

St. Gambrinus's Spiced Holiday Ale – A spiced amber ale for the holidays!

Rich malts and aromatic spices combine to create the ultimate spiced holiday ale! Amber isn color, this beer is a malty pleasure to drink, right down to the last drop! St. Gambrinus's Spiced Holiday Ale is best enjoyed by the fire, surrounded by friends and loved ones alike.

BEER SPECS

Original Gravity:

1.049 —1.051 @ 65% efficiency 1.053 —1.055 @ 70% efficiency 1.057 —1.059 @ 75% efficiency Final Gravity: 1.011—1.014

IBU: 23-28

ABV%: 4.6% - 6.3% **Yield:** 5 Gallons

NOT INCLUDED IN KIT

Irish Moss (for clarity, optional)

Yeast

Bottle Caps (53 caps needed)

Priming Sugar or Brown Sugar for priming

Spices

MASH & FERMENTATION

Suggested Mash Temperature:

A moderate mash temperature is recommended to create a beer with good body and richness. We suggest a mash temperature of 152° - 154°F.

Fermentation Schedule:

We recommend a primary fermentation of two weeks at 64° - 72°F. A secondary fermentation is recommended to improve clarity, reduce sedimentation and for dryspicing. Leave dry spices in contact with the beer for 4-7 days. If not doing a secondary fermentation, we recommend adding the dry spices after primary fermentation is complete.

RECIPE DETAILS

8.5 lbs. 2-Row Brewer's Malt

1.5 lbs. Dark Munich (Munich II) Malt

1.0 lb. Honey Malt

0.50 lb. Simpson's Dark Crystal Malt

FERMENTABLES

60 minute boil

0.5 oz.	Northern Brewer hops, added at the beginning of the boil
0.5 oz.	Northern Brewer hops, added 30 min from the end of the boil
1.0 tsp.	Irish moss (optional), added 20 min from the end of the boil
2	Cinnamon sticks, added 10 min from the end of the boil (not included)
0.5 tsp.	Ground ginger, added 10 min from the end of the boil (not included)
0.5 oz.	Bitter orange peel, added 10 min from the end of the boil BOIL SCHEDULE

0.25 tsp. Ground allspice, added as a dry spice in secondary (not included)
0.25 tsp. Ground cardamom, added as a dry spice in secondary (not included)
0.25 tsp. Ground cinnamon, added as a dry spice in secondary (not included)

For an even richer spice flavor, use dry, whole spices instead of ground, and fresh grated or chopped ginger. Crush the spices coarsely and dry roast in a cast-iron skillet for 2-3 minutes over medium heat while stirring constantly (All but bitter orange peel and ginger). This will help to release the aromatic compounds of the dry spices and impart a wonderful spice character to the beer!

You may try priming this beer with brown sugar instead of corn sugar for additional flavor! Use 4.5 oz if bottling, and slightly less than 1/3 cup if kegging.

YEAST SUGGESTIONS: Wyeast #1728 Scottish Ale, Wyeast #1335 British Ale II, or Nottingham dry yeast

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