

HARVIESTOUN BREWERY

Alva, Clackmannanshire, Scotland

Ken Brooker formerly with Ford in Dagenham established Harviestoun Brewery in 1985 in a 200 year old stone byre near Dollar, Clackmannanshire, Scotland. The Brewery uses untreated natural spring water from the local Ochill hills. The original plant was put together from a number of sources, but in 1991 a new custom-built plant with a 10 barrel brew length was installed. Harviestoun now serves 70 outlets in central Scotland as well as wholesaler customers throughout Britain.

Harviestoun Brewery was bought by Caledonian Brewery in 2006. The independent future of Harviestoun Brewery Limited has been secured in the wake of the outright acquisition of Caledonian Brewing Company by Scottish & Newcastle UK. Until now Harviestoun Brewery was a wholly owned subsidiary of Caledonian Brewing Company.

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Founder shareholders in Caledonian Brewing Company, Sandy Orr & Donald MacDonald and long term shareholder Stephen T. Crawley have bought Harviestoun Brewery from Caledonian, thereby preserving independent status for the award-winning micro-brewery.



Old Engine Oil

Old Engine Oil is the second Harviestoun beer to win the competition of the British Nationwide Supermarket chain TESCO.

Old Engine Oil is a near-black brew with a silky-smooth rummy aroma, a coffee-ish palate, and a suggestion of the darkest chocolate. It is made from pale malt, roasted barley and malted oats. Old Engine Oil is well-hopped with the sweetish variety Galena from Washington State, Worchester Fuggles and East Kent Golgings.

The PG (present gravity) of Old Engine Oil is unusually high. This is because Ken Brooker wanted to produce a beer that had the character of a barley wine, i.e. high PG, lots of mouthfeel and high viscosity but with only 6 % ABV, rather than the more normal barley wine ABV of about 8.5 %.

He has used a high mash temperature to give the required wort profile. The trick is to balance this sweetness with the hop bitterness and acrid flavors from the Roast Barley.

Awards:

- 2009 Interntional Beer Awards Gold Medal
- 2008 Great Taste Awards 2 Gold Stars
- 2008 SIBA Scotland Regional Beer Comp. (bottled beer) Bronze Award
- 2000 TESCO Beer Challenge Winter 2000 Winner

