

# DRAGON'S SILK

## ALL-GRAIN

Beware the dragon that lurks in the inky shadows of this potent ale. On the surface, Dragon's Silk Bourbon Barrel Imperial Stout exhibits a facade of chocolate, coffee and approachable roast, but as you delve deeper into the lair you will discover a tremendous hoard of sweet Bourbon, rich oak and smooth notes of opulent vanilla. As black as an underground cavern, this treasure trove of lavish flavors is guarded from above by a dense, protective layer of dark tan foam persisting until the liquid riches have been consumed. We urge you to face off with a pint of this commanding ale, and test your valor to slay the dragon.

**O.G.:** 1.096 | **BREW TIME 12 WEEKS:** 2 WEEKS PRIMARY | 6-8 WEEKS SECONDARY | 2 WEEKS BOTTLE CONDITIONING



### KIT INVENTORY

#### MAILLARD MALTS™ MASH INGREDIENTS - PRE BLENDED

- 16.5 lbs American 2 - Row
- 2 lbs Weyermann® Barke® Munich Malt
- 1 lb Flaked Barley
- 0.5 lb Briess Caramel 120L
- 0.5 lb Briess Caramel 60L
- 0.5 lb Briess Chocolate Malt
- 0.5 lb Briess Black Malt

#### HOPTIMUS REX™ PREMIUM HOPS

- 1 oz Nugget (60 min)
- 1 oz Glacier (15 min)

#### OTHER ADDITIVES

- 3 oz American Medium Plus Toast Oak Cubes - Soak overnight in 12 oz Bourbon
- 12 oz Bourbon (not included)

#### YEAST - (2 PACKS OR AN APPROPRIATE YEAST STARTER)

##### Dry Yeast:

- Fermentis Safale US-05. Optimum temp: 59°-75°F

##### Liquid Yeast Options:

- Omega OYL - 004 West Coast Ale I. Optimum temp: 60°-73°F
- Wyeast 1056 American Ale. Optimum temp: 60°-72°F

#### PRIMING SUGAR

- 5 oz Priming Sugar (save for Bottling Day)

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING

#### YOU WILL NEED:

- Homebrewing starter kit for brewing 5 gallon batches
- All-grain equipment kit with a mash tun and hot liquor tank
- Boiling kettle of at least 8 gallons capacity
- Optional - 5 gallon carboy, with bung and airlock, to use as a secondary fermenter. NOTE: You may skip the secondary fermentation and add an additional 2 weeks to primary fermentation before bottling
- Approximately two cases of either 12 oz. or 22 oz. pry-off style beer bottles

### A FEW HOURS BEFORE BREW DAY

Remove the yeast packs from the refrigerator, and leave it in a warm place (~70°F) to come to pitching temperature. If you are using Wyeast, smack the packs as shown on the back of the package and allow to swell for at least 3 hours. If you are using dry yeast, no action is needed. Do not brew with inactive yeast - contact customer service for advice or a replacement.

### MASH SCHEDULE: SINGLE INFUSION

If you are new to all-grain brewing, we suggest starting with 1.5 quarts of water per pound of grain for the strike water volume. This mash thickness can be adjusted for future brews as you become more comfortable with your equipment.

- Saccharification Rest: 149° F for 60 minutes
- Mashout: 170° F for 10 minutes (optional) - to raise the temperature for mashout, gently apply direct heat while stirring well, or add near boiling water until the target temperature is reached.

Prepare sparge water in your hot liquor tank at a rate of 2 quarts per pound of grain in the recipe, and perform a fly sparge until you have gathered your pre-boil volume (6-7 gallons) in your boil kettle. The sparge should take about an hour for optimal extraction efficiency. You should end up with extra sparge water in your hot liquor tank, you can use this hot water for cleaning later on.

## BOIL ADDITIONS AND TIMES

This recipe calls for a 60 minute boil duration.

- 1 oz Nugget (60 min. - start of the boil)
- 1 oz Glacier (15 min. remaining in the boil)

## AFTER THE BOIL

1. Cool the wort: When the 60 minute boil is finished, cool the wort to 65° - 70°F as rapidly as possible.
2. Sanitize fermenting equipment and yeast packs: While the wort cools, sanitize the fermenting equipment - fermenter, lid or stopper, airlock, funnel, etc - along with the yeast packs.
3. Transfer your cooled wort into the primary fermentation vessel using a valve on the boil kettle, by siphoning from the boil kettle, or pouring the wort into the fermenter.
4. Aerate the wort. Seal the fermenter and rock back and forth to splash for a few minutes, or use an aeration system and diffusion stone.
5. Measure specific gravity of the wort with a hydrometer and record in the "BREWERS NOTES" section. Target gravity for this kit is 1.096.
6. Add your yeast once the temperature of the wort is between 65° - 70°F. Sanitize and open both yeast packs or yeast starter and carefully pour the contents into the primary fermenter.
7. Seal the fermenter. Add approximately 1 tablespoon of sanitizer or clean water to the sanitized airlock. Insert the airlock into the rubber stopper or bucket lid and seal the fermenter.
8. Move the fermenter to a warm, dark, quiet spot until fermentation begins.

## PRIMARY FERMENTATION

9. Active fermentation begins. Within approximately 48 hours of Brewing Day, active fermentation will begin – there will be a cap of foam on the surface of the beer, the specific gravity as measured with a hydrometer will drop steadily, and you may see bubbles come through the fermentation lock. The optimum fermentation temperature for this beer is 66° - 70°F, move the fermenter to a warmer or cooler spot as needed.
10. Active fermentation ends. Approximately 2 weeks after brewing day, active fermentation will end. When the cap of foam falls back into the new beer, bubbling in the air lock slows down or stops, and the specific gravity as measured with a hydrometer is stable, proceed to the next step.

11. Optional - Transfer beer to secondary fermenter. Sanitize siphoning equipment and an airlock and carboy bung or stopper. Siphon the beer from the primary fermenter into the secondary. If you do not have a secondary fermenter, simply leave the beer in the primary fermenter for an additional 4 weeks.

12. Add the Bourbon and oak cube mixture directly to the beer, do not drain off the Bourbon.

## SECONDARY FERMENTATION - OPTIONAL\*

13. Allow the beer to condition in the secondary fermenter for 6 - 8 weeks before proceeding to the next step. Timing is now somewhat flexible. \*See the "YOU WILL NEED" section and Step 11.

## BOTTLING DAY - ABOUT 2 MONTHS AFTER BREWING DAY

14. Sanitize siphoning and bottling equipment.
15. Mix a priming solution (a measured amount of sugar dissolved in water to carbonate the bottled beer). Use the following amounts, depending on which type of sugar you will use:
  - Corn sugar (dextrose) 2/3 cup in 16 oz water.
  - Table sugar (sucrose) 5/8 cup in 16 oz water.Bring the solution to a boil and pour into the bottling bucket.
16. Siphon beer into bottling bucket and mix with priming solution. Stir gently to mix—don't splash.
17. Fill and cap bottles.

## CONDITIONING - ABOUT 2 WEEKS AFTER BOTTLING DAY

18. Condition bottles at room temperature for 2 weeks. After this point, the bottles can be stored cool or cold.
19. Serving. Pour into a clean glass, being careful to leave the layer of sediment at the bottom of the bottle. Cheers!

## BREWER'S NOTES

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