

# **Clear Lake Lager**

A pale gold Helles style lager featuring a slightly sweet malt flavor mixed with classic Hallertau Mittelfrüh hops

OG=1.048, F.G.=1.012, ABV=4.8%, IBU=19

#### KIT INVENTORY

\*Store liquid yeast and Hops in the refrigerator <u>Steeping grains:</u>

- .75 lb. Crystal 10
- .5 lb. Munich

#### Extracts:

6.6 lb. Pilsen Light liquid malt extract (LME) Hops:

- 1 oz. Hallertau Mittelfrüh (60min)
- 1 oz. Hallertau Mittelfrüh (5min)

**Bottling Primer:** 

5 oz. Priming Sugar (Corn Sugar)

### BREWING INSTRUCTIONS

(Read completely before brewing)

- If using, activate the liquid yeast culture (see directions on back) and weigh out hops if necessary.
- Start with 3 gallons of water at 150-160°F in the brew kettle. Steep the **bag of grains** for 30 minutes. After 30 min. remove the grain bag and discard.
- 3. Add all **extracts** to the kettle. To avoid scorching, do your best to fully dissolve extracts before applying direct heat. You now have wort (unfermented beer). Bring your wort to a boil watching carefully for a boil over. You now have wort (unfermented beer), bring your wort to a boil (watching carefully for a boil over).

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- 4. Add **1 oz. Hallertau Mittelfrüh**. Set timer for **60** minutes.
- 5. With 5 minutes remaining, add 1 oz. Hallertau Mittelfrüh
- 6. After **60** minutes, turn off heat, remove kettle from heat, cover with lid and cool as quickly as possible to 100F. (Use a wort chiller or make an ice bath in your sink.)
- Fill your sanitized primary fermenter with 2 gallons of cold water, and then add your 100°F wort. Using additional cold water, top up the volume to 5 gallons.
- Add (pitch) yeast when the temperature of the wort is between 65°F and 72°F. Stir or shake well to oxygenate your wort.
- Affix a sanitized airlock into your primary fermenter, allow to ferment in the dark for 7-10 days. Do your best to ferment within the temperature range of your yeast.
- 10. Before transferring your beer to a secondary fermenter, perform a diacetyl rest by raising the temperature to the ale range (68-70°F) for 2-3 days. The purpose is to allow the yeast to reabsorb the diacetyl (tastes like movie theatre butter) that is naturally produced during fermentation.
- Take a gravity reading to confirm it is finished fermenting. It should match your final gravity or F.G. Transfer (rack) the beer by siphoning to a 5-gallon secondary fermenter. This will allow your beer to finish conditioning and clearing. (approx. 1-2 weeks). For a traditional lager, age as cold as you can (but not freezing) for up to 3 months.
- 12. Prepare to bottle by boiling 5 oz. of **Bottling Primer (Corn sugar)** in 1 pint of

water, pour this mixture into the bottling bucket.

- Transfer your beer into the bottling bucket by siphon, stir gently to incorporate the bottling sugar evenly (avoid splashing). Fill and cap bottles immediately.
- 14. Allow the bottles of beer to rest at room temperature for 10 -14 days to carbonate, then cool and enjoy!!

TIPS & TRICKS

Lagers require additional yeast, please make an appropriate yeast starter, or purchase an additional yeast package

We recommend boiling your hops in a hop bag (muslin sock) or straining them out before primary fermentation.

Adding Irish moss or Whirlfloc to your boil for the last 15 min. is a nice touch for better clarity, but not essential. (Not included in kit)

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