

# LEMONDROP SAISON

Often times, two things combine so perfectly that the end result is far greater than the sum of its parts - peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, Hall & Oates - the list goes on and on. With this simple recipe, the same holds true. Pronounced flavors of lemon, melon and herbal undertones make Lemondrop hops a natural fit for the fruity esters and spicy phenolics inherent to the classic Saison style. Pouring with perfect synergy, Lemondrop Saison flaunts a deep golden color, moderate bitterness, a dry finish and an astounding depth of flavor. Be sure to ferment this recipe on the warm side to ensure full flavor development.

**O.G:** 1.060 | **BREW TIME 6 WEEKS:** 1-2 WEEKS PRIMARY | 1-2 WEEKS SECONDARY | 1-2 WEEKS BOTTLE CONDITIONING



## KIT INVENTORY

### MAILLARD MALTS™ SPECIALTY GRAIN

- 0.25 lbs Weyermann Caramunich I

### MAILLARD MALTS EXTRACTS & OTHER FERMENTABLES

- 6 lbs Pilsen malt syrup
- 1 lb Wheat DME (10 min late addition)
- 1 lb Corn sugar (10 min late addition)

### HOPTIMUS REX™ PREMIUM HOPS

- 0.5 oz US Magnum (60 min)
- 1 oz Lemondrop (10 min)
- 1 oz Lemondrop (0 min)

### YEAST

#### Dry Yeast:

- Fermentis Safale BE-134. Optimum temp: 64°-82°F

#### Liquid Yeast Options:

- Omega OYL-500 Saisonstein's Monster. Optimum temp: 65°-78°F
- Wyeast 3711 French Saison. Optimum temp: 65°-77°F

## UPON ARRIVAL UNPACK THE KIT

- Be sure you have all items listed in the Kit Inventory (above)
- **Refrigerate the yeast**
- Contact us immediately if you have any questions or concerns!

## READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Homebrewing starter kit for brewing 5 gallon batches
- Boiling kettle of at least 3.5 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 liquid yeast package from the refrigerator, and leave it in a warm place (~70°F) to come to pitching temperature. If you are using Wyeast, smack the pack as shown on the back of the package and allow to swell for at least 3 hours. Do not brew with inactive yeast - contact customer service for advice or a replacement. If you are using dry yeast, no action is needed.

## ON BREWING DAY

1. Heat 2.5 gallons of water.
2. Pour crushed grain into the supplied mesh bag, and tie the open end in a knot. Steep for 20 minutes or until water reaches 170°F. Remove bag, drain and discard.
3. Bring to a boil, remove the kettle from the burner and stir in the 6 lbs Pilsen malt syrup.
4. Return wort to boil. The mixture is now called "wort", the brewer's term for unfermented beer. NOTE: Total boil time for this recipe is 60 minutes.
  - Add 0.5 oz Magnum hops (half the packet) at the beginning of the boil. The remainder will not be used.
  - Add 1 oz Lemondrop hops, 1 lb Wheat DME and 1 lb Corn sugar with 10 minutes remaining in the boil.
  - Add the remaining 1 oz Lemondrop hops with 0 minutes remaining in the boil, and remove from heat.
5. Cool the wort. When the 60-minute boil is finished, cool the wort to approximately 100°F as rapidly as possible. Use a wort chiller, or put the kettle in an ice bath in your sink.

## ON BREWING DAY – CONTINUED

6. Sanitize fermenting equipment and yeast pack. While the wort cools, sanitize the fermenting equipment – fermenter, lid or stopper, airlock, funnel, etc – along with the yeast packet.
7. Fill primary fermenter with 2 gallons of cold water, then pour in the cooled wort. Leave any thick sludge in the bottom of the kettle.
8. Add more cold water as needed to bring the volume to 5 gallons.
9. 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.
10. Optional - Measure specific gravity of the wort with a hydrometer and record in the "BREWERS NOTES" section.
11. Add yeast once the temperature of the wort is 75°F or lower (not warm to the touch). Sanitize and open the yeast pack and carefully pour the contents into the primary fermenter.
12. Seal the fermenter. Add approximately 1 tablespoon of water to the sanitized fermentation lock. Insert the airlock into rubber stopper or lid, and seal the fermenter.
13. Move the fermenter to a warm, dark, quiet spot until fermentation begins.

## PRIMARY FERMENTATION

14. 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 69 - 75° F. Move the fermenter to a warmer or cooler spot as needed.
15. Active fermentation ends. Approximately one to two 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.
16. 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.

## SECONDARY FERMENTATION - OPTIONAL\*

17. Allow the beer to condition in the secondary fermenter for 1-2 weeks before proceeding with the next step. Timing now is somewhat flexible. \*See the "YOU WILL NEED" section and step 16.

## BOTTLING DAY - ABOUT 1 MONTH AFTER BREWING DAY

18. Sanitize siphoning and bottling equipment.
19. 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.
20. Siphon beer into bottling bucket and mix with priming solution. Stir gently to mix—don't splash.
21. Fill and cap bottles.

## CONDITIONING - ABOUT 1 MONTH AFTER BOTTLING DAY

22. Condition bottles at room temperature for 1–2 weeks. After this point, the bottles can be stored cool or cold.
23. Serving. Pour into a clean glass, being careful to leave the layer of sediment at the bottom of the bottle. Cheers!

## BREWERS NOTES

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