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Best brews for the winter are in stock

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If you're a beer lover, you've probably noticed that breweries and shop owners have started rolling out the winter beer selections. Here's a short guide to some of the best.

Magic Hat's Howl: This dark, dark, dark beer looks like a hard-to-drink porter or stout, but it is actually a pretty mild lager. Find it in Magic Hat's holiday 12-pack, which also includes its popular #9, Lucky Kat IPA and Winter Odd Notion 09.

Samuel Adam's Winter Lager: This mainstream seasonal beer has flavors of cinnamon and ginger, and can be found just about anywhere once the colder temperatures set in.

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Grizzly Peak's White Christmas White Ale: Just like the name says, Ann Arbor-based brewery Grizzly Peak's holiday brew is a Belgian white ale. It will be on tap at the brewery in early December.

Bastone's Campfire Coffee Stout: A stout that is actually brewed with coffee, this Bastone brewery creation won the gold medal at the World Expo of Beer in Frankenmuth and at the North American Beer Awards in Idaho.

Shmaltz's Jewbilation Bar Mitzvah: From the makers of He'Brew – the Chosen Beer, Shmaltz Brewing Co. has released a limited-edition winter beer for Hanukkah 2009. In celebration of Shmaltz's 13th anniversary, Jewbilation is brewed with 13 malts and 13 hops and is 13-percent alcohol by volume. Find it at Holiday Market, Hiller's Markets and some Whole Foods locations. Lekhaim!

Kuhnenn's Winter Wonder Lager: Fruity and high in alcohol (for a beer), Winter Wonder Lager can be found starting Dec. 20 at the Kuhnenn's Brewery in Warren.

Atwater's Winter Bock: Just released, this local favorite can be found on tap and at many Detroit hot

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