



**On Tap**  
**Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer News**  
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This week's notes feature one of the many outstanding breweries in Lancaster County.

Jon Northup and Mike Price started St. Boniface Brewing Co. in 2011 in the Doneckers complex in Ephrata. Later that year, increased sales resulted in them designing and building a three barrel brewhouse using a redwood clad Grundy, the Model T of brewing tanks; and a kettle fabricated by a local Mennonite metal shop. They moved in 2013 into a comfortable building on 322 in West Ephrata, originally built to be a milk processing facility for Hershey Ice Cream. A new 15 barrel brew house was installed in 2014 and a year later, a canning line was added to support increased distribution. St. Boniface is renowned for its attractive can label art.

Two of their bigger beers join the superb **Stoudts Old Abominable Barley Wine** (2013 vintage!) on the craft beer board.

When they opened for business on February 2, 2011, their first tap beer was the **Hegemony Stout**, an American-style Imperial Stout. Black in color, these beers typically have an extremely rich malty flavor and aroma with full, sweet malt character. Bitterness can come from roasted malts or hop additions. The Hegemony pours deep and dark with a beautiful lingering brown head. Its dark roasty malt aroma gives way to hefty malt flavor with a slightly bitter finish and roasty dark chocolate throughout. This version comes in at 9% ABV, somewhat higher than usual.

Brewed for about 10 years. **St. Boniface Libation Double IPA** has been brewed for 10 years and is extremely popular. The color is pale -golden with accents of amber with full thick crown of cream-colored head. The aroma has some herbal hoppy notes with a mild floral sweetness. The initial impression favors the caramel malts, with grapefruit and orange taking a back seat. The mouthfeel is semi-dry with lots of resinous texture and moderate bitterness. The 8.5% ABV is almost hidden in this well-balanced ale.

And remember, the current tap list is ALWAYS available at <http://llkbn.surge.sh/>

**Enjoy and see you at the Club!**  
**Lancaster Liederkrantz Beer Guy - Jim Weber**

*The LLK beer staff always tries to satisfy customer interests by providing a range of beers for disparate tastes, alcoholic content, and budgets. We know beer drinkers at the Liederkrantz take their beer seriously! If you have concerns, suggestions, comments, or just wish to send ramblings on the subject, please send to Jim Weber at [jimweber.lancaster@gmail.com](mailto:jimweber.lancaster@gmail.com) or Matt Trout at [matttrout44@gmail.com](mailto:matttrout44@gmail.com)*