

# KIWI EXPRESS IPA

Official NORTHERN BREWER Instructional Document

If you like Simcoe and Citra but are looking for the next resinous thing; if you like in-your-face hopburst taste-erasers; if you're not among those who think the world doesn't need another IPA; then you should definitely just stop reading and brew this kit.

The setup is old (West Coast-style) but the punchline is new. A big but uncomplicated malt bill plus Wyeast 1056 set the stage and then stay out of the way of the ensuing lupulin circus. Via a blend of New Zealand hop varieties, exotic flavors and aromas permeate your sinuses - sticky tropical fruit, lime oil, equatorial flowers, Tellicherry peppercorns - underpinned with an undeniable earthy funk. All senses saturated with hoppy hues of green and yellow. Massive late and dry hop additions leave nothing to your tongue's imagination and prove absolutely ruinous to your palate should any other ale or lager be foolish enough to try to follow Kiwi Express in a tasting session. The next frontier is the Southern Hemisphere; welcome to the candy store, kid, here's the keys.

**O.G.: 1.061 READY: 6 WEEKS**

1-2 weeks primary, 2-4 weeks secondary,  
1-2 weeks bottle conditioning

## KIT INVENTORY:

### MAILLARD MALTS™ SPECIALTY GRAIN

Ballast Grains:

- 0.5 lbs Briess Caramel 20

### MAILLARD MALTS™ EXTRACTS & OTHER FERMENTABLES

- 2 lbs Briess Pilsen DME (60 min)
- 6 lbs Pilsen malt syrup late addition (15 min)

### HOPTIMUS REX™ PREMIUM HOPS & OTHER FLAVORINGS

- 0.5 oz New Zealand Nelson Sauvin (60 min)
- 0.5 oz New Zealand Nelson Sauvin (10 min)
- 1 oz New Zealand Motueka (10 min)
- 2 oz New Zealand Wakatu (10 min)
- 1 oz New Zealand Motueka (Dry Hop)
- 2 oz New Zealand Wakatu (Dry Hop)

## YEAST

- Wyeast 1056 American Ale Yeast. AKA Chico Ale Yeast. Apparent attenuation: 73-77%. Flocculation: low-medium. Optimum temp: 60°-72° F.
- Dry Yeast Alternative: Safale US-05. Optimum temp: 59-75° F.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN ...

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Homebrewing starter kit for brewing 5 gallon batches
- Boiling kettle of at least 3.5 gallons capacity
- A 5 gallon glass carboy, with bung and airlock, to use as a secondary fermenter - If you do not have a secondary fermenter you may skip the secondary fermentation and add an additional week to primary fermentation before bottling
- Approximately two cases of either 12 oz or 22 oz pry-off style beer bottles

## UNPACK THE KIT

- Refrigerate the yeast upon arrival
- Locate the Kit Inventory (above) - this is the recipe for your beer, so keep it handy
- Doublecheck the box contents vs. the Kit Inventory
- Contact us immediately if you have any questions or concerns!

## PROCEDURE

### A FEW DAYS BEFORE BREWING DAY

1. Remove the liquid Wyeast pack from the refrigerator, and "smack" as shown on the back of the yeast package. Leave it in a warm place (70-80° F) to incubate until the pack begins to inflate. Allow at least 3 hours for inflation; some packs may take up to several days to show inflation. Do not brew with inactive yeast - we can replace the yeast, but not a batch that fails to ferment properly. If you are using dry yeast, no action is needed.

### ON BREWING DAY

2. Collect and heat 2.5 gallons of water.
3. For mail-order customers grains for extract kits come crushed by default, but if you requested uncrushed grains, crush them now. Pour crushed grain into supplied mesh bag and tie the open end in a knot. Steep for 20 minutes or until water reaches 170°F. Remove bag and discard.
4. Bring to a boil and add the 2 lbs Briess Pilsen DME. Remove the kettle from the burner and stir in the Pilsen DME.
5. Return wort to boil. The mixture is now called "wort", the brewer's term for unfermented beer.
  - Add 0.5 oz New Zealand Nelson Sauvin 60 minutes before the end of the boil
  - Add 6 lbs Pilsen malt syrup 15 minutes before the end of the boil.
  - Add 1 oz New Zealand Motueka, 0.5 oz New Zealand Nelson Sauvin, 2 oz New Zealand Wakatu 10 minutes before the end of the boil.
6. Cool the wort. When the 60-minute boil is finished, cool the wort to approximately 100° F as rapidly as possible. Use a wort chiller, or put the kettle in an ice bath in your sink.
7. Sanitize fermenting equipment and yeast pack. While the wort cools, sanitize the fermenting equipment - fermenter, lid or stopper, fermentation lock, funnel, etc - along with the yeast pack and a pair of scissors.
8. Fill primary fermenter with 2 gallons of cold water, then pour in the cooled wort. Leave any thick sludge in the bottom of the kettle.
9. Add more cold water as needed to bring the volume to 5 gallons.
10. Aerate the wort. Seal the fermenter and rock back and forth to splash for a few minutes, or use an aeration system and diffusion stone.
11. Optional: if you have our Mad Brewer Upgrade or Gravity Testing kits, measure specific gravity of the wort with a hydrometer and record.

12. Add yeast once the temperature of the wort is 78°F or lower (not warm to the touch). Use the sanitized scissors to cut off a corner of the yeast pack, and carefully pour the yeast into the primary fermenter.

13. Seal the fermenter. Add approximately 1 tablespoon of water to the sanitized fermentation lock. Insert the lock into rubber stopper or lid, and seal the fermenter.

14. Move the fermenter to a warm, dark, quiet spot until fermentation begins.

### BEYOND BREWING DAY, WEEKS 1-2

15. Active fermentation begins. Within approximately 48 hours of Brewing Day, active fermentation will begin - there will be a cap of foam on the surface of the beer, and you may see bubbles come through the fermentation lock.

16. Active fermentation ends. Approximately 1-2 weeks after brewing day, active fermentation will end: the cap of foam falls back into the new beer, bubbling in the fermentation lock slows down or stops.

17. Transfer beer to secondary fermenter. Sanitize siphoning equipment and an airlock and carboy bung or stopper. Siphon the beer from the primary fermenter into the secondary.

### BEYOND BREWING DAY— SECONDARY FERMENTATION

18. Secondary fermentation. Allow the beer to condition in the secondary fermenter for 2-4 weeks before proceeding with the next step. Timing now is somewhat flexible.

19. Add the dry hops. Add 2 oz New Zealand Wakatu, 1 oz New Zealand Motueka to the secondary fermenter 5 days before bottling day.

### BOTTLING DAY—ABOUT 1 MONTH AFTER BREWING DAY

20. Sanitize siphoning and bottling equipment.

21. Mix a priming solution (a measured amount of sugar dissolved in water to carbonate the bottled beer). Use the following amounts, depending on which type of sugar you will use:

- Corn sugar (dextrose)  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup in 16 oz water.
- Table sugar (sucrose)  $\frac{1}{8}$  cup in 16 oz water.

Then bring the solution to a boil and pour into the bottling bucket.

22. Siphon beer into bottling bucket and mix with priming solution. Stir gently to mix, don't splash.

23. Fill and cap bottles.

### 1-2 WEEKS AFTER BOTTLING DAY

24. Condition bottles at room temperature for 1-2 weeks. After this point, the bottles can be stored cool or cold.

25. Serving. Pour into a clean glass, being careful to leave the layer of sediment at the bottom of the bottle. Cheers!