



Westside Liquor Beer Newsletter

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Backyard Beer Panel

Hello fellow beer lovers we moved this month's review to the majestic shores of the Mississippi River. We found ourselves surrounded by nature which caused a powerful thirst to enjoy more than just the surroundings. Yippee, beer and food Yea, give me more whoooooo. Thank you Mike for sponsoring the review this month I would give out the exact location but I would fear that people would show up at any time scratching at your door for beer... This will remain the panels secret for now.

Only the facts Pat:

This Month's Beer Summit Saga IPA



Brewed by: Summit Brewing Company
St Paul Minnesota

Beer Style: India Pale Ale (IPA)

Serve in Shaker, Tulip

ABV: 6.4%

IBU: 80 est

Calories: 192

COMMERCIAL DESCRIPTION

We're proud to announce the new Summit Sága IPA, a decidedly different hop-forward brew due out in early May 2012. The beer has pronounced hop flavors and aromas of kiwi, passionfruit, apricot and gooseberry. Clean, assertive bitterness with balancing pale malt characteristics. We hop it with the rare New Zealand Rakau hop along with Citra, Centennial and Amarillo. Named after the Norse Goddess of Poetry, who was the God Odin's drinking companion... also, it was quite a saga to pick a name!

	Did not dig it			Loves IPA				So So					
	Mike	Pat	Christine	Telal	Tim	Randy	Bill	Spencor	Wendy**	Kim	Damen	Overall	
													**Sweet Miss Wendy joined us for some quality beer sampling this month
Appearance	3.5	4	3	4	5	4	4.5	3.5	5	4	4	4	Dark golden color, pours a nice colored head as well, lacing hold on to the glass to the finish, Tim.
Smell	2	4	4	4	2	5	4	3	5	3	1	3.4	Smells like I could could chug it down, Wendy. Citrus and hoppy aroma with bread/biscuit undertones, very fresh smelling, Telal.
Taste	1	2	2	4.5	4	4	4	2.5	2	2.5	3	2.9	Nope, could not chug it down, Wendy. Very very hoppy bites at the end of your tongue, Randy. Typical IPA hop taste, more and more hoppy as you get into the second beer, Spencor.
Mouth Feel	1	2	2	4	4.5	3.5	4	4	1	3	3	2.9	Crisp, fruity, hoppy, stays in the mouth for a while, Bill. Back of throat is not happy, too hoppy for too long, Kim. (that's a hop burn preferred by IPA lovers)
Drinkability	1	2	2	4.5	4	4	4	4	2	2	3.5	3	50/50 split on those who loved it and those who did not
Overall	1.7	2.8	2.6	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.4	3	2.9	2.9	3.3	

Saga is Summits newest creation directed at you hop head out there. This

beer split the panel this month the unhoppers did not do well with this while the morehopper of the group loved this brew. The crew at Ratebeer scored this 3.7 out of 5 and our marks hit just below theirs with a 3.3. Summit named this brew after the Norse god of poetry and drinking buddy of Norse god Odin (where do you sign up for that job and how much do you have to drink??? Don't care I am in). I'm no goddess of poetry but I have fun doing this.

As always I like to thank the panelist for helping out new this month is Wendy Schlichting she is a great friend to the beer panel and a welcome addition. The rest of the gang hanging by the river was Mike St Marie, Tim Gilbert, Telal Al-Rifai, a blast from the past Randy Loidolt, Bill Bettendorf, Christine Vorpahl Spencor and Damien Loehner, and Kim Wininke. Thank you my friends and thank you Westside Liquor

BEER FACTS:

The original beer brewers were women. It was one of the chores of a good medieval European housewife and was considered normal like doing the laundry, child rearing, cooking and cleaning. In some cultures only beautiful women were allowed to brew beer. It was also considered an honor to be chosen. (how about it sweet beautiful wife wanna make some beer for me)?

Here is Pat's shameless plug for a wonderful local brewery out of Cold Spring MN. 21st Amendment Brewery which makes a strange and wonderful treat called Hell or High Watermelon if you are looking for something light, fruity and watermelon (crazy cool and different) thank you.

BFF (beer friend forever)
Pat Best

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