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CRAFT DEE'S EXPANDS, OPENS TAPROOM

Tanzanian microbrewery Craft Dee's Brewing Co. has expanded their brewing setup and added a smart new taproom. Situated in Dar es Salaam, the taproom is a leafy, light-filled space with the 500-litre SKRLJ brewery showcased behind large glass windows. There's a select menu of classic bar snacks and of course plenty of beer to douse the steamy Dar weather.



JUST BREWING MOVES TO NEW PREMISES

Just Brewing Company has moved from their location in the Modderfontein Nature Reserve to new premises in Benoni. The collaborative taproom will still go by the name At Hops End and will feature beers from Just Brewing and Greyton-based Old Potter's Inn, as well as guest beers. They are also offering contract brewing and canning services. Brewing is currently underway and the new taproom will open towards the end of March.

DURBAN BREWING OPENS NEW TAPROOM AT THE POINT



Durban Brewing Company has launched a sleek new taproom at On Point Waterfront in central Durban. The warehouse-like space features a number of pop-up restaurants alongside the sizable taproom. Read more about the new space in our KZN travel feature on page 34.



SWAGGA BREWERIES RELOCATES TO HENLEY ON KLIP

The team at Swagga Breweries took advantage of the most recent lockdown to relocate the brewery to Henley on Klip, south of Johannesburg. Swagga on Route

59 is a true destination brewery, with a kids' play area, popular pub food, live music on weekend and plenty of tables out on the lawn.

NEWS



REDROCK BOUGHT OUT BY KINGSLEY BEVERAGES – REPORT

Johannesburg based RedRock Brewing Company has been bought by soft drinks producer Kingsley Beverages, according to sources. The brewery, with an annual capacity of 112,000 HL, advertised their sale in April of last year. Kingsley produces cool drinks, vitamin water, energy drinks, ice tea and bottled water but this will be their first foray into brewing.

BREWERIES FOR SALE

The pandemic and associated lockdowns and alcohol bans continue to have a negative impact on South Africa's craft breweries, with a number of breweries advertising their sale. These include Stash Breweries in Sasolburg, Route 62 Brewing Company in Montagu, Mainstream Brewing in Johannesburg, Ceres Brewery in Ceres, Thorny Creek Brewery in Oudtshoorn and Robertson Brewery in George.



BREWSTERS CRAFT LAUNCHES LOYALTY SCHEME

The latest brewery to launch a loyalty scheme is Johannesburg based Brewster's Craft. Brewsters Stokvel offers four levels of membership ranging from R1000 to R4000. Perks include exclusive event invitations, discounts, merchandise and a number of mixed cases to enjoy throughout the year. Check out brewsterscraft.co.za for full details.

NEW BREWS



Afro Caribbean Optical Distortion (3.8% ABV)

Like sour worms? Then you'll want to get your hands on the latest limited release from Afro Caribbean, described by owner Greg Casey as "a crisp and sessionable sour ale, not too tart with hints of vanilla". Oh, and have your phone handy, because you will want to Instagram this beer...

Barrington's Burchell's Nitro Stout (4.5% ABV)

Plett based Barrington's have launched a delectable nitro-pour stout. With notes of dark chocolate and coffee, the beer is available in cans as well as on tap at the brewery.

Jump Brewing Extra Hoppy Lager (4.9% ABV)

The second release from Jump Brewing is a hop-packed pale lager. Brewed at Devil's Peak, the brew benefitted from an unintended extended lagering period due to production slowing during the latest alcohol ban.

Clockwork Brewhouse Citrus Berliner Weisse (4.5% ABV)

The first version of this Berliner Weisse with orange peel was such a hit, brewer-owner Megan has decided to make it a permanent part of the range.

Darling Bonecrusher Xero (0.5% ABV)

The latest addition to Darling's non-alcoholic range is a 0.5% version of their popular Bone Crusher witbier.

