

LOVE2BREW

NIGHTHAWK – IMPERIAL BLACK IPA (PARTIAL MASH)



Get ready to dive into the darkness with the Nighthawk Imperial Black IPA. This beer means business, an incredibly hop forward flavor and aroma attacks your senses from first sip. Using an impressive 12 oz. of hops we blend our favorite American varieties to create a complex and long lasting hop experience of tropical fruits, orange, and a lemon finish. Pours Midnight Black with an off white head this brew forgoes the heavy roast and astringency you would expect, instead supporting the hops with a slight roasty chocolate malt backbone to add an entirely new dimension to your new favorite IPA.

KIT STATISTICS

- 2 Weeks Primary Fermentation
- 5 Day Secondary Fermentation
- 6 Weeks Bottle Conditioning
- Original Gravity: 1.084
- 8.4% ABV (Estimated)
- IBUs: 110.9
- SRM: 43.3 (Black)
- 60 Minute Boil

HOME BREW KIT CONTENTS

Malts & Specialty Grains

- 7 lb. Light Malt Extract
- 2 lb. White Wheat Malt
- 1 lb. Blackprinz
- 1 lb. Caramel 10L
- 8 oz. Pale Chocolate Malt

Hops

- 3 oz. US Magnum (Bittering)
- 4 oz. Amarillo (Aroma / Dry Hop)
- 3 oz. Centennial (Aroma / Dry Hop)
- 2 oz. Falconer's Flight (Aroma / Dry Hop)

Yeast Choices

- Safale US-05
- Nottingham Ale Yeast
- California Ale Yeast (WLP001)

Other

- 5 oz. Priming Sugar

Note: Due to the high Original Gravity of this brew we recommend making a yeast starter or purchasing an additional vial of yeast.

EQUIPMENT:

- 2x Brew Kettles (3.5+ gallon capacity)
- Thermometer & Hydrometer
- 2x Fermentation Vessels
- Stirring Spoon
- Airlock
- Blow off tubing
- Bottles
- Racking Equipment
- Sanitizer
- Large Nylon Straining Bag
- Wire/Mesh Strainer

GETTING STARTED:

- If you haven't already done so read the "Basic of Brewing" guide included in your equipment kit.

- Read over the entire contents of this recipe before you brew. This will help avoid any errors. You are adding the malt extract in two separate additions for this batch.

- Upon receiving your kit refrigerate your yeast. One day before your brew day remove your yeast from your refrigerator and allow it reach room temperature. (~70°F)

- Clean and Sanitize all equipment thoroughly; poor sanitization could ruin an otherwise perfect batch.

- Crush grains: Many of our grains come pre-crushed; however it never hurts to examine your specialty grains first. If un-crushed simply using a rolling pin to crush grains.

- You'll need approximately 4 hours to complete this brew. Schedule accordingly.

Note: This brew uses a two-stage dry hopping process.

- After 7 days of primary fermentation you will open your fermentation vessel and add 1 oz. Centennial and 1 oz. Amarillo.

- After an additional week you will transfer to a secondary and dry hop with 1 oz. Falconer's Flight and 1 oz. Amarillo for five (5) days and then keg/bottle your brew.

BREW YOUR BEER

1. Heat 1 gallon (4 qt.) of water to 157°F
2. Turn the burner off and line your brew kettle with the mesh/nylon bag.
3. Slowly add your all crushed grains to the bag lined kettle. Your grain/water mixture is now referred to as the “mash”.
4. Slowly stir your mash until have an even mix of grain and water. Your objective is to achieve an even temperature of **151°F**.
5. Cover your brew kettle and maintain the mash temperature for 60 minutes.
* An easy way to maintain temp. is to set your oven to warm and stick your kettle in the oven. If this is not an option you may wrap your kettle in old blankets or towels to help insulate.
6. Once Kettle is resting collect 2.5 Gal. (10 qts.) water and heat to 168°F. This will be used to **sparge**. Maintain temperature.
7. After 60 minute Sach rest is complete return lift the bag out of kettle and place in strainer over kettle; let the wort drain.
8. Slowly pour sparge water evenly over the grain bag. This is the sparging process. Pour until sparge water is complete. Once dripping has stopped remove spent grains and discard/compost/save/etc.
9. 60 Minutes: Add 1 lb. Light Malt Extract for bittering.
10. 60 Minutes: Add 3 oz. of Magnum for bittering.
11. 30 Minutes: Add 6 lb. Light Malt Extract. Stir.
12. 10 Minutes: Add 1 oz. of Centennial for aroma.
13. 5 Minutes: Add 1 oz. of Amarillo for aroma.
14. 0 Minutes: See two options below.
 - a. Cool wort to ~170°F. Add 1 oz. of Falconer’s Flight, 1 oz. Centennial, and 1 oz. of Amarillo hops and let sit for 30 minutes before resuming cooling.
 - b. Add 1 oz. of Falconer’s Flight, 1 oz. Centennial, and 1 oz. of Amarillo hops for aroma at end of boil and steep as you cool your wort.
15. After your wort is done boiling it is very important you cool it as quickly as possible. Create an ice bath (ice and water) in your sink and set the brew kettle in it. You need to cool your wort down to 90°F or lower.

COOLING / TRANSFERRING

1. By now all of your equipment should be already sanitized; if not sanitize your screw cap, fermenting vessel, airlock, siphon, and tubing.
2. Fill your primary fermentor with 1 gallon of cold water.
3. Pour your cooled wort into the primary fermentor. Avoid dumping the sludge on the bottom into your fermentor.
4. Add cold water as needed to bring wort up to 5 gallons of liquid ensuring that it is below 70°F.
5. Seal the fermentor and aerate the wort by rocking the fermenting vessel back and forth a bit.
6. Measure Specific Gravity of the wort with your hydrometer and record.
7. Add yeast to fermenting vessel. It is important that the wort temperature not be above 70°F when adding the yeast.
8. Seal the fermentor. Add an airlock or blow-off tube.

FERMENTING

1. Move fermenting vessel to a room temperature dark spot (approximately 68°F).
2. You will observe active fermentation within about 48 hours. You want to maintain the temperature of approximately 68°F.
3. After 1 week open your fermentor and add 1 oz. of Amarillo and 1 oz. of Centennial to dry hop.
4. After 1 additional week transfer your beer to the secondary fermentor. Transferring is as simple as siphoning from the primary to the secondary.
5. After you have transferred your beer to the secondary fermentor add 1 oz. of Amarillo and 1 oz. Falconer’s Flight Hops to dry hop.
6. After 5 additional days of secondary fermentation you are ready to bottle or keg your beer.

BOTTLING / CARBONATING

1. Sanitize your bottles, bottle caps, bottling bucket, siphon tubing, siphon, and bottling wand.
2. Add priming sugar to 16 oz. of water and bring the mixture to a boil using your stove. Let cool and add to your bottling bucket.
3. Gently siphon beer into bottling bucket; avoid splashing.
4. Fill and cap bottles.
5. Condition bottles for 6 weeks at room temperature.
6. After 6 weeks you may store the bottles in a cool/cold location if carbonated.

ENJOY!

1. Pour your homebrew into a clean glass. For aesthetic reasons many people avoid pouring the yeast in but it won’t hurt you!
2. Smell the beer, a few short sniffs. Taste. Allow beer to cover the tongue, swallow. Smile. Life is good.

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