

# HEIRESS DE BOURGOGNE

Inspired by the classic Flemish Red Ale, Heiress de Bourgogne is a deeply complex sour red ale with notes of raisins, dark stone fruits, and a delicate tartness. Utilizing the popular and unique kettle-souring method, Heiress will develop its tart, sour character in mere days instead of months or years without the risk of contaminating other batches. The resulting beer will mature rapidly into an elaborate menagerie of flavors, all bound within its deep ruby, medium bodied elixir and topped with a voluminous off-white head. **Note: The kettle souring method can take up to three days, so plan your time accordingly.**

**O.G:** 1.061

**BREW TIME 6 WEEKS:** 2 WEEKS PRIMARY | 1-2 WEEKS SECONDARY | 2 WEEKS BOTTLE CONDITIONING

## READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Homebrewing starter kit for brewing 5 gallon batches
- Boiling kettle of at least 3.5 gallons capacity with lid
- Optional - 5 gallon carboy, with bung and airlock, to use as a secondary fermenter. NOTE: You may skip the secondary fermentation and add an additional 1-2 weeks to primary fermentation before bottling
- Approximately two cases of either 12 oz or 22 oz pry-off style beer bottles

## A FEW HOURS BEFORE BREW DAY

Remove the liquid lactobacillus package from the refrigerator, and leave it in a warm place (~70°F) to come to pitching temperature, about 3 hours.

## BREWING - DAY 1

1. Heat 2.5 gallons of water.
2. Pour crushed grain into the supplied mesh bag, and tie the open end in a knot. Steep for 20 minutes or until water reaches 170°F. Remove bag, drain and discard.
3. Bring to a boil, remove the kettle from the burner and stir in the 3.15 lbs Maris Otter malt syrup, 3.15 lbs Pilsen malt syrup and the 2 lbs Pilsen DME.
4. Return wort to a boil. The mixture is now called "wort", the brewer's term for unfermented beer. Boil the wort for 5 minutes to sanitize it, and then rapidly cool to 75°-95°F.
5. Once cooled to 75°-95°F, add the lactobacillus and cover the kettle with a sanitized lid.
6. Let the wort with lactobacillus rest at the same temperature in the boil kettle for up to three days. You can periodically taste the wort by drawing a sample with a sanitized utensil to gauge the level of sourness. Once the sourness is pleasing to you, proceed to the next step. If you are the science type, use a pH meter to determine when the lactobacillus is done. For a mild sourness, aim for a pH of 3.7 - 3.9, or for a pronounced tartness, aim for a pH of 3.2 - 3.4.

## KIT INVENTORY

### MAILLARD MALTS™ SPECIALTY GRAIN

- 0.5 lbs Caramel 40
- 0.5 lbs Honey Malt
- 0.5 lbs Special B

### MAILLARD MALTS EXTRACTS & OTHER FERMENTABLES

- 3.15 lbs Maris Otter malt syrup
- 3.15 lbs Pilsen malt syrup
- 2 lbs Pilsen DME

### HOPTIMUS REX™ PREMIUM HOPS & OTHER FLAVORINGS

- 1 oz UK Kent Goldings (60 min)

### YEAST & OTHER CULTURES

#### Lactobacillus:

- Omega OYL-605 Lactobacillus Blend. Optimum temp: 75°-95°F

#### Dry Yeast:

- Fermentis Saffbrew T-58. Optimum temp: 69°-75°F

#### Liquid Yeast Options:

- Omega OYL-024 Belgian Ale A. Optimum temp: 65° to 78°F
- Wyeast 3522 Belgian Ardennes. Optimum temp: 65°-85°F

## UPON ARRIVAL UNPACK THE KIT

- Be sure you have all items and one of the selected yeast options listed in the Kit Inventory (above)
- **Refrigerate the yeast**
- Contact us immediately if you have any questions or concerns!

**BREWING - POST SOURING**

7. Once the wort is soured, bring it back to a boil to kill any lactobacillus bacteria present. Once boiling, add the 1 oz UK Kent Goldings hops and boil for a total of 60 minutes.
8. When the 60 minute boil is finished, rapidly chill the wort to about 70°-75°F.
9. 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.
10. Add more cold water as needed to bring the volume to 5 gallons.
11. 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.
12. Optional - Measure specific gravity of the wort with a hydrometer and record. The target gravity for this recipe is 1.061.
13. Remove the yeast from the refrigerator and allow to warm to room temperature. Once warmed, add the yeast once the temperature of the wort is 75°F or lower (not warm to the touch). Sanitize and open the yeast pack and carefully pour the contents into the primary fermenter.
14. Seal the fermenter. Add approximately 1 tablespoon of water to the sanitized fermentation lock. Insert the airlock into rubber stopper or lid, and seal the fermenter.
15. Move the fermenter to a warm, dark, quiet spot until fermentation begins.

**PRIMARY FERMENTATION**

16. 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, the specific gravity as measured with a hydrometer will drop steadily, and you may see bubbles come through the fermentation lock. The optimum fermentation temperature for this beer is 68°-75° F, move the fermenter to a warmer or cooler spot as needed.
17. Active fermentation ends. Approximately one to two weeks after brewing day, active fermentation will end. When the cap of foam falls back into the new beer, bubbling in the air lock slows down or stops, and the specific gravity as measured with a hydrometer is stable, proceed to the next step.
18. Optional - 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. If you do not have a secondary fermenter, simply leave the beer in the primary fermenter.

**SECONDARY FERMENTATION - OPTIONAL\***

19. Allow the beer to condition in the secondary fermenter for 2-4 weeks before proceeding with the next step. Timing now is somewhat flexible. \*See the "YOU WILL NEED" section and step 18.

**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) 2/3 cup in 16 oz water.
  - Table sugar (sucrose) 5/8 cup in 16 oz water.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.

**CONDITIONING - ABOUT 1 MONTH 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!

**BREWER'S NOTES**

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