

Tri-Centennial Tricycle Red Ale

What You Get

1 Coopers Amber Unhopped Malt Extract (UME)

1 Packet of Booster

1 Packet of Red Wheat Flakes

1 Packet of Munich Malt

2 Packets Centennial of Hops

4 Muslin Hop Sacks

1 Packet of S-04 Ale Yeast

1 Packet of No-Rinse Cleanser

STEP 1: Sanitizing

Cleaning is one of the most important steps in brewing. It kills microscopic bacteria, wild yeast, and molds that may cause off-flavors in your beer. Make certain to clean all equipment that comes in contact with your beer by following the directions below:

1. Fill clean keg with warm water to line mark 1 on the back, then add ½ pack (about 1 tablespoon) of No-Rinse Cleanser and stir until dissolved. Once dissolved, the solution is ready to use. Save the remaining ½ of No-Rinse Cleanser because you will need it for bottling.

2. Screw-on the lid and swirl the keg so that the cleaning solution makes contact with the entire interior of the keg, including the underside of the lid. Note that the ventilation notches under the lid may leak the solution. Allow to sit for at least 2 minutes and swirl again.

3. To clean the spigot, open it fully and allow the liquid to flow for 5 seconds, and then close.

4. Pour the rest of the solution from the keg into a large bowl. Place your spoon/whisk, can opener, and measuring cup into the bowl to keep them cleaned throughout the brewing process. Leave them immersed for at least 2 minutes in a cleaning solution prior to use.

5. After all, surfaces have been thoroughly cleaned, do not rinse or dry the keg or utensils. Return lid to the top of the keg, proceed immediately to brewing.

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STEP 2: BREWING

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Brewing beer is the process of combining a starch source (in this case, a malt brewing extract) with yeast. Once combined, the yeast eats the sugars in the malt, producing alcohol and carbon dioxide (CO2). This process is called fermentation.

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1. Add all the grains into one muslin sack tie it closed so that the grain can flow freely within the sack and set aside.

2. Add 8 cups of water to a 1 gallon or larger boil pot. Begin heating the water to a range of 150-155 degrees F and hold, at this range. Next, add the grain sack into the water, and maintain the 150-155 temp for 30 minutes.

3. While you wait, add 1/2 of a packet of Centennial Hops to a hopsack and tie it closed so that the hops have room to expand and flow freely within the sack. Add the other 1/2 packet of Centennial hops to a hopsack and tie it closed so that the hops have room to expand and flow freely within the sack. Then add the remaining packet of Centennial hops to a hopsack and tie it closed so that the hops have room to expand and flow freely within the sack. Keep track of which hopsack has the full packet and set them aside for later.

4. After the 30 minute steep has completed, turn off the heat and remove the grain sack from the pot and place it into a colander to drain, allowing the runoff to flow back into the pot, and rinse the grain with one cup of hot water (around 150 degrees), letting the excess runoff flow back into your pot. DO NOT squeeze the grain sack. Once drained, discard the grain sack.

5. Open the can of Coopers Amber Malt Extract and Booster and pour them into your grain water. Make sure to mix this thoroughly to prevent scorching. Once the UME is thoroughly mixed bring this mixture up to a low rolling boil. Continue to stir occasionally while the mixture is coming to a boil.

6. Once you have reached a low rolling boil add in your hopsack with the 1/2 packet of Centennial hops to boil for 60 minutes. (The hopsack will stay in the wort during the duration of fermentation.) Keep an eye on the water level and top off as necessary.

7. With 30 minutes left in your 60-minute boil add in the other hopsack with the 1/2 packet of Centennial hops to the boil. (The hopsack will stay in the wort during the duration of fermentation.) Keep an eye on the water level and top off as necessary.

8. With 10 minutes left in your 60-minute boil add in the remaining hopsack with the single packet of Centennial hops in it for the remainder of the boil. Once your 60-minute boil is done remove the pot from the heat. (The hopsack will stay in the wort during the duration of fermentation.)

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9. Fill your fermenter with cold tap water to mark 1 on the back. If using any other fermenter this would be approximately 1 gallon of water.

10. Pour the wort including the hop sack, into your fermenter, and then bring the volume of the fermenter to mark 2 by adding more cold water. (If you have a different fermenter top it off to 8.5 liters).

11. Stir your wort mixture vigorously with your sanitized spoon or whisk.

12. Sprinkle the S-04 brewing yeast packet into the keg, and screw on the lid. Do not stir.

Put your fermenter in a location with a consistent temperature between 68° and 78° F, and out of direct sunlight. Ferment for 21 days.

STEP 3: Bottling & Carbonating

After 21 days, taste a small sample to determine if the beer is fully fermented and ready to bottle. If it tastes like flat beer, it is ready. If it's sweet, then it's not ready. Let it ferment for 3 more days (24 total). At this point, it is time to bottle. *Do not let it sit in the fermenter for longer than 24 days total*.

1. When your beer is ready to bottle, fill a 1-gallon container with warm water, then add the remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ pack of the No-Rinse Cleanser and stir until dissolved. Once dissolved, it is ready to use.

2. Distribute the cleaning solution equally among the bottles. Screw-on caps (or cover with a metal cap if using glass bottles) and shake bottles vigorously. Allow to sit 10 minutes, then shake the bottles again. Remove caps and empty all cleaning solution into a large bowl. Use this solution to clean any other equipment you may be used for bottling. Do not rinse.

3. Add 2 <u>Carbonation Drops</u> to each 740-mL bottle. For 1-liter bottles, add 2 ¹/₂ drops; for ¹/₂-liter bottles add 1 drop. Alternatively, you can add table sugar using <u>this table as a guide</u>.

4. Holding the bottle at an angle, fill each bottle to about 2 inches from the bottle's top.

5. Place caps on bottles, hand tighten, and gently turn the bottle over to check the bottle's seal. It is not necessary to shake them.

6. Store the bottles upright and out of direct sunlight in a location with a consistent temperature between 70°-76°F or 21°-24°C. Allow sitting for a minimum of 14 days. If the temperature is cooler than suggested it may take an additional week to reach full carbonation.

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Tip from our Brewmasters

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After the primary carbonation has taken place your beer is ready to drink. We recommend putting 1 bottle in the refrigerator at first for 48 hrs. After 48hrs. give it a try and if it is up to your liking put the rest of your beer in the fridge. If it does not taste quite right, leave the bottles out at room temp for another week or so. Keep following this method until your brew tastes just how you like it.

This process is called conditioning and during this time the yeast left in your beer can help clean up any off-flavors. Almost everything gets a little better with time and so will your beer.

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