



NORTHERN BREWER

O.G.	ABV	IBU	BREW TIME: 8 WEEKS
1.050	5.3%	22	Primary: 3 Weeks
			Secondary: 3 Weeks
			Bottle Conditioning: 2 Weeks

MEXICAN AGAVE LAGER

Combining an incredibly refreshing light lager and distinctly Mexican agave, Mexican Agave Lager is one seriously satisfying beer. This ostensibly uncomplicated recipe produces an elegant, easy sipping lager finishing dry and crisp with understated flavor complexity culminating in a crescendo of herbaceous, grainy hop and malt character laced with striations of mildly honeyed agave charm. Mexican Agave Lager is akin to vacation in a glass, whether actually on vacation, or just relaxing after a long day.

KIT INVENTORY

GRAIN BILL

8 lbs Rahr Premium Pilsner
0.5 lb Briess Carapils

PREMIUM HOPS

1 oz Tettnang **60 min**
1 oz Tettnang **10 min**

OTHER FERMENTABLES

1.5 lbs Agave Syrup

SUGGESTED YEAST

YEAST

DRY YEAST:

Fermentis Saflager W-34/70
Optimum Temp: 48°- 59°F

LIQUID YEAST OPTION:

Omega Yeast OYL-113 Mexican Lager
Optimum temp: 50°- 55°F

White Labs WLP940 Mexican Lager
Optimum temp: 50°- 55°F

BEFORE BREW DAY

- Upon arrival, unpack kit.
- Read all instructions before starting.
- Be sure you have all items listed in the Kit Inventory.
- Refrigerate liquid yeast.
- If making a yeast starter, we suggest 24-48 hrs.
- Contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

YOU WILL NEED

- Homebrewing equipment for brewing 5 gallon batches.
- All-grain equipment kit with mash tun and hot liquor tank
- Boiling kettle (at least 8 gallon capacity).
- Approx. 2 cases of 12 oz or 22 oz pry-off beer bottles.
- **Optional** - 5 gallon carboy, with bung and airlock, to use as secondary fermentor.

A FEW HOURS BEFORE BREW DAY

Remove liquid yeast packages from the refrigerator. Allow to warm to your desired fermentation temperature (~50°F). Check yeast instructions on packet.

BREWING NOTES

KEY STATS

Brew Day Date: _____

Secondary: _____

Important Additions: _____

Bottling/Kegging: _____

Fermentation Temp: _____

Yeast Strain #: _____

Measured OG: _____ FG: _____

MASH SCHEDULE

SINGLE INFUSION

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

Saccharification Rest: 154° F for 60 minutes

Mashout: 170° F for 10 minutes (optional)

To raise the temp for mashout, gently apply direct heat while stirring well (if using a kettle), or add near boiling water until target temp is reached.

Prepare sparge water in hot liquor tank at a rate of 2 quarts per pound of grain. Perform a fly sparge until you reach pre-boil volume (6-7 gallons) in your kettle. Sparge should take about an hour for optimal extraction efficiency. You should end with extra sparge water in hot liquor tank. Use this hot water to clean later on.

BOIL ADDITIONS & TIMES

Total time: 90 mins

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| - 1 oz Tettnang | - 1 oz Tettnang |
| 60 min remaining | 10 min remaining |
| - 1.5 lbs Agave Syrup | |
| 10 min remaining | |

PRIMARY FERMENTATION

- Within 48 hours Active fermentation begins.**
You'll see a cap of foam on the surface of the beer. Specific gravity as measured with a hydrometer will drop steadily. You may see bubbles in the fermentation lock. The optimum temp. for this beer is 50°- 55°F.
- Within 3 weeks Active fermentation ends.**
Proceed to next step when:
 - Cap of foam falls back into the beer.
 - Bubbling in airlock slows down or stops.
 - Specific gravity as measured with a hydrometer is stable.

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NOTE: You may skip transferring to secondary fermentor and simply leave the beer in the primary fermentor.

- Allow the beer to rest at room temperature for 5-7 days before proceeding. This is called a diacetyl rest and will help eliminate any off-flavors in the beer
- Sanitize siphoning equipment, airlock, carboy bung or stopper. Siphon beer from primary fermentor into secondary. (optional - see above)
- Allow the beer to condition (lager) in a refrigerator near freezing temperatures for 3 weeks before proceeding to the next step. Timing is now somewhat flexible.

AFTER THE BOIL

- When 90 minute boil is finished, remove from heat.
- Cool wort to 50°-55°F ASAP.
- Sanitize fermenting equipment and yeast packs: While wort cools, sanitize fermenting equipment (fermentor, lid or stopper, airlock, funnel, etc) along with yeast packs.
- Transfer cooled wort into primary fermentation vessel using valve on boil kettle, siphoning from boil kettle, OR pouring wort into fermentor.
- Aerate wort. Seal fermentor and rock back and forth to splash for a few minutes, or use an aeration system and diffusion stone.
- Measure specific gravity of wort with a hydrometer. Record. Target gravity for this kit is 1.050.
- Add yeast once temp of wort is between 50°-55°F. Sanitize and open yeast packs. Carefully pour contents into primary fermentor.
- Add 1 tbsp of sanitizer or clean water to sanitized airlock. Insert airlock into rubber stopper or bucket lid. Seal fermentor.
- Move fermentor to a cool (preferably a temperature controlled refrigerator), dark, quiet spot until fermentation begins.

BOTTLING DAY (ABOUT 6 WEEKS AFTER BREWING DAY)

- Sanitize siphoning and bottling equipment.
- Mix a priming solution (sugar dissolved in water; carbonates bottled beer). Use the following amounts, depending on which type of sugar you use:
 - Corn sugar (dextrose) 2/3 cup in 16oz water.
 - Table sugar (sucrose) 5/8 cup in 16oz water.Bring solution to a boil. Pour into bottling bucket.
- Siphon beer into bottling bucket and mix with priming solution. Stir gently to mix - *do not splash*.
- Fill and cap bottles.

CONDITIONING (ABOUT 8 WEEKS AFTER BREWING DAY)

- Condition bottles at room temp. for 1-2 weeks. After this point, store bottles cool or cold.
- Serving: Pour into a clean glass. Be careful to leave any sediment at the bottom of the bottle. Cheers!

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