. One or two days before bottling, add the apple flavor to the fermenter. If you are using the cinnamon sticks, then shake the cinnamon mixture and dump the whole thing (chunky pieces and all!) into the fermenter. No need to stir - all of the flavors will mix naturally on their own. Also, the chunky stuff will settle to the bottom of the fermenter and will be left behind later when you siphon the beer to the bottling bucket.

Time to Bottle!

There are several ways to tell when fermentation is complete (besides your drooling). If you correctly pitched the yeast and fermentation quickly began, and if the beer

fermented vigorously and the fermenter was always within the correct temperature range (63° - 75°F), then fermentation should finish in two weeks or less. You should see virtually no activity in the airlock. For example, if the airlock only bubbles once a minute or longer, then fermentation should be complete. If you are unsure if fermentation has ended, you may use your hydrometer to measure the specific gravity. If your specific gravity does not change after two or more days, then fermentation is complete and you are ready to bottle!

1. Before bottling, sanitize your bottling bucket, auto siphon (or racking cane), hose, bottle filler, caps and bottles. Glass bottles may be sanitized one day in advance by baking them in the oven. More information about baking your bottles can be found under 'Baking Beer Bottles' in the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section on our website.
2. Dissolve 5 ounces (by weight) or 3/4 cup of corn sugar in a 16 oz of water. Boil for 5 minutes. Corn sugar is sometimes called dextrose or priming sugar.
3. Add the secret spice potion.

Note: In your spice potion jar, the apple pie spice solids will have settled to the bottom of the jar. When pouring the spice potion into the bottling bucket, pour slowly, only pouring the liquid solution into the bottling bucket. Be careful to leave behind the chunky stuff on the jar's bottom. If you should accidentally pour over some of the chunky sediment - no problem! Just do your best to leave it behind.

Place your fermenter on the counter and your bottling bucket on the floor. First, pour the sugar solution into the bottling bucket, and then gently pour the liquid portion of the spice potion into the bottling bucket. When pouring the spice potion, pour slowly to leave behind the chunky sediment in the jar. Then siphon the beer from the fermenter into the bottling bucket. Siphon carefully, trying to minimize splashing and aeration of the beer. Also when siphoning, be sure to leave behind the sediment at the bottom of the fermenter. There's no problem if you should siphon up a little sediment. When you're done siphoning, gently stir the beer in the bottling bucket to make sure all of the sugar solution has been dissolved. Your racking cane makes a convenient stirring wand.

4. Place your bottling bucket on the counter, and attach your siphon hose and bottle filler to the bucket's spigot. Fill the bottles to about 1 inch from the top, and cap each bottle.

Carbonation and Maturation!

Now that your bottles are primed and capped, the remaining yeast will undergo a second fermentation in the bottle whereby they eat the priming sugar and produce carbon dioxide, which is trapped in the bottle to produce the carbonation. While your beer is carbonating, it will also be clearing and maturing - the young, rough undeveloped flavors develop into your magical beverage! Your wondrous elixir reaches awesome drinkability about 6 weeks from the day you began the brew, but don't be surprised if it keeps getting better as time goes on.

1. Place your bottles in a dark place at room temperature (62°F - 75°F), and wait at least two weeks for the beer to carbonate. It is important to keep the beer between 62°F - 75°F for carbonation to develop. If the beer cools below 62°F, it may not properly carbonate. In brewing, this is officially known as the buzzkill. Keep it warm, let it carbonate!
2. Once your beer is carbonated, you may store it in a cool place. Unfiltered home-brew is unfiltered, and unfiltered beers will improve with time. If your young beer is rough or yeasty, these flavors will mellow over time. Cheers!

