

# Rockport 8

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## Belgian Dark Strong Ale

Dark, rich, complex, and dangerous! This Belgian style dark strong ale is reminiscent of the famous Rochefort 8.

**OG=1.083, F.G.=1.019, ABV=8.4%, IBU=23**

### KIT INVENTORY

\*Store liquid yeast and Hops in the refrigerator

#### Steeping grains:

.5 lb. Cara Munich

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.25 lb. Biscuit

.25 lb. Chocolate malt

#### Extracts:

9.9 lb. pilsen Light liquid malt extract (LME)

1 lb. Dark Belgian Candi sugar D-180

#### Hops:

1.5 oz. Hallertau Mittelfruh (60min)

1 oz. Styrian Golding (5min)

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#### Yeast:

1<sup>st</sup> choice Wyeast- 1762 Belgian Abbey II (65-75°F)

#### Bottling Primer:

5 oz. Corn Sugar

### BREWING INSTRUCTIONS

(Read completely before brewing)

1. Activate the liquid yeast culture (see directions on back) and weigh out hops if necessary.
2. 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** including **D180** 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).

4. Add **1.5 oz. Hallertau Mittelfruh** and set timer for **60** minutes.
5. With **5** minutes remaining of the boil time, add **1 oz. Styrian Golding and .5 oz. Hallertau Mittelfruh**.
6. After the 60-minute-long boil, remove kettle from heat, cover with lid and cool as quickly as possible to 100°F. Use a wort chiller or make an ice bath in your sink.
7. 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.
8. Add (pitch) **yeast** when the temperature of the wort is between 65 and 72°F. Stir or shake well to oxygenate your wort.
9. Affix a sanitized airlock into your primary fermenter, allow to ferment in the dark until airlock activity slows to a bubble every 30-45 seconds. Primary fermentation should take approximately 5-10 days. Do your best to ferment within the temperature range of your yeast.
10. Transfer (rack) the beer by siphoning to a 5-gallon secondary fermenter. This will allow your beer to finish fermenting and clear. (approx. 2-3 weeks)
11. Prepare to bottle by boiling 5 oz. **Bottling Sugar (Corn sugar)** in 1 pint of water, pour this mixture into the bottling bucket.
12. Transfer your beer into the bottling bucket by siphon, stir gently to incorporate the bottling sugar evenly (avoid splashing). Fill and cap bottles immediately.

13. Allow the bottles of beer to rest at room temperature for 10 -14 days to carbonate, then cool and enjoy!!

### TIPS & TRICKS

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)

With this recipe (and all high alcohol beer recipes) We strongly encourage the use of multiple yeast packs or an appropriate yeast starter.

Start fermenting on the low end of the yeast temperature range, a vigorous fermentation will create heat.

We recommend an 8-gallon primary fermenter or use of a "blow off" tube with your airlock.

This beer isn't ready to drink till after it has been bottled for at least 1 month (but go ahead and try one early, and taste the progression)

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