



Beer of the Month Club

This Month's Featured Brews

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Speakeasy Ales & Lagers, San Francisco, California

Speakeasy Ales and Lagers opened its doors in September of 1997 in San Francisco. The microbrewery, located on 3rd Street in the Bayview District, has been working hard rebuilding San Francisco's longtime brewing tradition. A tradition that was destroyed by the Volstead Act, which created prohibition in the 1920's.

During Prohibition many underground establishments popped up and secretly sold bootlegged beer and liquor - the gathering places for a very colorful breed of clientele. These sneaky watering holes were called 'Speak Easys.'

Speakeasy Ales & Lagers takes its name from these establishments with the intention of reproducing some of the very fine brews that were served up during those horribly dark days of our country's history.

Speakeasy Ales and Lagers used to self-distribute their beers throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, but that is no longer the case. Since their inception, they have enjoyed modest growth and their brews are now distributed by a small band of distributors reaching into parts of 11 states. Although hard to find outside of California, their beers are cropping up in some finer, specialty craft-brew stores - keep your eyes peeled.

The brewery does not have a restaurant or brewpub on the premises, but they will be happy to give you a tour if you can catch them there. Their posted hours for visitation are on Fridays from noon till 4 pm, or you can call them to make an appointment.

If you do decide to visit the brewery, you can sample their beers and even buy some very fresh beer to go. They also have a cool selection of brewery schwag like T-shirts, pub glasses, stickers, coasters and a bunch of other brew wares that any beer geek would enjoy.

So what are you waiting for? If you are looking for a good excuse to visit San Francisco, well now you have it. And, if you live in the area, then get up off your couch and take a ride out there for a Friday afternoon drink.

They bottle several beers year around, three of

which we are featuring this month as our Beer of the Month Club featured beers: Untouchable Pale Ale, Big Daddy IPA & Prohibition Ale.

All of these fantastic brews are well known around San Francisco's local watering holes, and Speakeasy Brewing Company is known for creating some pretty hoppy concoctions!

So if you are a hop head, you will surely enjoy this month's featured selections.

Untouchable Pale Ale pours into your glass with a medium golden color and a nice light character. The beer is immediately topped by a wispy-white creamy head that lingers just long enough. The beer has a very nice aroma of piney hops, light pale malt, and a touch of citrus grapefruit.

This is the lightest of the three beers we are featuring this month, with its light hoppiness in the finish balanced nicely by just the right amount of pale malt. It has a clean and light body and is a refreshing beer that will go great with most meals or by itself at any time of day or night.

Big Daddy IPA is a nice and hoppy brew, just as an IPA should be. In short, this beer kicks butt! No lightweight, Big Daddy I.P.A. tips the scales with a huge hop flavor and a dry, clean finish that leaves the scene without a trace.

Of all the IPAs that we have featured over the years, this one consistently comes up at the top of our favorites list year after year. Anyone who likes IPA style beers will be delighted with this one, and those of you who are not sure if you like a good hop wallop, this one is so tasty that it will make you a believer. Who's Your Daddy?

Prohibition Ale is an amber colored beer with one serious dose of hops that strikes a perfect balance between caramel maltiness and its aggressive hopping. Although not very dark in color, this beer is very heavy in taste and will warm you up on even the coldest of nights!

This beer quite honestly blows away many IPAs in its hop to malt ratio. If you love hops like we do, this beer is the answer to your dreams!

All of these beers have won numerous awards over the years! Happy sampling.