

# DRAFT CIDERS & MEAD

## TANDEM • Smackintosh

McIntosh, Rhode Island Greening, and Northern Spy. Everything's better with a little Smack. This crowd pleaser is sweet and tart with full apple flavor. (*Suttons Bay, MI*)  
4.5% **Goblet \$6**

## SUPERSTITION • Dune Bloom

Sparkling prickly pear session mead. (*Prescott, AZ*)  
6% **Aspen \$9**

## UNCLE JOHN'S • Cherry

It starts with a farm-fresh Apple Hard Cider, then uses a special family recipe and mix in Michigan Cherry Juice. This carbonated blush brings together Michigan's best tastes. (*St. Johns, MI*)  
6.5% **Goblet \$8**

## STORMALONG • Winesap

Heirloom apples that were grown in New England on small orchards and carefully fermented, aged and blended into the small batches. Highlighting the extraordinary heirloom apples and their exquisite transformation into a distinctive cider. (*Sherborn, MA*)  
6.8% **Goblet \$10**

## FARNUM HILL • Dooryard (Still)

Aromas of honey, peach, and bittersweet apple, and the taste of beeswax, lime, and citrus peels, with barely-perceptible sweetness. Bright acid over broad bitter, and a full and moderately astringent mouthfeel. Very little to no carbonation. (*Lebanon, NH*)  
7.5% **Goblet \$12**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. HOPLEAF!

**January 4, 1954:** Dwight Eisenhower is President. Crown Electric Company delivery driver Elvis Presley walks into the Memphis Recording Service and pays \$8.25 to record a demo. "Crime Wave", a Film Noir thriller, starring Sterling Hayden and directed by Andre de Toth, is released in theaters. First Lady Mamie Eisenhower launches the USS Nautilus, America's first nuclear-powered submarine with the ceremonial breaking of a champagne bottle on the bow. And the #1 song in America was "Oh! My Pa-Pa (O Mein Papa)" by Eddie Fisher.

**Meanwhile, at St Joseph Hospital** in Pontiac, Michigan, Lucille Roper, wife of machine operator Harold Roper, gives birth to Michael Roper, seen below behind bars and then after a crafty escape, desperately seeking knowledge in the family library

**Thirteen Presidents later** I've just completed my 70th year of life on Planet Earth and we're also nearing the 32nd anniversary of launching Hopleaf. I am so grateful for all the good fortune that has come by way of a wonderful family, the strong bonds of many old and new friendships, the enduring success of our venture, and a beautiful world that I've been privileged to explore with the perfect partner, Louise. I look forward to tipping a glass with everyone who comes by today. This is my first real birthday party since my mother threw on for me in 1962. Stephanie has put together a stellar draft list and several breweries have sent us very special beers for the occasion. Thank you all!

—Michael Roper



# BELGIAN DRAFTS

⚡ = Sour 🍷 = Trappist



## BAVIK • Super Pils Unfiltered

Pure pils. No adjustments. Never pasteurized. Unfiltered. Super tasty!  
5.2% **Pint \$8.50**

## DE RANKE • Franc Belge

Having qualities of a 'Spéciale Belge'-style beer. Amber hued, with soft malty flavor, which resembles the taste of a biscuit. It's an unfiltered and unpasteurized.  
5.2% **25cl \$11.50**

## VAL DIEU • Cuvée 800

Launched in 2016 on the occasion of the Cistercian Abbey's 800th anniversary. Blonde ale with subtle touch of hops.  
5.5% **25cl \$12**

## DE HALVE MAAN • Brugse Zot

A golden blonde, brewed with four different kinds of malt and two aromatic varieties of hop which give the beer its unique taste.  
6% **33cl \$12**

## BOON ⚡

**Lambiek 2 Years Old Foeder No. 41**  
The archetypal beer Boon uses to make all other beers, but it is also delicious in its own right thanks to its gentle and slightly tart flavor. Lovely fruity notes reminiscent of apricot and grapefruit.  
6.5% **25cl \$12**

## DUVEL MOORTGAT • Duvel 6.66

The Duvel Moortgat family brewery celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2021 w/ this new mild, full-bodied blond. No fewer than 6 different hop varieties are used. It's based on the noble & exclusive hop varie-ties Saaz & Styrian Golding, just like classic Duvel.  
6.8% **25cl Glass \$9**

## DUBUISSON • Cuvée des Trolls

The addition of dried orange peel at the boiling stage brings a pleasantly fruity aroma to the fore. It harmonises quite beautifully with the well-rounded and delicate taste of this Blond Ale  
7% **25 cl \$12**

## WESTMALLE • Dubbel

For over 200 years, the monks of Westmalle have been choosing to live a life of prayer and work. There is a farm, a cheese dairy and a brewery inside the walls of the Trappist abbey. This beer is rich, complex, herby and fruity with a fresh-bitter finish.  
7% **33 cl \$12**

## CHIMAY • White (Cinq Cents)

Golden, slightly hazy appearance, fine head. Characteristic aroma of fresh hops & yeast. Fruity notes of muscat & raisins. No acidity, but an afterbitterness which melts in the mouth. Top-fermented unpasteurized Trappist Tripel. A classic.  
8% **25cl Glass \$12**

## MAREDSOUS • Brune

Brown beer with mahogany color; sherry, allspice, & warm dark caramel aromas. Mild smoky, roasted grain & dark fruit notes. Hints of tobacco & wood. Originally only brewed for Christmas, but over the centuries it became a year round staple.  
8% **25cl \$10**

## ST-FEUILLIEN • Triple

Traditional Abbey Triple that is sparkling orangish-golden in color with a brilliant white foam. Highly aromatic with vivid hop resins leaping out of the glass. The flavor is bright, malty, and spicy.  
8.5% **25cl \$11**

## HUYGHE • Delirium Tremens

Pale blond and slightly malty with a nice touch of alcohol & spicy. Warming and round, with an aftertaste that is strong, long-lasting and dry bitter.  
8.5% **25cl \$10**

## DE DOLLE • Oerbier

Big Boozy brown ale with nice tartness and a sweet finish. Smooth with sweetness offset by licorice tones.  
9% **33cl \$12**

## ACHOUFFE • N'Ice Chouffe

It is a dark beer, slightly hoppy, spiced with thyme and curaçao, and made using orange peel.  
10% **25cl Glass \$11**

## ST. BERNARDUS • Abt 12

St. Bernardus Abt 12 is widely regarded as one of the best beers in the world. It is brewed in the classic Quadrupel style and adheres to the original 1946 recipe.  
10% **25cl Goblet \$12**

## DE GARRE by Van Steenberge

This gem of a Belgian Triple is the house beer for the famous pub of the same name, located down a long alley in Bruges.  
11% **Glass \$14**

## STRAFFE HENDRIK • Quad

The sophisticated blend of special kinds of malt give this beer a complex character, combining a delicate dryness w/ hints of coriander, dark fruits, anise and roasted chestnuts.  
11% **25cl \$11**

## CANTILLON

### Classic Gueuze ⚡

A blend of one, two and three year-old lambics. It is fermented only with wild airborne yeasts from the Senne Valley in Brussels and is aged in centuries-old oak  
5% **Aspen \$15**

### Kriek ⚡

Blend of lambics and sour cherries. Slightly acidic taste of red fruit complemented with subtle almond flavors. Kriek brings out its maximum "fruitiness" when young.  
5.5% **Aspen \$16**

### Magic Lambic ⚡

A lambic blend of 80% Lou Pepe Framboise and 20% blueberry lambic with vanilla. Lou Pepe Framboise is made from two year old lambic that has been aged exclusively in used Bordeaux barrels and made with fresh fruit, rather than the typical frozen fruit.  
5.5% **Aspen \$18**

### Nath 2023 ⚡

Blend of rhubarb with one- and two-year-old Lambics, tangy and fruity taste. A slight astringency accentuates its subtlety and its end note.  
5.5% **Aspen \$15**

Menu as of 7 January, 2024

Please note: prices do not include tax.

## METROPOLITAN

## Microvolt

Table Lager, light-bodied, but generous in flavor. Malty hints of mango and melon throughout; finishing crisp, citrusy and floral.

3.8% Pint \$7.50

## 3 FLOYDS • Mr. Roper

Brewed in celebration of Michael's birthday. An English Bitter with aromas of citrus and flavors of marmalade, geranium, and magnolia. This small-batch, draft-only beer was brewed with 100% Golden Promise malt and 100% First Gold hops. (Munster, IN)

4.5% Pint \$8

## GOLDFINGER • Pils

Beautiful representation of German pilsner malt and noble hops. The inspiration for this beer comes from Brewer Tom's unforgettable experience drinking his favorite Pilsner in the German Alps. (Downers Grove, IL)

4.9% Pint \$8

## HIDDEN HAND

## Nuovo Corridoio

A Foedre aged Italian Pils kissed with oak, invigorated with a special dry hop of a Haas Mosaic for Michael's birthday. This approach should serve as a layup with his connection to Italy; rather it is to celebrate Detroit counter culture and what brought Michael to Chicago.

5% Pint \$8.50

## ROARING TABLE

## Baby You Don't Know

Lovely little English-inspired Oat Stout that features notes of espresso and baker's chocolate on an underlayment of puff and silk.

5% Pint \$7.50

## FIRESTONE WALKER • DBA

The beer that started it all for Firestone Walker in 1996. Regarded as an iconic California craft beer, and as an enduring tribute to traditional cask-fermented English ales. Always malty, never bitter. (Paso Robles, CA)

5% Pint \$7.50

## FIRESTONE WALKER

## Unfiltered DBA

Firestone sent this beer for Michael's birthday, the only surprise of the evening! Biscuity toasted malt aroma and a hint of oak and vanilla. Pale malts create a smooth malty middle. A tribute to English pales traditionally fermented in cask. (Paso Robles, CA)

5% Pint \$8

## DOVETAIL • Vienna Lager

Copper-colored, with warm, malty character, it's made with 100% Vienna malt and Styrian Golding hops.

5.1% Pint \$9

## SCRATCH • Dead Leaves

This ale was brewed when Michael Roper was at Scratch in early September. He climbed up the ladder to add the dead oak and hickory leaves to the boil. (Ava, IL)

5.3% Goblet \$12

## FIRESTONE WALKER • Pivo Pils

This beer helped liberate American pilsner from the clutches of industrial beer. Inspired by the dry-hopped *Tipopils* from Birrificio Italiano, Brewmaster Matt Brynildson drew upon multiple European influences to create this one-of-a-kind beer. (Paso Robles, CA)

5.3% Pint \$7.50

## HOPLEAF'S HOUSE BEERS

are brewed for us by  
**ART HISTORY BREWING**

## House Dark—Black Lager

Traditional Czech Dark Lager inspired by a classic from the 500-year-old U Fleků brewery in Prague. Rich & complex, black as coal; starts off like a Porter but finishes crisp, clean, & dry.

4.8% Pint \$7

## House Pale—Pale Ale

Belgian-inspired Pale Ale fermented w/a yeast from a Belgian Trappist monastery. Brewed w/ trad European malts & Belgian candy sugar but hopped with modern American Simcoe & Sultana hops. Food-friendly everyday drinker.

5.8% Pint \$7

## REVOLUTION

## Fifty Fourter Porter

Traditional English Style Porter brewed with a combination of U.S. and U.K. malts to create an extremely sessionable dark ale with complex aromas and flavors of bran, toffee and dark chocolate. The Fuggle and Crystal hops provide just enough bitterness for balance and contribute spicy herbal undertones. A classy beer style to celebrate an even classier gentleman's 70th Bday!

5.3% Pint \$7

## WEIHENSTEPHAN

## Hefeweissbier (Bavaria, Germany)

Founded in 1040, it is the oldest continuously operating brewery in the world. Hefeweizen brewed according to centuries-old brewing tradition on the Weihenstephan hill.

5.4% .5L \$10

## ALLAGASH • White

Traditional Belgian-style wheat beer, light & slightly cloudy w/a blend of spices. Long-time Hopleaf mainstay! (Portland, ME)

5.5% Pint \$8

## SIERRA NEVADA • Pale Ale

No one was ready for Pale Ale in 1980, right before sparking the American craft beer revolution. A Cascade hopped beer, its still really good. (Chico, CA)

5.6% Pint \$6

## HALF ACRE • North Bar

A West Coast pale ale brewed for Michael's birthday. Dank Mosaic hops combine with peach-ring-watermelon-jolly-rancher HBC 1019 for a hypnotic hop nose that delivers big on aroma and flavor.

5.6% Pint \$8

## OFF COLOR

## Mezcal Barrel Aged Beer for Tacos

A 2023 FOBAB Gold Medal gose aged in Mezcal Reposado ex-bourbon barrels. Picks up a heavy dose of desert rose-esque smoky char while integrating the yogurt tang of house Lactobacillus, notes of key lime pie, and a surprising vanilla sweetness.

5.8% Aspen \$9

## ART HISTORY

## Brett House Pale Ale

Brewed specially for Michael's birthday. A Belgian-style Pale Ale. Belgian yeast is used to provide the characteristic phenolic flavor and spicy dryness. Brett is added to the beer (similar to Orval) and is aged for 3 months resulting in added dryness and a fruit salad-like flavor. (Geneva, IL)

5.8% Pint \$8

## BELL'S • Kalamazoo Stout

Smooth full-bodied stout offers a blend of aromas and flavors of dark chocolate and freshly roasted coffee, balanced with a significant hop presence. (Kalamazoo, MI)

6% Pint \$8

## MAPLEWOOD

## Red Wine Barrel Aged Flanders

Mixed culture fermentation in a foeder for 24 months, then finished for 9 month in red wine barrels. Sent for Michael's birthday because of his love of wine. The barrel brings out a deep red wine color with mellow flavors of oak and marion berry.

6% Goblet \$9

## ALLAGASH

## Michael's Special Blend

A beer created for Michael Roper blended from the following beers: Super Saison Barrel (strong barrel aged saison), 2 yr old Coolship (spontaneously fermented wild ale aged on neutral oak), Bon Vieux (wild blonde ale aged in red wine barrels) and Helena (an interpretation of a Flemish style sour red ale.) (Portland, ME)

6.4% Goblet \$11

## DOVETAIL

## X70: Saison Vignette

Saison blended with Vignette, made in the Senne Valley tradition for Michael. A beer that reflects the moments we've shared over the years at the Hopleaf.

6.5% Goblet \$6

## MAINE • Little Whaleboat

IPA feat. aromas of tropical fruit, grapefruit, pine, & floral notes of rose & chamomile. The brewery assisted the Maine Coast Heritage Trust in the purchase of Little Whaleboat Islands, a cluster of 3 small islands & ledges in Casco Bay, a vital link in the chain of protected islands that provide sanctuary to wildlife. (Freeport, ME)

6.5% Tall Goblet \$12

## 3 FLOYDS • Zombie Dust

This intensely hopped and gushing undead Pale Ale will be one's only respite after the zombie apocalypse. (Munster, IN)

6.5% Pint \$8

## LOST ABBEY

## Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph

Softer hops, smoother bitterness, juicier finishes, these are the hallmarks of a Hazy IPA. Citra and Amarillo plus a boatload of wheat and oats in this one! (San Marcos, CA)

6.5% Pint \$7.50

## MARZ • Boogie Nights

Seasonal Jungle Boogie variant with a darker wheat malt and debittered black malt to complement the addition of rooibos tea.

7% Goblet \$8

## SAINT ERRANT

## Miss Carousel

Double dry hopped hazy IPA with Galaxy, Waimea and Mosaic hops.

7.4% Tall Goblet \$10

## OXBOW • Italo Disco

A mixed-fermentation farmhouse ale aged in a Brunello di Montalcino oak foudler. (Newcastle, ME)

7.5% Aspen \$10

## MAPLEWOOD • Big Pulp

Double Dry hopped IPA with Citra, Mosaic and El Dorado hops. Drinks like juice with tropical notes of mango and pineapple with hints of darkness.

8% Tall Goblet \$10

## OLD NATION • Full Earth

With a radiant double hazy IPA and a luscious mouthfeel, taking you on a journey through lush hop fields, ripe orchards, and deep pine woods capturing the essence of the natural world in every sip. (Williamston, MI)

10.08% 10oz. Glass \$10

## PERENNIAL

## Sump Coffee Stout 2023

Imperial stout with coffee from Zumba, Ecuador roasted by Sump Coffee, with chocolate, caramel, and nutty notes. \*Contains Lactose. (St. Louis, MO)

11.5% Bell Glass \$8

## GOOSE ISLAND

## Fine Old Rum Barrel Stout

Freshly dumped 2 year old American rum barrels filled these with their signature stout. After just over a year in the barrel this beer highlights cane sugar rum character. A true one-of-a-kind release.

15.8% Bell Glass \$8.50

## FAIR STATE

## Little Yellow Car

This blend of old barrel aged beers was made as a tribute to Michael and Louise's 1970 Fiat 500. A two year barrel aged barleywine blended with of four year old double BA vanilla stout. For Michael "Godfather" Roper. (Minneapolis, MN)

15% Bell Glass \$8.50

## DOGFISH HEAD

## Fruit-Full Fort 2018 (Lewes, DE)

Ale brewed w/ raspberry, blackberry, boysenberry and elderberry. This blend of dark berries creates depth and complexity reminiscent of a jammy red wine.

18% Bell Glass \$9

## DEEP WOOD

SERIES

## REVOLUTION

## Rioter's Reserve 2024

## The Triple Barrel Double French Oak Amburana Finish V.S.O.D

This beer was sent out early for Michael's birthday celebration. This exquisitely absurd V.S.O.D. was triple barrel aged in Weller, Blanton's, and 1792 casks, given a double dose of single-origin Tronçais Forte French oak, and finished in a Brazilian Amburana barrel. Flaunting a cosmos of malt and wood-derived aromatics spanning baking spice, vanilla, cherry, coconut, and maple, and legs like Lili Von Schüttup.

19% Bell Glass \$12

