

Mix pack

Progression Cape Time- Progression Brewing is located on Pearl Street in Northampton, Massachusetts. This is their fifth year in business, making a name for themselves with hazy ipas and bold stouts. Cape Time is a hazy New England hopped primarily with Simcoe to give notes of pineapple and orange.

Burlington Beer Company Glacier Palace- Glacier Palace is a collaboration between Singlecut out of New York and Burlington Beer Co. from the green mountains of Vermont. It features local Vermont hops from Champlain Valley hop farm and hopped like a hazy ipa, but fermented cold with a lager yeast. This will make for a beer with all the big fruit flavors you'd expect from a hazy, but with a dryer finish and a lighter body.

Jack's Abby Maifest- Most people are probably unaware that there is a Springtime counterpart to Oktoberfest and that is, Maifest! The local lager legends in Framingham have naturally made their own version of the lager served at said festival. The description from Jack's Abby: "Celebrate the arrival of warmer weather with Maifest. This golden lager, named after the springtime counterpart to Oktoberfest, features Pilsner malt and noble hops for sweet and balanced taste."

Notch German Afternoons- Speaking of lager legends, the ever so meticulous and technical brewers at Notch have released a German pilsner brewed with their favorite German hops, Spalter Select. Here's the description from Notch: "Brewed with 100% Bavarian heirloom Pils malt, Perle, and Spalter Select hops and fermented with a classic bavarian yeast strain. German Afternoons has an upfront malt fullness that quickly leads to a pleasant drying balanced bitterness. Named for the John Prine album, a German Afternoon is a spontaneous afternoon spent enjoying yourself, with a beer or two, instead of doing the errands or chores you "should" be doing."

Moat Mountain Hoffman Weiss- Next up, we have another classic style from a brewery that knows their way around traditional beer styles. Hoffman Weiss is a classic Bavarian-style wheat beer that gets its unique flavor of banana and white pepper from the unique yeast strain that is used.

Rising Tide Chart Topper Summer Lager- We close out the mix pack with a thirst quenching take on a pilsner from Rising Tide out of Portland, Maine. This was brewed using 2-Row Pale malt grown in Maine, Pilsner malt and Saphir hops. The floral, lemony Saphir hops are used to balance out the light breadly sweetness of the malts.

Hop Heads

Fat Orange Cat 4th of July Kittens- We haven't seen beer from this brewery in awhile, so we figured we'd have to start off the hop heads right with a limited release. 4th of July Kittens is

a once-per-year variant of their Baby Kittens ipa. This features a hop combination of Mosaic, Centennial and Simcoe, which offers up a bouquet of grapefruit and orange.

Equilibrium Pog Bubbles- Pog Bubbles is Equilibrium's first foray into utilizing Thiolized yeast, meaning the yeast had been exposed to plant-based precursors to help create even more intense flavors of passion fruit, guava and grapefruit. In addition to Thiolized yeast, Equilibrium also used Phantasm powder derived from Sauvignon Blanc grape skins to have even more thiol characteristics. Lastly, the beer was hopped with the legendary Citra & Galaxy, need we say anymore?

Kettlehead I feel Like Amazing Bucks- Kettlehead coming in hot with a new Double IPA. I feel like amazing bucks is pink grapefruit, candied mango and orange upfront, with a slightly pithy, zesty bitter finish that doesn't balance the sweetness much. A smooth double with very little bitterness.

Little Willow Gone Camping- Another one of our favorite breweries, we have a new Double IPA offering from Little Willow. Gone Camping isn't just a new beer, it also features Citra and a brand new hop blend, NewZilla. We haven't tried this beer yet, or anything with "NewZilla" for that matter, so we'll rely on a description of the expected hop profile from the hop farm: "NewZilla is a proprietary blend of New Zealand hops available exclusively from Hop Alliance, in collaboration with our NZ partners, PikiMai Hops. This new hop blend boasts tropical fruit flavors with notes of lemon, lime, stone fruit, figs, apricot, peach, gooseberry, and orange."

Widowmaker Polychronic Tomb- The metal heads at Widowmaker Brewing have brought us another fantastic hazy IPA. This time we have a beer with the flavor and body of a double ipa, but it is actually 6% single. Candied pineapple and grapefruit, balanced with a light earthiness on the finish and wrapped up in a soft, creamy mouthfeel.

Shire Took A Boat to Church- We close out with this underrated brewery out of The Berkshires in Dalton, Massachusetts. They have a full kitchen at their taproom and are making solid-to-great versions of many different beer styles. Took A Boat to Church is a single New England IPA Double Dry-hopped with Citra and Strata, offering up an aroma and flavor of a tropical bouquet.